

TRAFALGAR PAC MEETING, TUESDAY JUNE 14 2016

ATTENDEES

Gord Lau, Lorie Srivastava, Tracey Macleod, Jill Jordan, Andrew Harmsworth, Amanda Magee, Alison Scarlett, Jill Brumwell, Melissa Yu, Eileen Qu, Danni Liu, Xuemei Zhang, guodong Zhang, Daibing Wang, Tze-Wo Leung, Ellen Tsang, Liza Li, Hua Yu, Wendy Zhu, Ken Xie, Hanif Virani, Marlene Tecson-Golfinopoulos, Ellen Tsang, Tze-Wo Leung, Rup Kang, Carrie Krekoski, Megan Jenkins, Rhonda Willms, Wes Adrison, James McQueen, Megan Filmer, Nora Harmsworth, Jessie Chen, Jennie Farahani, Haley Barton, Yumiko Yamanada, Lynn Zhang, Juliet Dong, Annie Yang, Heather Ondersma, Judy Zhu, Lingbo Chen Rachel Yang, Steve Asaoka, Wendy Mah, Al Steens, Shaleena Jeraj, Melissa Cheevers, Amanda Vincent, Anne Change, Caren Yu, Lyn Friesen, Lily Jiang, Helena Yi, Linda Yin, Jenny Liu, Katie Henderson, Jeniffer Torney, Ray Kwan, Gord Mah, Minnie, Andrew Konetzka, Nicole Mordant.

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS – Gord Lau, PAC Chair

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- By-laws make provision for members-at-large
- 5 people nominated and what they will focus on: Emma Chen (communications), Hanif Virani (technology), Andrea Gesner (communications), Joanne Duyzer (community and volunteer engagement)
- Nancy Fu (community and volunteer engagement)
- Plan to have a larger group of people

MOTION TO NOMINATE FIVE MEMBERS AT LARGE AND THEIR ROLES

Motion: Lorie

Seconded: Shaleena

Vote 40: 0

FIVE INDIVIDUALS ARE ACCLAIMED TO THEIR POSITIONS

CONTESTED POSITIONS FOR PAC SECRETARY

Candidates are:

- Elsie Wong and Lea Ault (Lea unable to attend tonight's meeting)
- Nora Harmsworth

Each candidate given a chance to put forward why they should be secretary

- Elsie Wong

Have seen other parents volunteer and it is paying it forward

Want to enrich our childrens' experience at school

Expand our childrens' lives outside of the Trafalgar community

Lea is a successful businesswoman. She and her husband operate restaurants in Vancouver and elsewhere in Canada

Elsie was secretary for TOOSCS for three years, etc

Elsie does a lot of volunteer work

- Nora Harmsworth

Nora was co-secretary of the PAC this past year

Nora has introduced several new initiatives while on the PAC, including the Spring Festival, Noon Hour Programs, Lego Robotics after-school program etc

Voice for innovation, love ideas

Trafalgar is a school representative of Canada, full of diversity

Would encourage forward thinking

Been attending PAC meeting at other schools out of curiosity

PAC should have a goal, provide the types of services that Jules Quesnel has, and even what private schools have

Suggestion of introducing public speaking activity

VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT

Co-secretaries on the PAC 2016/17 will be Lea Ault and Elsie Wong

TREASURER POSITION BY ACCLAMATION

Marlene Golfinopoulous & Lorie Srivastava

CHAIR POSITION BY ACCLAMATION

Gord Lau & Jessie Chen

UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR

- Noon hour programs (Nora)

There are plans for more noon-hour courses in the Fall

The most popular course was Chemical Concoctions. Instructor able to run 3 courses in the Fall

Dance went well but we may change instructor

Chess class went well. Instructor has offered to do one free hour of instruction with each child who attended.

Possible repeat programs include Bricks for Kids, Sportball. May also offer free magic classes, also possibly Taekwando

Question: how do we vet the people who come into our school? Are they VSB-endorsed or can it just be any private person?

Answer: At minimum they have to have a criminal check.

