

Trafalgar PAC Meeting

Date: September 10, 2013

Attendees:

Wendy Liu, Jin Yao, Wendy Lo, Joanne Fix, Rachelle Kanefsky, Nicole Mordant, Jessie Chen, Chantal Bobyn, Bonwyn Maclean, Rup Kang, Gord Lau, Cheryl Gravkin, Kate Power, Liz Hudson, Bronwyn MacLean, Jess McAlpine, Nicki Wallace, Elsie Wong, Michelle Wong, Shaleena Jeraj, Samuel Lin, Bing Zhu, Al Ghanipour, John Paul Pressey.

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Presentation from Liz Schulze from Vancouver Cinematheque

-Liz presented challenges facing kids (and parents) about media literacy

-educational programs are available with Vancouver Cinematheque to make students more critical and informed

Cost is \$600/day/class, Limited by schedule

Feasible to do whole school, she suggests to do different projects for each division.

We need to figure out our goals and Liz can make it work.

Presentation from Mme Elly regarding visit from Inuit author Micael Kusuguk

-Gr 4's do an Inuit project each year in early January

-author will visit in January for ½ day if enough schools book him

-will come with clothes, props and their experiences

-cost \$800 for ½ day visit

Meeting

Approval of minutes from June meeting . Motioned to approve, Sarah Levine. Seconded by Karen Sadler

Principal's Report from Adele

-regarding hole in front yard: the plan now is to install a sump pump and the work is out for tender and it should be done by January

-numbers are very strong in both English and French this year

-Catherine and Judy who do Div 2 have covered Div 3 so that the class doesn't have a TOC until a teacher is hired

-next week ELL parent orientation

-Meet the Teacher is next Tuesday. In addition to each classroom teacher's two presentations, the Resource, gym and computer teachers will also present to parents.

-focus this year will be to keep ELL parents in the loop.

-New school website will go live next week. VSB standard

-possibility that support staff may go on strike. They are in negotiation. Adele is optimistic that they will come to terms. Not sure what the strike would look like. Cross that bridge when we get to it.

VP report – Sarah

-she has a background in counseling, she came from Surrey

-Cross-country meet at Trout Lake is October 17th. She has a meeting tomorrow and will update when she gets more dates

-Monitors are signing up tomorrow.

-There is a parent who is going to do a primary volleyball. Details to follow.

-Adele/Sarah to send an email with blocks of athletics so that we can find parent volunteers.

-Michelle Gemmill has organized Arts Umbrella to come into the school for an after school drama class. Hour-long program. She is Meeting tomorrow with Arts Umbrella. Most likely there will be an Intermediate group and primary group.

Chair Report – Cheryl Gravkin

Need to Approve positions for executive:

Chair – Cheryl Garkin

Co-Chair-Kate Power

Treasurer- vacant

Secretary- Liz Hudson, Sheila Au

Dpac rep- Karen Sadler

Communication- Nicole Mordant, Rachelle Kanefsky

Communications Graphics: Sean Thompson

Technical support: John Bowyer-Smith

Greening Committee Chair: Suzanne Fielden

Greening committee: Jessica McAlpine, Vicki B.

Direct Appeal: Elisa Campbell

Events Coordinator: Vicky Buttery

Movie Night coordinators: Sarah Levine, Michelle Gemmill, Chantal Bobyn

Hot Lunch: Rup Kang, Gord Lau, Lori Srivastava

Hot Lunch Helpers: Joanne Fix, Pennie George, Faye Liu, Jessica McAlpine, Jess Chen.

School Planning Committee: Lorie Srivastava, Karen Sadler.

Scholastic Book Fair: no volunteer

Performing Arts Programming: Yasmee Strang, Tamara Levy.

Playground Committee: Karen Sandler, Marie-France Leroi.

International Dinner: Bronwyn Maclean

Fruit and Veggie program coordinator: Holly

Fruit and Veggie Helper: pennie

Sports Coordinator: Stephanie, Karen Sandler, Anne

Gr 7 Trip Coordinator: Teena Sim

Pac Kitchen Coordinator: Bronwyn

Safe Arrival Coordinators: Jane Caddick, Cherie McBeth

Technology Committee: Azool Jeraj, CJ Wu, Ray Miya, Gord Lau.

English Learner Liaison/Translator: Jessica Dong, Lucy Chang, CJ Wu.

Bronwyn motioned approval of positions.

Seconded by Lori.

Hot Lunch Report

- committee is talking to vendors about food delivery so that parents can order online
- mac and cheese and mac and cheese and tomato sauce and will do taste test on Friday
- Lori has spoken to many vendors
- this fall try out vendors once a month this fall to decide what works and go with it
- one option is gluten-free pizza, noodle dish
- reaching out to ELL with translated online instructions
- parents can pay by paypal and cheque. Preference for the PAC is for parents to order online and pay online.
- Discourage last minute cash-payers by giving a notice that orders must be made in advance but will still accept some last minute orders if there is food available.

Quebec Trip - Tina

We apply for a grant to match us with a school in Quebec for an exchange school.

Grant covers travel costs for students and staff.

Last year every student went to Quebec.

Mural

- Sean has done half of the background
- next stage is to release the intermediate artists on the mural to do outline during Earth Bites tomorrow and next Wednesday
- following week solid painting pairing an intermediate student with primary student
- need parents to help for five intense days

Treasury Report-

See budget for more details.

Highlights:

- Year end budget 57, 738, 00. 30K we have allocated for playground. Net funds for use \$27, 738.98
- 41% of our funds came from direct appeal
- 22% came from hot lunch
- 23% of our Net expenses went to technology

16% of our net expenses went to arts

Motion to approve year end budge: Lori

Secoded : Gord Lau. All in favour.

Need to approve Teacher's Discretionary Fund of \$6800.

Motioned to approve Teachers' Discretionary Fund, Rup motioned, Bethany seconded. All in favour.

Gord Motioned to approve \$500min-\$1500 max to hire person to oversee painting on mural (mon, September 23rd-mon, September 30th. Second Rachele. All in favour.

Performances for school for \$300, Bethany motioned to approve, Karen second. All in favour.

Aboriginal Garden received a grant but had money remaining. Motion to spend balance of \$1392 on the garden. Motioned by Tina, Secoded by Lori. All in favour.

Dates

September 20th – hot dog day

Hot lunch- October 4th

Meet the Teacher is Tuesday, 17th

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Next meeting October 8th