

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

September 20, 2025 @ 7:00pm | *General Meeting*

In Attendance

Executive:

Rahima Rana (*President*), Catherine Maxwell (*Vice President*), Simran Kaur (*Treasurer*), Christina Bally (*Hot Lunch Co-Coordinator*), Edith Mok (*Volunteer Coordinator*), Tom Hancock (*DPAC Representative*), Daljit Dial (*Member at Large*), Alex Hayer (*Member at Large*)

Administration: Zoltan Bako (*Principal*), Jen Espin (*Vice-Principal*)

Community: Pamela Birdsell, Victoria Hall, Aysha Paulicelli, Marufa Parinas, Samantha Manoslovic, Ruxandra Bettiol, Bailey Cote, Natasha Muskovic, Ma Ellaine Alagar, Anna Schreiber, Lauren Hennebury, Susannah Luck, Zoly Guyer, Fereen Lafleche, Alyssa Shore, Krista McAvoy, Serena Bonneteau, Ildiko Ban, Alexa Hodgins, Raghavendra Joshi, Nicole Fernandez, Aaron Banerd, Taesa Mihalik, Stacie Hancheroff, Kathy De Leon, Cristina Ruiz, Olga Soloveva, Fabiola Camacho, Alisha Lum, Johanna T. Ramirez

Regrets: Zoe Ma (*Hot Lunch Co-Coordinator*), Purty Saha (*Secretary*)

Meeting called to order by Rahima at 7:08pm.

Welcome and Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that the Langley School District resides on the ancestral, unceded territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie, Matsqui, and Semiahmoo First Nations.

Principal's Report

- Enrollment dropped from 670 to 625 due to a new school opening, but classes remain full with 27 divisions.
- Class placements are complex, involving many variables (friendships, academics, teacher input).
- Langley's class size limits are lower than the provincial average.
- Multiple new staff and support staff joined; some staff returned from leave.
- Ongoing challenge recruiting music teachers, but hopeful to add one soon.
- Operational changes made for smoother, safer school days: stricter sign-in processes, efforts to reduce hallway congestion, improved drop-off/pickup procedures.
- Parents thanked for cooperation with drop-off/pickup changes; parking and traffic have improved.
- Concern about maintaining calm and safe hallways, especially during busy times.

Item Review

- Playground/Zone Issue:
 - Shift from two recesses/lunches (COVID-era) to single block to reduce disruptions and improve learning focus.
 - New format means all 625 students are outside at once; presents supervision and safety challenges.
 - Current rules restrict older students (Grades 4/5) from playgrounds during breaks, focusing on safety for youngest students learning playground rules.
 - Multiple parents voiced concerns about limited play opportunities for older students, referencing research on benefits of unstructured and mixed-age play.
 - Mr. Bako explained safety and logistics: intent is not permanent exclusion but starting structured for safety, with plans for future flexibility and rotation.
 - Community discussion addresses special needs students, grass allergies, and the history of playground fundraising/use.
 - Administration and PAC agree communication about playground access will be improved via newsletters and meetings; requests for patience as changes are evaluated.

New Business

- Election to fill Member at Large roles
 - Positions filled by Fereen Lafleche and Marufa Parinas

Treasurer's Report

- General account: \$22,808.49
- Gaming account: \$1199.80
 - Will go up to approximately \$13,000 after the BC Gaming grant comes in
- 2025/26 Budget presentation
 - Motion for budget approval, 1st - Alex, 2nd - Catherine, all in favour

DPAC Report

- There was a DPAC meeting on Sept 18, 2025.
 - Recommended criminal background checks for volunteers (especially treasurers).
 - There should be at least one AED in each school
 - DPAC will cover membership fee for BCCPAC
 - DPAC has two Zoom licenses for remote meetings

Fun Lunch Update

- 152 orders have been submitted so far.

- We will need to recruit more volunteers for hot lunch as we are down to one lunch recess time.

Fundraising

- Tommy Guns Haircut Fundraiser– sold 18 adult (\$450) , 44 youth (\$660). Total of \$1110 so far
- Spirit Wear – 48 items sold so far, under \$300 in profit
- Community Values Coupon Books – 77 books sold so far, under \$900 in profit so far.
- Suggestion for new fundraiser: So Luxury cleaning products

Volunteers

- We will need to recruit more volunteers for hot lunch and other events; email rbevolunteers@gmail.com to sign up.

Spring Fling Report

- Had first meeting on Sept 15 - looking for leads for almost all categories.
- Inflatable games and food trucks are booked.
 - Will book tents
- Next meeting is Oct 6 or 15.

Item Review

- Welcome Back Coffee – went well. Many signed up to volunteer or be class parent. Still looking to fill Div 2, 4, 7, 9, 13, and 15

New Business

- Meet the Teacher – Food Trucks – pre-orders have been submitted. Menus have been posted.
- Digital Literacy Presentation – The White Hatter – online presentation is \$475 plus GST. Leaving it in admin’s hands to schedule.

Meeting Adjournment

1st - Alex, 2nd - Catherine, all in favour

President Rahima Rana adjourned the meeting at 8:58pm

Next Meeting - October General Meeting

Date: Oct 21, 2025 at 7 PM

Location: RBE School Library