

MINUTES

Berkshire Park Elementary PAC Meeting Minutes

Date | time January 18, 2023 | *Meeting called to order by* Tabitha Rodgers
Called to order at 7:07 pm

In Attendance

Tabitha R., Vannie B., Manpreet B., Ashley A., Claire T., Shafi, Agasthya C., Parinaaz, Markn V., Balaji C., Navjot K., Maria T., Dishhndi P., Melanie S., Faizar M., Samurdhi T., Kamali D., Alexandra E., Alisa, Aneeta, Angelina M., Charisse S., Gurleen K., Ms. Yesufu, Sara L., Arjun S., Yash, Angali K., Sulari

Land Acknowledgement

Adoption of Agenda and Approval of last meeting minutes

Agenda: 1st - Ashley, 2nd - Melanie

Minutes: 1st – Alex, 2nd - Manpreet

Financials

Vannie will be out of the Country for a stretch of time, Financials can be sent out upon request.

Principals Report

Lots of new registrations for students, not just Berkshire Park, but for the whole school district. Berkshire Park currently has around 406 students enrolled.

Hoping to have a school performance towards the end of the school year, there will be an Indigenous music activity for the students to participate in, along with Hip-Hop. Report cards will also be heading home the last week of school before spring break starts. Lots going on and looking forward to it all!

General Discussion

PAC Executive Team Elections! - We must have at LEAST Three (3) people on the executive board to receive the \$8,000 government grant funding for our school! If we do not have a board, we will lose out 100% on that extra funding! Melanie has asked if the position to be emailed out - this will be available upon request.

PLEASE we need volunteers and Coordinators! Without this support we will be unable to continue doing all these fun things our kids love! Please help support our kids!

School Communication – Some have gone out and made it to our school families, but there seems to be a bit of disconnect still in reaching all the families. We are working on making sure that all families are reached. Please let us know if you are still not receiving these communications.

DPAC update from Alexandra - There was no DPAC meeting in December and there will also not be one held in March due to Spring Break. They have mentioned they would like to move towards a more “hybrid” setting along with needing more people to be on the DPAC board as well. If you are interested, please contact a DPAC representative from their website. Surreydpac.ca

It was also brought to light that they are in need of foster families for so many kids in our neighborhood, If you or anyone else you may know are interested, please reach out to DPAC, it would make such a huge difference in a child’s life.

Grade 7 Committee – so far there have been no Grade 7 parents who have volunteered to help the grade 7 committee, please contact the school if you are interested in helping organize a nice send off to our grade 7s as they leave Berkshire Park and head to high school!

Social Media – Thank you Manpreet for running our social Media pages! Please remember we also have a private group on Facebook as well as our public page. And don’t forget! We are on Instagram now too!

Hot lunch – these happen on the first and third Friday of every month, If there is no school on that Friday, then it will be the day before. Vendors have been confirmed for April-June. We are doing our best to provide a wide range of variety for all the students, but we know that it will be impossible to please everyone. If you can volunteer on a hot lunch day (it would be less than an hour, about 40 minutes would make a HUGE difference in getting it all organized and delivered to the correct class!

Please note that if your order has been placed on Munch a Lunch and NOT paid, then the order will not be completed and your child will NOT receive a hot lunch. Always make sure you have a receipt of payment.

Holiday Market – It went well despite there only being four volunteers for the whole event. While there was not a ton of vendors, it was still lots of fun! Thank you to those that showed up and volunteered!

Christmas hot chocolate and candy canes – it went very smoothly this year as we had Starbucks Cambros delivered to us by Carly (THANK YOU!) which really helped speed things up. She even supplied cute starbucks cups and lids for the kids, which just added to the excitement!

Spirit Wear - sales went well TBD if we will be doing another order before the end of the year.

Sweetness Cookies and Purdys - we will do again for Easter but please be advise that there will most likely NOT be any hard copy catalogs available to browse.

Book Fair - Charisse to help organize the book fair for the spring term. Thank you, Charisse! If you are interested in helping, please let us know.

Neufeld Farms – the fall/winter order did fantastic and we will be having a spring summer order that will happen in the coming months. Ashley will be organizing it again. Thank you, Ashley!

Clothing Drive – February will be the next pickup please note that all soft items, linens, stuffies etc are ok to donate, even the more “well loved” articles. Donations will be collected near the main entrance at the trophy case. Please do NOT leave garbage bags of articles to donate at the front door.

Babysitting/Stay Safe course – happening Feb 11 by the Red Cross. There are only 4 spots still available so please sign up soon!

Carnival – June 9 will be the big day! Rain or shine! Tents, rides, games, vendors, food! Motion to put to the floor for \$5,000 budget by Tabitha. Motion seconded by Melanie. Floor opened for discussion. Tabitha called for a vote - Opposed: None. In favor: All. Motion passed.

Playground addition – quotes received were MUCH more money than was originally anticipated as we didn't know what to expect for costs as it has been a long time since upgrades, and also required much more work to be put together and installed as well for the larger items. Since we can only go through district approved vendors, this is taking a bit more time than originally anticipated, however the quotes are able to be altered and was advised to meeting attendees to consider outdoor musical equipment vs. climbing items as they are less costly. Requested feedback from attendees, none given, Tabitha will put out poll on Facebook for most wanted items and then will follow up with Admin to begin starting stages.

Open Discussion/Additions

Alex suggested on getting some balloon artist for the carnival – great suggestion Alex! Thank you!

THANK YOU! We are SO beyond thrilled to have such a large turnout tonight, it means a lot to the PAC and ultimately, our kids!

Hot Lunch/Toonie Draw

Hot lunch winner is.....Shafi!

Twoonie Draw winner is.....Dishandi P.!

Congrats to you both. The lunch winner will have their Munch a Lunch account accredited and the Twoonie will be in the office early next week!

Meeting Adjournment

No further discussion brought to the floor, meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

To Do List

Send out Playground Photos

Look into vendors for Carnival

Please feel free to contact us at: Berkshireparkpac@outlook.com