

Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2015

7 pm Trafalgar Library

Attendees: Adele Tremblay, Sarah Kramer, Gord Lau, Karen Sadler, Lorie Srivastava, Shaleena Jeraj, Tara Fung, Byrony Hunter, Nicole McLellan, Viki Beretanos, G. Cameron Dong, Jessie Chen, Oli Helm, Andrew K, Haley Barton

1. Carnarvon Community School Playground Replacement Project

Brittanny Downey-MacDonald, Parent and Playground Project Manager from Carnarvon Community School gave a presentation on the playground replacement project at her school. Brittanny is the Founder of Play for Everybody, not for profit entity encouraging playgrounds in educational spaces (ie schools). Brittanny interacted with the approved vendors for playgrounds which are supported by the VSB. Swingtime was the company used by Canarvon and Brittanny recommends Swingtime.

Estimate from Habitat was \$250K

Swingtime was \$140K

Both are comparable products; according to Brittanny, service from Swingtime is better. Using Swingtime would save about seven weeks as we could use the same design which is already VSB approved.

Brittanny recommends building an accessible park which may help with sponsorship and is better for the community in her opinion.

Carnarvon fundraised \$180K. PAC and direct drive fundraising raised about \$70K. Remainder came from sponsorship, donations and grants.

Swingtime will come up with a schematic design, will work with the school board, safety standards and the community.

Carnarvon's playground is made from recycle materials. The expected life span of the new playground is 50 years.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approval of Minutes from January 2015. Moved by Michelle; seconded April.

Approval of Minutes from November 2014. Moved by Karen; seconded by Michelle.

3. Treasurer's Report

Highlights of current financial statement as reported by Treasurer Lorie:

- 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: \$4,0007.05, 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:

- present January financial statement (was presented at Jan meeting, but forgot to vote on it (oops!) - attached
- present March financial statement to be voted on - attached
- increase budget limit for Chinese New Year by \$300 to \$600 from \$300
- increase Author budget by \$630 (for author Paul Yee - library has his poems, novels, short stories in French and English, from Van originally, but lives in Toronto now - will speak with all intermediates, English and French) to \$1,680 from \$1,050

Updates:

- Direct Appeal tax receipts received, have been mailed out, thank you to Rup for organising, and Cheryl and Karen for stuffing envelopes
- Lorie spoke with teachers in the two divisions involved with Santa Workshop, selected students will take the cheque down to Covenant House along with Jennie in April; Jennie organising pizza party for the two classes (Thursday before Good Friday); donation amount much higher than anticipated, raised \$737.85, not \$400

Motion to accept the financial statement by Gord; second by Cheryl.

Proposed amendments:

Motion to delete \$1500 for board games and storage by. School is now paying for this.

Motion to reduce PAC speakers from \$3200 to \$2300.

Motion to put \$2K towards Reader board.

Moved by Shaleena ; seconded by Michelle.

4. Vice Principal's Report

Lunar New Year Fair scheduled for February 26.

Four projectors installed and four more to be installed.

Basketball is wrapping up except Senior boys which is ramping up

5. Principal's Report

Quebec exchange is now in its fourth year. We get a grant every year to cover travel costs. Last two years Trafalgar Students have visited the same school in Drummondville.

Talent Show will be taking place on Thursday February 12 and Friday February 13.

The Carnival will take place the week of February 16. The school bought a Bon Homme costume for \$500 and will rent it out to others as needed.

Student led conferences will take place March 3 and 4 and last day before Spring Break is March 6. School will resume on March 23.

6. Hot Lunch Update by CJ

Revenue from hot lunch is sitting at around \$3200. Overall, hot lunch is going well.

7. Upcoming Speakers Update by Michelle

Laura Boyd – Brain changes and development. Excellent talk. May 12

Debra McNamara – Building resiliency – June 17

Community Police Officer to talk about road safety

Salima Noon – May 4

Some of these speakers will be tied into PAC meetings in hopes of increasing PAC Meeting attendance

8. Scholastic Book Fair

Janice Johnson working on this and is scheduled to take place on March 3 and 4.

9. Fresh to You fundraiser

Janice Johnson is also working on this.

10. School Musical / Production Update by Rup

Newly graduated teacher who is willing to volunteer her time and recently worked on Love Actually at Kits. She has about twenty years of experience in the arts. Tentative date for some sort of school production would be for the beginning of June. Mr. Cavell and Ms. Kramer offered to help with the theatre/acting components, Mme Grainger would help with dance. We may need a licence depending on which show we pick to perform.

11. Playground Committee

Committee has met already and is researching on how to go forward. Interested parents should see Gord and Karen to join the committee. Further update will be provided to the PAC once roles and responsibilities within the committee have been determined and additional information about the current status of the wooded playground has been confirmed by the VSB. Currently, the wooden structure is slated for removal at the end of the 2014/15 school year.

Meeting Adjourned.