

Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: March 13, 2018

Attendance:

Jill Jordan	Cristal Egan
Tracey Mcleod	Annie Li
Eve MacGregor	Juliet Dong
Jesse Chen	Connie Kwan
Jacquie Lavoie	Nicole Wallace
Amanda Magee	Gord Lau
Dawn Jung Doddington	Annie Li
Shaun Rupert	Brenda Hogan

Tonight's PAC meeting started with a 30 minute talk from Karen of St John Ambulance. Each sale of an earthquake preparedness kit gives a 15% kickback to the school.

1. Motion to pass February minutes

Motion to pass by Gord Lau, seconded by Dawn Jung Doddington

2. Motion to pass February financials

Motion to pass by Jill Jordan, seconded by Cristal Egan

3. Motion to increase PAC kitchen supplies by \$300

Motion to pass by Gord Lau, seconded by Jesse Chen

4. Update from Admin

Selena Noon was very well received, feedback from students, teachers and parents was positive.

The Milton Randall drumming work shop is April 6 and will be a PAC funded event.
Book fair is tomorrow.
Conferences are this week.
Basketball is now finished and now track and field is up!
School is running along smoothly.
Highlights are community building this year, teachers are making efforts to connect with other classes - including english/french, intermediate/primary. Lots of collaboration.

5. Software Inventory update from Eve

Tracey spoke to the group about her entire school inventory of the tech. We are replacing the library and computer lab computers with our GIC money. We are still looking at the right computers/programming. Cloud books feedback was iffy. And the VSB is now looking at Chrome Books and similar programs and Hanif is researching Chrome Books. Likely we will buy a couple of them to test them first.

The wireless in the school should be improving . The VSB has tested it. Someone specifically came to the school and we are waiting on their feedback/results.

Eve and Shaun did an amazing inventory of the school and our current technology. There is a table to see which classrooms have which technology.

50% of the desktops/laptops do not work. This is very dire! The iPads are doing okay. The computer lab is not optimal. They're all about the same vintage and are very slow and very frustrating. 77% of the desktops do not work well and 50% of laptops do not work well, there is a "lap top graveyard" - some may be able to be fixed. Some of the broken ones parts may be used to fix others.

Eve's major concerns are that the resource teachers desperately need some tech. Madame Louise could use a laptop for her students and would be incredibly helpful. The laptop cart rarely has enough laptops for an entire class to do a project together. Some teachers are hungry for more technology and some teachers are not willing to take on the challenges. Only one teacher in the whole school said she was pleased with the tech. The desktops will be replaced with laptops because they were less maintenance and less money. We are short 5 laptops to make an entire set for a classroom. 30 would be the ideal number but Eve guesstimates about 15 % will always have a problem at some point so having some extras would be useful.

The tech summary forgets to include the 6 Robotic iPads that are used for the robotic program.

Some issues of the iPads were that the kids are unable to save their work.

We now have to wait for the VSB to see what they support whether or not we can have Chrome Books, cloud book, etc. We need to find out what works for us in terms of technology and what the teachers would like to see in the schools. We could possibly have a tech meeting and have an idea what teachers want and need. A meeting after spring break with teachers is necessary.

Also, the wall mount projector requires a new bulb. Estimate of price is \$500. There is a new Apple system that possibly might not require the projector.

6. Update on VSB hiring and French cuts

The VSB is desperate for new teachers.

Gord spoke about the VSB and their lack of foresight for lack of teachers. There has been an enormous number of classrooms requiring teachers, they've been going to job fairs to recruit teachers. Frustrations with the inability to create new K classes in French. Gord would like to follow up with the VSB and reviewing the french immersion delivery and they'll soon be looking for feedback from parents.

5. Coming up in April:

- URstrong workshop is April 18th
- Milton Randall drumming workshop for K-7
- Gymnastics for K-7
- next PAC meeting April 10th CSL feedback
- introduction of ESL/ELL coffee morning PAC meetings