

Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2018

Attendance:

Jacque Lavoie

Tracey Mcleod

Melissa Cheevers

Douglas Winter

Jill Jordan

Hanif Virani

Allison Scarlett

Adrian McCarole

Antoina Jennings

Kathleen Dang

Jana Ting

Rebecca Rauscher

Ipek Eren Vural

Carrie Linegar

Angelika Lukashore

Angela Cheng

Annie Li

Madame Nosyk

Amy Wai

Tze-Wo Leung

Juliet Dong

Shaun Rupert

Christiana Luo

Dawn Doddington Jung

Lee Zhang

Carlos Nunez

Connie Kwan

Heather Ondersma

Kim The

Shaleena Jeraj

Vanessa Shaw

Michele Pricot

1. Introduction of PAC Executive

* Chairs- Tracey MacLeod and Christiana Luo, Secretaries- Jill Jordan and Melissa Cheevers, Treasurers- Annie Li and Alison Scarlett

* Members at large- Hanif Virani, Tze-Wo Leung, Juliet Dong, Kim The, Angela Cheng, Cristal Egan, Gord Lau

2. Schedule of PAC meetings

They will be first/second Tuesday of every month: October 9th, November 13th, and December 11th

3. Update from Admin

Jacquie spoke to the group to welcome the new parents to the crowd. Mme. Nosak, Mme. Michele attended tonights meeting. Trafalgar has a full staff this year, with zero vacancies.

Please see the newsletters and blasts for the up to date information regarding the school. Don't forget to subscribe to the emails!

A hip hop workshop will take place this fall. This is the third year running. Sports starts up, cross country and volleyball are first. Please email or say hello to Jacquie with any questions.

Tracey has asked that all meetings be respectful and kind and positive. There is a code of conduct for adults.

4. Arts Workshops- Kim The

Kim is on the arts committee and would invite anyone to join. There will be a mural project to incorporate all kids in the school. We received \$8500 in grants!

The PAC will cover the remaining costs. This is a UNESCO project and the kids will work with Will Stroet to write a new school song that will pair with the mural's artists (former 4 Cats Studio artists), the kids will be involved by collage, silk screens, acrylics. The mural will cover the entire front wall school entrance. It will start in Oct - Nov, a break in Dec and finished in January. Eventually it will be digitized into a paint by number mural and it will be video and photo documented and later revealed at a school assembly where the kids will sing the song and a presentation will take place. There will also be a community paint night to help finish the mural with parents. It will also be in the Vancouver mural festival in August 2019!

5. Presentation of Start-up budget

Motion to pass Start-up budget by Hanif Virani, seconded by Jill Jordan

Entire room in support.

Annie talked about the budget, these are the funds to get started, so far the welcome back coffee and social are first up, monsters ball makes money but we need to spend money at first (Food Safe, etc), teachers discretionary, this is a estimate for now for teachers to get started in their classrooms, sunshine fund is created for students who do not have hot lunch, or students who would benefit from a noon hour programs, etc. Hip hop requires its deposit and there is a First Nations performance on Friday that requires payment. These items get us into October.

Annie spoke about spending on hot lunch, thanked Connie and Juliet for their hard work. All without hot dogs! The fantasy baskets made lots of money for the tech upgrade, the teachers appreciation lunch was a success, we've paid for Geering UP sessions, end of the year party, PE workshop for gymnastics, track and field, PE purchase of equipment, TOCs for tournaments.

Tracey spoke about how the entire PAC is transparent - all money spent can be seen on the website. We came in less than what we budgeted for. The mural will be in the new budget.

Last year we voted on spending funds for new technology. That has since been purchased. However we've not paid that invoice yet so we need to bring the technology spend to this year.

Connie Kwan made the motion to pass this budget to move tech budget from last year to 2018/2019 , entire room in support. No one against.
(\$37, 823).

Hanif Virani made motion to accept budget for end of the year, Tze Wo seconded it.

Entire room in support.

6. Other Motions

-Motion to create Budget committee; Alison Scarlett, Annie Li, Tracey MacLeod, Christiana Luo, Sean Rupert, Jacquie Lavoie

Tze-Wo Leung made the motion to accept the committee, seconded by Juliet Dong.

Everyone in support.

Discussion to accept minutes from June's meeting after review by room.

-Motion to accept June's minutes by Melissa Cheevers, seconded by Shaleena Jeraj.

-Motion to change signatories for gaming accounts:

Motion to remove Jessie Chen and add Christiana Luo made by Melissa Cheevers and seconded by Hanif Virani.

