

Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2019

Attendance:

Jacque Lavoie	Laure Larpent
Tracey Mcleod	Angelika Lukasheva
Melissa Cheevers	Lianne Nosyk
Steve Asaoka	Dawn Jung Doddington
Jill Jordan	Juliet Dong
Hanif Virani	Sean Rupert
Cristina Aydin	Christiana Luo
Ian Cheyne	Angela Cheng
Cristal Egan	Melissa Johnson
Connie Kwan	Carrie Linegar
Ipek Eren Vural	Annie Li

1. Paintillio

Paintillio was at the meeting to give an update, the kids are loving it. It will be a utopian landscape, the kids decided on this theme. A video presentation was viewed by all. Mediums include silk screening to water colours to mark making. The children were encouraged to be very creative! The silk screen pieces are actually part of Will Stroet's new song lyrics for the school! Community Night is March 5th for parents, students, teachers, etc where everyone can see the mural unveiling! Everyone can add to the mural that night as well as some spaces will be left bare. If anyone has any media connections, Kim The is looking for someone to bring some exposure to the event on March 5th.

2. Motion to pass November minutes

Approval of minutes by all

3. Motion to pass November, December and January financials

Approved to pass November, December and January financials.

- Hanif suggested a budget for replacement parts for robotic kits.
- Melissa Cheevers asked if we're saving money put aside, the answer was yes, we keep at least \$10, 000 at a time.

4. Update from Admin

Jacque spoke to say what a success Paintillio has been and the staff and student feedback has been very positive. Its been a very smooth and easy process.

Highlights were that the Grade 7s went to Quebec and are now back, sports have been going well, the grade 7 girls basketball team won their tournament.

The next PAC meeting will include a workshop on "How to talk to your child's teacher and how to talk to your children."

Outdoor education - Madame Laure and Madame Nosyk spent some time discussing what outdoor ed looks like for our school. The staff came up with some guidelines about what outdoor education will look like in the future.

- it doesn't occur every year, and isn't designated by grade (ie, it will no longer be a grade 4 tradition, it could be any grade including splits depending on the teacher)
- camps must be decided in September so there is no teacher turnover from prior year
- the type of outdoor ed can take many forms (overnight or a day trip), the teacher decides this education and can also take place in a split class.

Suggestions were that because the grade 4 trip Jubilee is not a guarantee this should be discussed in school blasts so families and children are prepared that they might not go. This is no longer to be a norm of the school.

The staff spoke of the fundraising that goes on in the school. Main focus is of course, Direct Appeal. The staff wonders how to spread the money equally to use some of the funds.

- fundraising to support outdoor ed can only be done once the program is decided
- Quebec has term one to fundraise
- Timberline Ranch has term two
- Outdoor ed would be Feb-June
- Joint fundraising is ok
- parents are to meet with the teachers ahead of time before planning a fundraiser
- and that it doesn't take up too much class time
- communication needed to make sure that fundraisers don't overlap

5. Action Item Update

Earth bites volunteers needed, they'd love some more volunteers as the weather gets better!

Santa's workshop feedback was used and appreciated and put into action in December.

6. Trafalgar Accessible Disc Swing Project

Jacob's parents came to present about how the playground could be better suited for children with physical limitations.

They'd like to fundraise for a disc swing with accessible flooring. Total project cost is \$32 000 including install, costs, delivery, tax, etc.

To date, they have \$10 000 funding secured. However this funding needs to be used by March 2019. The swing could be purchased now and stored. That leaves just over \$22,000 to fundraise. Some grants are currently being written. Finding a cheaper flooring option might be available. The main goals are to see if the PAC supports this project. And, if at the end of the day, there is a balance owed, is the PAC willing to put through the remaining balance? The swing would be similar to the one of Kits Beach/Whistler Olympic Park. It would go beside our current swings.

Questions asked: what ways can the PAC support?

-perhaps two letters of support/one from PAC, one from Jacquie, perhaps TOOCS?

The PAC fully supports this project and will review the budget. Perhaps a Spring fundraiser. There was \$10,000 put aside for a phase 2 of the playground which was absorbed into the PAC funds. This money might be able to be applied. Tracey will talk to the financial PAC members to bring forward at the next meeting.

Entire room in support of looking further into the grants. Next step will be to find a committee to start the ball rolling. Carrie Linegar possibly forming committee/writing letters alongside Jacob's parents.

7. Lots of volunteer positions needed for Fall 2019!!!!

Most of the PAC executive will be retiring. We will need chairs and a treasurer, secretaries, hot lunch...

The position of Communications PAC blasts (Sunday blasts) has been filled.