

Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: June 5, 2018

Attendance:

Jacque Lavoie	Cristal Egan
Tracey Mcleod	Jill Brumwell
Melissa Cheevers	Cristal Egan
Jesse Chen	Tze-Wo Leung
Jill Jordan	Juliet Dong
Teresa Virani	Shaun Rupert
Allison Scarlett	Christiana Luo
Gord Lau	Dawn Doddington Jung
Jennie Farahani	Carrie Linegar
Sandi McClelland	Brenda Hogan
Kim The	Susie Song
Christian Malcom	Jana Ting
Linda Yun	Angela Cheng
Connie Kwan	Christiana Luo
Tamara Levy	

1. Motion to pass May minutes

Motion to pass minutes by Teresa Virani, seconded by Crisal Egan.

2. AGM report

Main goal of the school was to build a better community within the school and the PAC has tried to get feedback from teachers about what they really want from the school. Wishlists and feedback forms were given to the teachers and feedback was taken about programs (ie, Geering UP, its too repetitive, etc). The PAC has tried to be very transparent about financials. It was a tough go at the beginning of the year taking over last years (previous executive's)

financials. There has been no questions seeing that we've been so transparent. Tracey gave a thank you to the PAC and the people who make the school so special.

Some PAC funds used this year include: 600 classroom readers went into classes this year, many programs, performances, workshops, Earth Bites, Seleema Noon, drumming, hip hop, gymnastics....the list goes on! Coffee mornings were well received (thank you Christianne!).

3. Update from Admin

Jacque Lavoie talked about year end, the school goal was to build community so that the students and staff are more connected. She believes we made some big gains as there is much more interaction among the classes and between the school and parents. She thanked Jesse Chan who is now retiring as Co Chair. Good news, Jacque and Shaun are staying at this school, no transfers from admin. Staffing is being worked on now, things can change daily so no announcements will be made. Welcome to kindergarten and grade 1 (9 new grade 1's in French Immersion) have taken place. There will be a second english kindergarten. Year end party will be taking place soon and the slide show, year end band concert with the choir. Looking to expand the band next year to include a junior group. Many amazing things happening and lots to look forward to!

Jessie also said thank you as she no longer will be co chair next year. She thanked Shaun and Jacque. Big thanks given to the hot lunch team who works so hard every single Wednesday. And to Tze Wo, thank you for all of the hard work and to Gord and Tracey for their support.

4. Financials

Financials have been talked about monthly at PAC meetings; no surprises. There is about \$16,000 from hot lunch, a \$20 000 GIC, Noon hour programs made money for the sunshine fund; and the year book made some money and they were able to hardcover all of the grade 7's books, there are some extra yearbooks in case of ordering mishaps. Some will be auctioned at the year end party if there are leftovers as this is fair; scholastic book fair made money and fantasy baskets made almost \$4000! This will go a long way! Another \$4000 for outdoor education for grade 4's. We are sitting very well for income.

Expenses to come by year end:

-student appreciation, staff gifts, more classrooms readers, earth bites, Geering up, year end party, PAC expenses (raffle tickets from baskets etc),

Paid recently: gymnastics, TOCs for tournaments, sports equipment (Shaun's requests), sports day oranges, bike to school prizes, sunshine fund, website upkeep, a new website will be made for next year, more modern and easier to navigate a one-stop website. There is still a lot of leftover money, the \$5000 mural reserve was not spent nor the website.

Motion to pass May financials made by Cristal Egan, seconded by Jessie Chen.

5. Tech Proposed Purchase

Tracey presented proposed purchases (tested by teachers):

1. 45 Dell laptop/tablets

-15 for library

-30 for new cart

\$28 000

* includes 2 roll carts (locked and charging), 2 projectors, cables, eco fees and taxes

2. 10 Generation 6 iPads

\$5400

*includes

-1 tech tub to charge and store

-10 cases

-App bundles (20)

-tax

3. Other:

-2 iPad pens (\$260)

-1 tech tub for resources (\$500)

-2 projector bulbs (\$1000)

-Apple TV for Mme. Ashley (\$200)

-6 Bee bots for primary coding (\$1244.10)

Total : \$3,204. 10

TOTAL FOR ALL NEW TECH IS \$36, 604.10

*There may be a charge for shipping.