Suggestions:

- Instructors need to be VSB-endorsed or we should have a set of criteria to choose people.
- Can we restrict some programs to certain grades?
- Can we have some programs in French? And in Mandarin?
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Gifts for teachers - Gord

Should the PAC give a thank you gift to teachers who helped out with the noon-hour programs and gave up their space? General feeling is no as teachers volunteer for all sorts of activities and this would seem to favour some over others

Trafalgar social event for parents

Idea put forward to have a social event for the parents at Trafalgar so we can get to know each other better.

UPDATE FROM ADMIN – M. Lavoie

Been at Trafalgar for six months

Thanks parents for everything they do

Thank you to Karen Sadler for her time, commitment, passion etc as co-chair for the past two years

Had a wonderful Aboriginal Day on Monday. Dance troupe came in. Thank you to PAC for paying for half of the presentation. After dance event, kids participated in Trafalgar Circles – idea is to bridge English and French, multi-age groupings.

Looking at implementing a Trafalgar Code of Conduct. HOWL – Helpful, Open-minded, Welcoming and Leaders

Had an interesting meeting today with district technology administrator to talk about our vision for Trafalgar for revised curriculum.

Trafalgar is working on introducing Dress Guidelines. This was discussed among Student Council and staff. Students at Trafalgar must dress appropriately for the weather and learning environment. Am I dressed safely and appropriately? Remove hats in assembly etc.

Some parents objecting to idea that children should be made to feel that their clothing is inappropriate at elementary school. M. Lavoie inviting parents who are interested in talking about dress guidelines to get in contact with her.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of June 10, have in our chequing account \$43,210.16

With that and our Gaming Account, our current Bank balance is \$44,486.82

Have a few more expenses to pay before year end - expect to end the year with around \$38,000

International Dinner made less money than last year. Was on a Thursday before a four-day weekend, nice weather. Will have to keep that in mind for future planning.

Some discussion about buying mini iPads. Concerns include: is this the right device for what kids are learning at school? What about laptops? What are kids learning in these technology sessions? Are some just playing games? Can the parents be better informed by the school what the expectations are for technology learning at school? Can the parents in general be better informed about what the school budget is being spent on?

MOTION TO ALLOCATE \$1,890 FOR GEERING UP PROGRAMS

MOTION TO BUY 15 MINI IPADS, CART AND COVERS FOR \$11,100

MOTION TO INCREASE TRAFFIC SAFETY AND SIGNS BUDGET TO \$800

MOTION: Andrew

SECONDED: Hanif

MOTION TO ADD MARLENE GOLFINOPOULOS AND JESSIE CHEN AS A SIGNATORY TO THE PAC BANK ACCOUNT, DROP KAREN SADLER AND MEGAN JENKINS AS THEY HAVE LEFT THE PAC

MOTION: Hanif

SECONDED: Shaleena

MOTION TO DROP CURRENT VAN CITY BRANCH AND RE-OPEN BANK ACCOUNT AT BANK OF MONTREAL

MOTION: Jenny

SECONDED: Rhonda

MOTION TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT FOR CAMP JUBILEE

Signatories are Katy Everett, Marlene, Jacqui Lavoie and Sarah Kramer.

MOTION: Tracey

SECONDED: Kerry

Lorie suggests a line item to financial statements for advocacy. Will make a motion in the new school year.

Statement from Karen Sadler, former PAC co-chair

As I am leaving the PAC exec having been the PAC co chair with Gord Lau for the last two years I wanted to extend my thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed to our fantastic school. Like all parents, I volunteer because I want our children to have the best possible experiences and opportunities while at school.

The PAC has always made sure that all fundraising dollars go to school equipment, supplies, technology, performances etc. that benefit the most children regardless of age, grade or language. A perfect example of this is our fantastic new playground – over the last 5 years many many many volunteer hours by parents across the school – some who have moved on, went into planning and fundraising dollars and is used by all our children. This example of school wide community has been one of the highlights of my time as Pac co-chair.

I am truly grateful to the generous and kind parent community we have. Wishing everyone a fantastic summer.

Meeting ends 8.30 pm