7. Website

We have a new website after 6 years! It is now up to date, and will be updated to be current monthly. Please let us know if there is any important info we can add. It is meant to be a one stop shop for all Trafalgar info ie, forms, bell schedule, etc.

trafalgarpac.ca

8. DPAC executive- Gord Lau

Gord was a co chair for three years, he was our DPAC rep last year and will put his name forward for DPAC executive this year.

Majority of the room supported Gord's request.

9. PAC activities overview for Term 1

Next Thursday at 5:00 our first welcome back social begins. You can order pizza online through the new website. And treats will be given out to the kids. Teachers join the crowds after meetings at 6pm.

Direct Appeal starts today, this has paid for our playground, technology, etc. An unfortunate turn of events is that the VSB is no longer giving tax receipts for direct appeal. Because they can't control the funds in PAC hands, they are not comfortable giving tax receipts. This will be taken as an issue to the DPAC. Hoping to reach our goal of \$25, 000. And the ask is \$125 per family.

Pumpkin Patch and Monsters Ball takes place the Friday before halloween. Carrie Linegar is the organizer and is looking for volunteers. Carrie spoke to inform that it is fully parent run and she needs help. Andrew has agreed to do the haunted house. Thank you to Andrew and Carrie. Carrie is wondering if we could ask PW high school for help or the grade sevens at our school.

We are going with a new hip hop company this year. Thought we should change it up as the older kids had it for three years. Mr Rupert knew of a new program. There is a final show on November 8th (possibly, stay tuned for accurate date).

Lilly asked that the hip hop be on the stage as not everyone could see on the floor. Sean said he'd ask about that.

Art and song writing workshop, and Santa's workshop are coming up.

There will be another coffee meeting after the success of the first one (more than 200 people attended in Sept!). Next one in November. Coffee mornings are a great way for everyone to get to know each other.

Noon hour programs will be on the website for review. Stay tuned for your slip of paper with information for registration.

There are also after school programs including choir, Lights Up, etc.

Dawn spoke about the yearbooks. It was a massive success! It even made money and the price will go down this year which means profits will go up. The biggest issue was consent, there will be forms for your child for their entire career at Trafalgar to allow use of their photo in yearbook.

There is a website when you upload pictures but PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN! We have to wait for consent before adding. There were only two children not named last year. The consent form is ONLY for the year book. Please send pictures at full resolution. All photos need to be school related (not your kids at Disneyland!). Last year we did soft cover with 84 pages. This year you can choose to do hardcover for an extra \$10.

10. Band overview

Tze-wo is hoping for 70-80 students in grade 5-7 band. One of the band teachers has a personal health issue and will be replaced with a substitute. The VSB is no longer considering school band a school issue and now that it's run by parents outside of school hours it's not a 'school program' so we now have to pay for facility rental and 5 million dollar liability insurance. This will also be taken to the DPAC. The PAC will pay the money and we will try to get the money back. Very disappointing as there are 80 kids taking part in this program.

11. Hot lunch update- Connie and Juliet

Connie and Juliet discussed that Weds and Fridays hot lunch will be offered, the new website is a breeze. The system will be ready Sept 19, first hot lunch October 3 and 5th. There are two new vendors, the kids taste tested four new entrees. Weds will usually be subway or chicken wrap, and Friday will have more options. Connie and Juliet would love volunteers to help deliver food to classrooms. Discussion took place around minimizing garbage, please send your kids to school with their own cutlery. Mme Michele also mentioned that the children involved with UNESCO ask that we use less waste and use more compost friendly items.

The deadline for hot lunch the Thursday before. Please make sure you order and if you didn't get an email reminder you didn't order! It is easier to order the entire term so you don't forget. Many kids showed up without lunch thinking their parents had ordered. As well, you can be refunded and cancel your orders.

12. Overview of Mandarin information session

- Schedule of Mandarin PAC meetings- October 15th, February 4th and April 8th
- Mandarin-speaking parents meeting

Christiana spoke about the Mandarin meetings that discuss school activities and ideas. 35 parents came to the meeting yesterday and Jacquie and Sean also attended. The Mandarin speaking parents wanted more info about where the money was spent. Traffic was explained as well, and volunteer recruitment was well received. They are very eager to help.

Angela then spoke about the minutes from last night's meeting. Angela encouraged participation to create a fulfilling environment. Forms were passed around for volunteering at the meeting.

Some ideas were to please include important information in Mandarin on the Trafalgar PAC website. As well, the parents wanted more information about activities and how they are significant for their child, what do they get "out of it." Lastly they wanted to have more sports in the after school programs.

Meeting ended with introductions of the PAC executive.