Questions:

-is there is enough space for all of these devices on the network.

Answer is yes

-will more tech be required?

Answer is always, and the VSB will never cover these costs

-will we switch to a bring your own device protocol?

Answer is, some schools are doing this, it is up to each individual school to allow or disallow this? If we have to keep replacing is it worth it to switch to a bring your own device policy?

Will revisit this discussion.

-does this include insurance?

Answer is not really, but students are usually very good at it (according to Mr Rupert), they are very rugged cells, they're water resistant, and very sturdy.

-will all of this be ready for September

Answer is "thats the goal!"

-do the teachers feel they really want this?

Answer is yes, they really want to do the coding, especially the intermediate grades, and many complaints from teachers that the ones we have don't work at all. The teachers are desperate for something that is operational.

Key points:

-Trafalgar is 1 to 6 computers, the average in Vancouver schools is 1 to 4.

-who is using it? primary is not using much technology, important to keep realistic so we don't buy TOO much tech if it won't even be used.

Motion to pass the grand total of all technology at slightly above the current number (in case of shipping costs, etc). Motion being upgraded to \$38 000.

Motion made by Jennie Farahani, and seconded by Susie Song.

ALL HANDS IN ROOM are IN FAVOUR of new technology. No hands opposed.

6. Vote for new PAC executive

New PAC executive will remain the same except for Christiana Luo replacing Jesse Chen.

7. Proposed by-law changes

Gord presented a hand out with the by-law changes, these new changes align with how we are running the PAC.

Gord made motion to amend new changes to PAC by-laws, seconded by Cristal Egan.

8. Budget discussion

Feedback from teachers was useful, no more classroom readers needed, changing hip hop to Brazilian martial art dance in order to try to expose kids to new things, workshop feedback would be to try alternate grades trying acting workshops (offered in French), Project Chef for other alternate classes another possibility, teachers can ultimately pick in the end. Seleema Noon will be every other year as is Igirl Iguy (body awareness and internet safety), and we are looking into a friendship workshop possibility.

9. Mural

Kim The spoke about a 5 month mural project in the interior wall of school to do a collage of hearts, Paintillio is a company that can turn anything into a paint by number mural and to get a grant for this we needed to tie in the UNESCO themes done through collage, and include every single student in the school. The two women (who used to run 4cat studios) will run a

class 3 times per grade to choose their own materials and creative expression, then the children will learn the art form, create their piece of the mural and one classroom will be adjusted to become the art studio for this period of time. The children will brainstorm what does it mean to be in a community, the brainstorming will involve UNESCO themes, from there the students will create a landscape. The mural will be completely student driven and it projects onto the wall through different panels. It will form one big mural in the end, then they take a picture of it which transforms it into a paint by number where everyone has a piece to paint by number and contribute. It will leave a wonderful legacy for the school and perhaps the opportunity to recreate the mural live at the Vancouver mural festival this summer. And the good news is we got \$5000 grant for it!! The total is \$13 000 but we've applied to have it fully covered by grants. Will Stroet will do a new song for the school that children will write themselves, and the entire school will learn the song, then there will be a presentation of the school mural and presentation of the new song. Hopefully it will all be free thanks to the grants.

10. Teacher Appreciation

Hoping to do another teacher appreciation with food and cards, etc. PAC would like more funds for this -\$300 more for coffee and bagels for their year end thank you.

Motion made by Teresa Virani, seconded by Jennie Farahani.

*No one opposed this motion.

11. Upcoming events

Volunteer tea, the teachers can come and thank the school parent volunteer mid-day this year; Year end party takes place June 27, 3:30 to 6pm, many activities again this year: photo booth, Granville Island bubble blower, two food trucks, games, live music, etc.

Slideshow is coming up, don't forget to send in pictures! Deadline is June 22nd for photo submission. Please send in pictures!

Yearbook is going to be amazing, Dawn put in hundreds of hours, she literally went through every single child in the school, she went over and beyond to make this incredible. She tried so hard to include everyone. The entire yearbook team worked tirelessly on this.

That concludes the last 2017/2018 PAC meeting minutes.