

PAC MINUTES

Richard Bulpitt Elementary PAC

March 9, 2026 @ 6:30pm | *General Meeting*

In Attendance

Executive:

Rahima Rana (*President*), Catherine Maxwell (*Vice President*), Simran Kaur (*Treasurer*), Christina Bally (*Hot Lunch Coordinator*), Tom Hancock (*DPAC Representative*), Marufa Parinas (*Member at Large*), Purty Saha (*Secretary*), Alex Hayer (*Member at Large*), Zoe Ma (*Hot Lunch Coordinator*), Daljit Dial (*Member at Large*), Fereen Lafleche (*Member at Large*), Edith Mok (*Volunteer Coordinator*)

Administration: Zoltan Bako (*Principal*)

Meeting called to order by Rahima at 6:36 pm.

Welcome and Acknowledgement

We respectfully and gratefully acknowledge that we live, learn, work and play on the traditional, unceded lands of the Matsqui, Kwantlen, Katzie, and Semiahmoo First Nations.

Approval of January 2026 Minutes

1st Alex Hayer, 2nd Catherine Maxwell. All in favour.

Principal's Report

- The Spring Concert will be held on May 7.
- Kindergarten registration: Enrollment has started. No cross-boundary applications will be accepted yet unless siblings are already enrolled. Waitlists have started for some grades.
- Staffing: Mrs. Burns is going on maternity leave, and Mrs. Sophie Scodellaro will replace her.
- Mrs. Lehwald is going on maternity leave, and Mrs. Karen-Jot Glover will replace her. Ms. Paradis and Mrs. Turner are returning. Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Pecchia will stay until the end of the term.
- Diversity & Respect Week: It went well; the multicultural dance was the highlight of the week.
- Basketball Teams: The RBE basketball teams performed very well and remained undefeated in both the boys' and girls' divisions. RBE students were kind, respectful, and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.
- Tennis XL will be here after Spring Break.

Treasurer's Report

- General account: \$32,434.10
- Gaming account: \$7292.33

- Tipping Discussion: No tipping for hot lunch, but for events and dances - 10% up to \$30 max.
 - 1st, Alex Hayer, 2nd Zoe Ma, all in favour

DPAC Report

- DPAC Meeting (Jan 22): Presentation by Dr. Halley Whatson, a clinical psychologist. A resource is available at www.open.co/langleyparents for parents to support their children. There is funding available for parent education, and many courses are offered (e.g., PAC, FoodSafe, etc.).
- Superintendent's Report: The Smith boundary process is underway. Pre-IB courses will be offered, and they are on track to open in Fall 2027.
- DPAC Meeting (Feb 19): Presentation on privacy and social media best practices. Following FOIPPA guidelines, media consent forms should be signed by parents. Schools should post signs at events stating, "Photos may be taken," and individuals should speak with organizers if they object to photos being taken.
- Municipal election: Scheduled for Fall 2026.

Fun Lunch Update

- Next term is fully set up (menu, vendors, and all details are finalized).
- A good number of parent volunteers are participating in each fun lunch.

Fundraising Updates

- **Tin Lizzy fundraiser:** 104 items sold till now and \$208 in profit so far. They will be selling on that day.
- **Stay Safe Programme:** It is booked for June 26 for ages 9-13yrs. Min of 12, max of 25 students. 6 hours in class. We pay \$70 +gst/student - and can charge however much we want to make fundraising profit.

Volunteer Report

- The number of people who emailed back to be volunteers were very low but a good number of parent volunteers showed up. The winner of last month's parent volunteer gift card draw was selected.

Spring Fling Report

- The meeting went well, the next meeting will be at the end of March.
- We are getting lots of raffle ticket donations from the community.

Item Review

- Gourmet Donut Day Fundraiser - \$768.90 that will be donated to CKNW Kids' Fund
- Multicultural Day Dance – approx \$500 earned.

New Business

- **Bandits Basketball Fundraiser**
 - o Tickets are purchased for \$20/\$15 depending on the zone and sold for \$5–\$10 more.
 - o Payment is only required for the tickets that are sold.
- **Whitecaps FC Fundraiser:** A custom online link can be created with an exclusive discounted ticket, which can be shared with families and the community. Each ticket will include a \$5 fundraising fee that goes directly back to the PAC.
- **Family Smart – Peer Support Worker Presentation:** Scheduled for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjournment

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

President Rahima Rana adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm

Next Meeting - April General Meeting

Date: April 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Location: RBE School Library