

Trafalgar Elementary School
PAC Meeting
Tuesday, May 13th, 2014
Agenda

Attendance:

Chantal Bobyn
Karen Sadler
Sheila Au
Cheryl Gravkin
Regina Thomas
Gord Lau
Evelyn Feng
Stephanie Campbell
Lorie Srivastava
Holly Yoos
Nicole Mordant
Max Collett
Michelle Gemmill

1) Call to order/ Approval of Agenda

- Welcome and introduction
Approval of agenda: Motion approved: Holly, seconded by Lorie

2) Approval of meeting minutes (April 15th, 2014)

Approved by: Karen S.

Seconded by: Holly Y.

Under greening report – 1500\$ should be changed to 1350\$ - Lorie S.

3) Presentation by Teacher's tech committee: deferred to next meeting.

4) Reports

- a) School report -Principal and Vice Principal
- b) Adele Tremblay:

- Job action – teachers are on strike. Officially, no routine conversations allowed between teachers and Principal, Vice Principal. Thus, very difficult to coordinate new activities. An all-out Phase 2 strike is possible (rotating strike, district-wide, picket lines). In this current phase, overnight field trips are still allowed, however, things may change in the next few weeks. We will be updated regularly via email, letters, etc.
- Next year – a few changes in staffing expected. Teachers will be returning from maternity and personal leave at various times and a bit of shuffling is expected. This is also dependent upon anticipated student numbers. This process is slowed due to job action. More information to follow.
- Tennis program – Difficult to plan due to job action. The program has been approved by teachers and admin (April PAC meeting), but since no bookings or financial commitments are allowed during job action, this plan has slowed.

- PAC has budgeted money for Pedalheads. This is usually a one day program. We may be able to book it during job action if they have a good cancellation policy. The group felt it may be best to wait until September.
- Carino catering – lunch bag delivery: Going well.
- Driving around the school – this has been a huge problem and is reaching a crisis situation. There have been anger issues, rudeness, and dangerous situations during pick up and drop off in front of the school and drivers ignoring rules of the road and signage. Very dangerous for kids. **Adele has been threatened verbally on a number of occasions by parents.** Frustrated parents can call the Traffic Police with any concerns. We may need sandwich boards and more signage – Max C. will inquire into this. It was agreed to do education blitz with the students in September to encourage them to influence parents to comply with the rules. **Please drop kids earlier in a safe area around the corner and have them walk the short distance to school to avoid congestion.** The library opens at 8:30 and is open til 3:30 so that drop off/pick up times can be staggered. Lorie S. will also ask the driving schools to avoid driving tests/lessons during high-congestion times.

c) PAC chair report

- International dinner and hot dog huge success! Thank you Bronwyn M. and team!
- Purchase of new microscopes for school – Cheryl is waiting for the written request from the teachers with more details. More info to come.
- Healthy Schools Symposium – Cheryl G attended – motivating, interesting and inspirational.
Photo club: deferred to next meeting.

d) Treasurer report – Lorie S.

Financial reports Feb-May circulated. Bulk of revenue is from parents – Direct Appeal Campaign (\$25,906). Then hot lunch (\$16,867), then BC gaming grant (\$10,080). Major expenditures category to date is technology (\$7500 for laptops), 2) Library (\$5,655) and Teacher's discretionary fund (\$5,404). Suzanne Fielden has raised \$6,350 for the Garden/Greening programme through grants, 61% of the allocated budget. Lorie S has suggested that given the surplus, \$10,000 can be put aside for playground fund. She will bring this forward at the next PAC meeting.

- Financial statement approved –
 - 1st quarter financials: approved by Karen S, seconded by Regina T.
 - 2nd quarter financials approved by Gord L and seconded by Karen S.
 - 3rd quarter approved by Steph C and seconded by Gord L.
 - 4th quarter approved by Holly Y and seconded by Michelle G.
- Anyone interested in looking at the budget in more detail, please contact Lorie Srivastava.
- Policy for PAC fund requests: deferred to next meeting.

Do you have any ideas about presentations, etc? Bring your idea to the PAC and you may get approval and funding!!

4) Positions next year: Please get involved and join the PAC!! **PAC Chairs next year: Karen Sadler and Gord Lau.** Thank you to you both for taking on this important position. Congratulations to Cheryl Gravkin for a great two years, and thank you for taking on the job of Volunteer Coordinator for next year. We need Treasurer and Hot Lunch Coordinator for next year. Please visit the Trafalgar PAC site to review positions that are available.