

Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes - AGM

Meeting of 16 June 2015 6:30 p.m.

1. Principal's Report

Since the last meeting, a great number of activities have taken or will take place including the following: seven Welcome Kindergarten events, Ready Set Learn, the Senior Choir and Band concerts, the preparation of the Art Gallery on the wall outside the staff room, the Pocket Market, the Midsummer Nights Dream being staged by Division 1, various environmental events and Le Fureur. The latter is a singing contest for the intermediate classes in which the kids are evaluated on the knowledge of French lyrics and the artists. The kids have been preparing for it by learning popular French songs.

The Grade 7 leaving ceremony is taking place on Monday June 22, 2015.

There will be no staffing changes on the French Immersion side. On the English side, L. Turner will be leaving, Elisa Durban will be moving to SET (Special Education Technology) BC, so Sharon Boyer will move from ESL into Elisa's current position. Deanna K. may be back to work some time during the year.

The student enrollment in French Immersion is higher than average, predictable and healthy. The student enrollment in the English elementary grades is quite low and unpredictable, but the numbers in the English Intermediate grades are strong.

The School Plan was carefully reconsidered and updated this year after two years of very little change due to the work disruption. While the focus on aboriginal issues and literacy remain strong goals, there is more emphasis on technology and the social and emotional development of children.

The teachers now have the option of working in teams to prepare and delivering presentations to each other on Professional Development Days. This permits them to have more input into and be more engaged in the PD activities, than just attending classes planned by the VSB.

2. Approval of May Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting have not yet been accepted because the PAC does not have them.

3. Treasurer's Report

The PAC has only spent 68% of its budget, which was less than was budgeted.

PAC Kitchen has been set up, clean and organised! Checklist for Kitchen users has been created.

The School sign has been priced at \$10K which is not do-able

Thus far, amount raised that is earmarked for the playground is \$5,599.97 (though Popsicle expenses not finalized from Fresh to you, the International Dinner, Spring Festival, and Popsicle sales (the latter which has not yet been finalized)

Covenant House staff, Mark Savard, spoke with Divs 1 & 2, and took donation cheque proceeds from Santa's Workshop (\$737.85); the PAC has received receipt

Motion#1: The June financial statement is voted on .

Accepted by Gord and Bronwyn

Motion #2 The amount of \$15,000 to put aside in cashable GIC with BMO and earmarked for the playground.

Accepted by Gord; seconded by Nicole

Motion #3: Approval of Expenditures for Fall (before Nov budget meeting) . These are all based on expenditures in past two years; and in some cases, the revenues will exceed costs (e.g. Monster Ball)

- a. Welcome back Coffee (first day of school) - \$150
- b. Welcome Back Movie Night - \$500
- c. Hot Lunch - \$3,000
- d. Hot Dog - \$500
- e. Popsicle Sales - \$200
- f. Walk to School prizes - \$40 (Oct and Nov)
- g. Monster Ball - \$1,500
- h. Direct Appeal - \$300
- i. PAC Speakers - \$200
- j. PAC Office Supplies - \$200
- k. PAC Kitchen Supplies - \$100
- l. Safety signs - \$50
- m. Garden - \$500

Moved by Bronwyn and seconded by Gord

Executive Positions

Gord and Karen will remain as the co-chairs of the PAC. Nora Ng-Harmsworth will take over as the secretary as the two previous secretaries have served for two years and would like to be relieved of their responsibilities.

Playground Report

Bronwyn Maclean, the project manager of the playground committee, is optimistic about the fundraising for the new play structure. (The anticipated cost is between \$125,000 and \$150,000). The PAC has earmarked approximately \$70,000 to the playground so far. Direct Appeal funds to date totaled \$11,200. She hopes that if most families donate the \$180 per child as requested in the Direct Appeal, the more difficult task of finding additional sponsors will be obviated. Once funds are in place, construction can be completed in between three to six months. If insufficient funds are collected by the end of this year, another Direct Appeal may be launched next year.

Bronwyn has consulted with at least 15 classes. The students would like to see a new play structure with spiral slides, monkey bars, a glide rail and a space net. Also, there are several requests for stand-alone pieces such as saucer swing, individual spinners and a rock climber.

The playground committee plans to stick to bark mulch as a ground covering, rather than rubber; even though the school can obtain a 60,000 rubber stewardship grant is available for using rubber. The VSB has issued warnings against using rubber. As it is a new surface, there is no maintenance plan for it. Bark Mulch is still considered a handicapped accessible material as it is possible to push a stroller through it.