

Trafalgar PAC Minutes March 24, 2015

Attendance:

Gord Lau (PAC Co-Chair)
Tanya Ney
Bronwyn McLean
Vicki Wang
Nora Ng-Harmswartz
Oli Helm
Drerje Z.
Rup Kang
Shaleena Jeraj
Sheila Au
Adele Tremblay
Sarah Kramer

Agenda: Sheila accepted today's agenda; Shaleena seconded.

Minutes from Feb 11, 2015: Rup approved minutes; Vicki seconded.

School musical:

Maggie Lauzon, a recent UBC Grad who has volunteered with the VSB for a number of events and who is a teacher with extensive experience in Musical Theatre, has been engaged to discuss a possible musical production at Trafalgar. She and Adele Tremblay came up with an idea for a workshop, 8-9 sessions, for the students to produce a **Black Light Show**. The choir would be also be involved. Supplies, black lights, etc would be purchased or rented, and parent volunteers would be needed. The performance schedule: Show Weds June 10 in the evening. There will be dress rehearsals the week before for the school. A very exciting program!

When: Weds after school 3-5 pm. Need twenty children minimum. No age restriction, all are welcome!

Proposed budget: PAC \$500 has already been approved and set aside for this activity; a \$40 per child cost to cover the rest of the expenses was then discussed. This fee, which is line with the fee for choir, was agreed upon by the members present.

Next step: Send letter home from Maggie to parents this week; expected start date Weds April 8.

Action item: Rup to liaise with Maggie and help to coordinate the program. **Thank you to Rup for her efforts.**

International dinner: Presented by Bronwyn. Date is April 16. Note to parents will get out March 25. Ticket sales soon. Huge potluck dinner and raffle baskets! **All proceeds go to the new playground!** One of the suggestions was to incorporate the national anthem or discussion of the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Flag. It was felt that this was a very good idea but was best suited for an assembly rather than the international dinner.

Playground – Bronwyn is heading up the Playground Committee. Shaleena is taking on the fundraising for this. **Thanks so much to both of them and the rest of the parents who have taken on this important project.** Fundraising is going forward and there are a number of events planned. Overall, \$125, 000 required. We need to raise \$75,000 of this, as \$50,000 has already been set aside by the PAC. Demolition may be as early as June, but we are applying to extend it until December 2015. Spring 2016 installation planned if fundraising going well. The children and families will be asked for their input regarding what they want in the playground.

Principal and Vice-Principal's Report:

Presented by Adele Tremblay and Sarah Kramer:

Budget: New superintendent for the VSB is starting. VSB Budget is upcoming, cutbacks expected. Our budget should be set by end of April and staffing should be decided by the end of May.

Tennis program: Grade 4 and 5. Week of April 13. Four sessions for one hour each.

A Grade 3 bike safety and bike rodeo day and an afterschool Pedalheads program (5 weeks) are planned. Dates will be announced. Wednesdays after school is the proposed timing. It was requested that these be planned in such a way as to avoid time conflicts with the Musical Program. It was felt that introducing two new initiatives and then having them at the same time would be counter-productive and affect turnout for these programs. This is a challenge, but efforts will be made to try and change the program dates to avoid timing conflicts.

Ultimate is starting up. Info to follow.

Track and Field should be starting beginning of April. Info to come soon.

Welcome to kindergarten and Ready Set Learn – planned for June. An afternoon program for families with children coming up to kindergarten age. Funded through VSB.

Financial statements:

Approval of Financials (previously presented from Sept 1, 2014-Jan 9, 2015: Gord approved; Shaleena seconded.

Highlights of March statement: Much appreciation to our Treasurer Lorie who could not attend the meeting tonight (presented by Gord):

- Have spent about 55% of budget

- We have: \$22,349.96 in the chequing account as of 17 March 2015
- We have: \$1,313.96 in the Gaming Account as of 17 March 2015

- We have \$50K in cashable GICs for the playground
- We will receive a cheque for over \$25K for the Direct Appeal that we had to write to the VSB to get tax receipts

- Revenues (top three): Hot Lunch (\$18,832.76), Hot Dogs (\$1485), Chinese New Year (around \$2000), Food in the Classroom Fundraiser (will know the exact amount by April)

- Credits for Library from Scholastic Book Fair (\$2,402.23 for English, and \$679.50 for French), earned 60% commission for English books since sold over \$3,000 and earned 40% commission from French; after tax sales for English: \$4,007.05, and \$1,1618.20 for French

- Expenses mainly for Hot Lunch, Hot Dogs, Carnaval, Chinese New Year, Garden, Authors (Linda Bailey), Library, teacher's discretionary fund, sports, technology, teachers dinner by Bronwyn MacLean

Action Items:

March financial statement to be voted on: will wait for next visit so Treasurer can take us through the details.

Increase budget limit for Chinese New Year by \$300 to \$600 from \$300: Motion approved by Rup; seconded by Tanya.

Request to increase Author budget by \$630 (for author Paul Yee - library has his poems, novels, short stories in French and English, from Vancouver originally, but lives in Toronto now - will speak with all intermediates, English and French) to \$1,680 from \$1,050. After a discussion amongst the group, it was decided to defer this issue until more information could be provided about why it was felt that the budget was increased.

Updates:

Direct Appeal tax receipts received, have been mailed out, thank you to **Rup** for organizing, and **Cheryl Gravkin** and **Karen Sadler** for their assistance . Thank you very much to **Janice Johnson** for organizing the scholastic fundraiser and Fresh to You

Positions available for next year: treasurer, communications and secretary positions will be available!!

Meeting Adjourned.