

Minutes of PAC meeting, April 20, 2016

Attendees: Gord Lau, Karen Sadler, Bronwen Maclean, Nicole Mordant, Alyshia Burak (Hub Recycling), Kenneth Yang, Hanif Virani, Ning Qu, Alison Scarlett, Maggie Shen, Janice Johnson, Nora Ng-Harmsworth, Rachel Yang, Lily Jiang, Amy Wei, Salim Lakhani, Kimiko Lakhani, Lingbo Chen, Jessie Chen, Cher Li, Yang Lewig (?), Lorie Srivastava (called in from California)

PRESENTATION BY ALYSHIA BURAK, HUB RECYCLING

Hub Recycling runs programs such as “bike-to-school” week. They have been at Trafalgar this month Running programs with Grade 4s and 5s.

Hub Recycling will send posters to schools, books of stickers etc to help with Bike to School initiatives. Can also get free granola bars and juice boxes if we pick stuff up from them. Other ideas to encourage biking to school: Schools will sometimes do a breakfast with fruit and granola bars, bike decorating. Recently started a newsletter – send out bike safety tips via school or PAC’s Facebook pages.

May 30 – June 3 = Bike to school week.

Volunteer coordinator at Trafalgar = Lily Jiang and Janice Johnson

PAC MEETING

1. Approval of February 16 minutes

Motion – Janice

Seconded – Bronwyn

2. Treasurer’s Report

See Statement of Receipts and Disbursements dated 1 Sept 2015 – 19 April 2016

Bronwen is following up with VSB on GST rebate for playground.

Motion to accept financial statements as presented:

Motion – Bronwyn

Seconded – Jessie

Amendments to budgeted items:

Motion to allocate \$2,700 to Gym Sense (for Kindergarten to Grade 3)

Motion to increase allocation for Mme Elly from \$1,200 to \$1,260 for puppet workshop

Motion to increase amount allocated for performances to \$1,220 from \$1,000

Motion to allocate \$1,680 for Hip Hop performances for Grades 6-7

Motion for PAC to pay for bus to go to citywide dance competition. Cost: \$145

Offsetting these amounts are two items in financial statements that PAC had allocated money for but which are no longer going ahead this year:

Tennis \$2,040 and basketball \$1,000

Motion to approve allocation amounts/increases as listed above:

Motion – Andrea

Seconded – Janice

Vice-principal Sarah Kramer spoke about Aboriginal Day that is coming up on June 20. Trafalgar is looking at getting a dance troupe for the whole school to watch. Price is between \$500- \$1,500.

Motion to cover half the cost for Aboriginal performance:

Motion – Karen

Seconded – Allison

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

A wide range of arguments was offered on the topic below.

- 1. Motion: Proposal to reduce to 5 from 8 the number of voting members at any duly-called general PAC meeting to constitute a quorum.**

In favour: 10

Against: 10

As the vote was deadlocked, the motion is not passed. A PAC meeting quorum therefore continues to require a minimum of 8 voting members.

- 2. Motion: All money spent above and beyond a pre-determined petty cash amount (\$250) will be presented to and voted on by the executive, and then approved by a majority at a general meeting. Monies spent below the petty cash amount may be approved by a simple majority of the executive.**

Motion passed

REPORT FROM TRAFALGAR PRINCIPAL AND VICE PRINCIPAL

- There is lots of excitement about the playground. Intermediate students (Grades 4-7) will use the playground on Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Primary (K-Grade 3) will use it on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of June.
- This Friday, a “Circles” activity will be held for the whole school. Kindergarten to Grade 7 will be broken up into groups or “circles” and do an activity led by a teacher. The goal is for kids to get to know each other, build a sense of community, and get to know all the teachers at Trafalgar.
- Trafalgar is working with a designer to make “Spirit Wear” – clothing such as hoodies, T-shirts and sweat pants bearing the school’s new mascot, the Spirit Wolf.
- Quebec students are arriving at Trafalgar next Tuesday. April 26 – 29
- An earthquake drill will be held on May 5 at 2 pm.
- Welcome to Kindergarten event on May 12. Also busy organising a Ready, Set, Learn event for 3-year-olds.
- Sports Day will be held on May 19. Early dismissal at 2 pm.
- Hand prints of all the students at Trafalgar are being done throughout the school building. The idea is to create a sense of belonging.
- There will be a guest speaker on the topic of “Self-Regulation” at the next PAC meeting, May 25. The topic fits with the school’s “Zones of Regulation” teachings.
- This past Monday’s Pro D Day was for staff planning. Last year’s goals of Aboriginal learning, reading comprehension and “Zones of Regulation” will remain the same for the next school year.

UPDATES FROM THE TRAFALGAR PAC CHAIRS

Motion: Can profits generated from the next two hot dog days go to fundraising for the Quebec student exchange?

Motion passed

Noon hour programs at Trafalgar

A big thank you to Nora for organising. Programs have filled up quickly. The PAC is reviewing this as a pilot and will send out a survey to parents to ask what they want to see in Fall.

Hot Lunch

There are a few new menu items. The hot lunch team has had great feedback from kids and staff so far. They will put out some communication to ask parents for feedback. They will also ask parents to encourage kids to take home food that they don’t finish. Don’t just throw it out, for example, spaghetti and meatballs.

Traffic

Traffic cones placed by a parent on Trafalgar Street in a no stopping area have proved very useful and is making the area safer for students to cross.

Parent Salim Lakhani, who owns a printing company, kindly offered to donate some traffic calming signs.

The crosswalk on 16th Avenue at Choices will soon get a flashing light to make it safer. The initiative has been approved by Vancouver city council and will be installed in the next year.

Spring Festival

The Spring festival was enjoyable. Thank you to Jessie and Nora and the volunteers who put it together.

International Dinner

Thank you to Bronwyn for once again taking the lead on organising the dinner. There was some counterfeiting of tickets for the fantasy baskets by some children. **For next year we have to look at producing tickets that cannot be counterfeited.**

Other

Discussion around ways to improve attendance at PAC meeting. Need a volunteer to lead engagement initiatives.

Suggestion on hard copy PAC reminders in kids' agendas. Possible proxy voting on PAC initiatives for those who can't make it to meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8.35 pm