

Trafalgar Elementary School: PAC Meeting – 12 February 2013

Attendees = 10

Cheryl Gravkin, Stephanie Campbell, Holly Yoos, Kathy Groves, Chantal Bobyn, Gail Neale, Kate Power, Nicole Mordant, Adele Tremblay, Elly Werb

Call to order 7:10 pm

Motion: Approval of previous meeting Minutes, Cheryl, 2nd Nicole

Principal Report – A. Tremblay

VSB budget cuts pending for next year. (~\$12M = 5%)

VSB student population decreasing by approx. 500 students per year

Trafalgar Elementary enrollment is at near full capacity. French immersion numbers are good for next year with full classes for each intermediate year. English numbers are down a bit in Intermediate years.

School Calendar - Survey for input on format of school calendar next year is on school webpage – opportunity to comment on school closure days, two week spring break etc.

Workshop on Bullying - M. Tremblay and several other school staff and teachers attended a very good workshop on bullying

School Code of Conduct – has been updated by M. Tremblay – hard copy of draft was provided to PAC for feed back

Last Week - Very sad events last week with passing of a student. Communication and support provided to school students. Many teachers and staff will attend the funeral.

Library Update - M. Ely

Thankyou for library funding provided year over year by the Trafalgar PAC

Books are getting more expensive, government funding is reducing over time - please keep up the good work and continued focus on funding for the Library and other school programs.

Current funding for Library is VSB funds \$8/child per year + \$7/child Fed funding for language programs.

Library borrowings over 60,000 already this year.

IPads are being provided on loan by VSB in September 2013.

Visiting author on 22 April for English track is Dan Bar-el. He will talk about writing graphic novels with intermediate students and will have other workshops for primary students. \$375 for full day. Proposed to have workshop in English for combined French and English intermediate students. Another half day for primary English students by Dan Bar-el or by another author. There will also be visiting author in French track in April. Funding is already designated in the approved PAC budget to cover this.

Future Program Funding - Can the PAC help to lobby at DPAC and VSB for continued support of program funding and library funding?

Motion to approve letter to VSB supporting Library funding and other School programs: Kathy, 2nd Holly

Motion to provide form letter for parents to send to VSB supporting Library funding and school program funding: Stephanie, Holly

PAC Chair Report - Cheryl

Carnival coming up – volunteers needed. Capoeira booked. Maple Sugar Man on Friday.

Hot Lunch – going well

PayPal – Stephanie and Gord will discuss improvements to make book keeping easier

Succession planning – for positions where current members know they will not be returning please try to recruit and train new people for next year. Overall we need a big push to get more volunteers – few people are coordinating many large programs. Volunteer week.

School banner - “Trafalgar” school banner will be ordered – Cheryl is coordinating.

Canopy will be provided for field sports - Liz

Mural planning in progress

Survey prepared to go on PAC website to poll parents for input on types of extracurricular programs they would like to see the PAC support next year.

Greening/Garden Program report sent in by Susanne Fielden

Compost bins and garden shed - Will be built at cost of materials only as part of a local carpentry training program. These will be delivered next week.

Trafalgar nursery will grow seeds under grow lights - will start up soon. Kids are involved in garden planning.

Garden tools - Looking for donations. These can be dropped off to Kim.

Pocket market coming up focussing on spring cleaning theme. Volunteers welcome.

Annual program funding will be covered by the school through a “field trip” program fee from parents.

Treasurer Report – Stephanie Campbell

Monthly Statement of Receipts and Disbursements handed out.

Sport Jerseys have been purchased.

PAC safe purchased – will go in hall

Last month motioned to put \$30,000 into higher interest term deposit. Propose to put this into cashable GIC. Given ease of cashing out anytime propose to put additional \$10k into same GIC.

Motion to invest \$40,000 into cashable GIC, Gaile motion, 2nd Nicole

Basketball teams need to backfill some teacher salary time for attending games. Also want to buy whistles for student referees.

Motion to approve \$185 funding for basketball teams: discussed and approved by executive.

Note: not enough attendees for quorum at end of meeting. Basketball funding < \$200 was approved by the PAC Executive. Monthly financials were reviewed and discussed but approval will be deferred to next meeting.

Upcoming Events

26 Feb – Used book sale as fundraiser for Gr. 7 French exchange

27 Feb – next hot dog day

13/14 March. Scholastic Book Fair – French and English book sales. Volunteers needed.

25 April – tentative date for International Dinner

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Minutes recorded by K. Groves, PAC co-secretary

Next Meeting: MONDAY, 4 March