

Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2018

Attendance:

Jacque Lavoie

Suzanne Fielden

Tracey Mcleod

Angelika Lukasheva

Melissa Cheevers

Angie Buonassisi

Steve Asaoka

Dawn Doddington Jung

Jill Jordan

Juliet Dong

Hanif Virani

Shaun Rupert

Allison Scarlett

Christiana Luo

Gord Lau

1. Motion to pass October minutes

Room agreed they were accurate (no longer needed to pass motion).

2. Motion to pass October financials

Room agreed to pass financials

Money spent on:

- monsters ball
- money spent on performances
- Earth Bites
- welcome back social (pizza)
- PAC operations
- Sunshine fund
- technology now paid

3. Wildflower Retreats and workshops: Carmen Ganne

Carmen is a connection specialist, offering workshops to strengthen relationships. Possibility of bringing parent child connection workshops into the school - bringing deep connections as a tool to bring confidence. Offering an afternoon workshop for parent and child. She works

with children experiencing anxiety, teaching coping tools and finding the root for emotions while teaching parents to help children to feel safe and secure within themselves.

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4. Update from Admin

Jacque spoke about October being a busy month. Monsters Ball the busiest one yet! Thank you to Andrew and Carrie. Thank you to Marty for the 11th Trafalgar Pumpkin Patch. Trafalgar was given \$1000 for the PAC.

The book fair successful. Paintillio began and all classes had their first workshop with their teacher and chose their selected medium. Teacher feedback was that they loved it! The next workshop is January. Children are still deciding the theme for the project.

Hip Hop ended last week, teachers giving feedback soon because it was a new company. Tech update: the laptops are in the building! The two carts are functioning.

The remembrance day assembly was based on the topic of Peace. This assembly was led by grade 4 students for the first time.

5. Update on Paintillio

The two women who run Paintillio used to work for 4Cats, they are newbies and the budget isn't enough, they charged us for 3 hours a day but are in fact here for 6 hours a day. In good faith, Tracey said we'd discuss at the PAC meeting giving them an additional \$500.

We had a discussion whether to give them extra money however we've decided to revisit in months to come nearing the end of the project. There was both support and opposition in the room.

6. Update on Action Items

Earth Bites now has a tab on the website. Class reps will be emailed for ideas for suggestions for parent education.

7. Direct Appeal Update on Tax Receipts

The worry as that the money would be kept at the VSB, then request for the VSB to write cheques in order to get receipts, and how long would it take for the VSB to write the cheques? Now it seems the money will be held at the school, Sharmeena (reception) will have a ledger and keep track of expenditures (ie, hip hop, etc), all direct appeals will now go through the school, not the VSB. Those who would like a tax receipt can email

alison.scarlett@hotmail.com for a tax receipt as she needs your home address.

8. Upcoming Pac Events

- ongoing Quebec fundraising
 - teacher feedback was that there were too many christmas events last year
 - holiday coffee morning on Dec 13th, 9-10:30am, activity room for socializing for parents
 - Santa's Workshop Dec 14, kids will bring in change to "shop" for gifts for their families
- Feedback: shorter shopping times (little kids taking too long, setting limits on how many gifts can be purchased, using a French intermediate class this time for helpers)
- May not be a PAC meeting in December, likely wait til January.
 - Mom2Mom will be organized in our school again this year with 20 families.

9. Yearbook: Dawn Doddington-Jung

We are at 40% of what we sold last year, because it is still early bird pricing, Dawn isn't sure if its that people don't care about the early bird sale or don't feel the urgency. Class reps will be blasted and it can be put on We Chat.

10. Suzanne Fielden: Garden Beautification Project

Suzanne spoke about Earth Bites, kids have moved to Module 2 which is immunity (how can we boost our immunity) they harvested rose hips from the garden, and they're currently drying them and will add ginger and honey for tea. Brenden is having them clean the garden and they're making insect homes with sticks and leaves. In a couple of weeks, the children will have a winter market (rosemary salt, soy candles, bath bombs with lavender from the garden, cookie in a jar, hot chocolate in a jar). The market is Dec 6th at 3pm, and all money will go back into the garden beautification program. The english side parents have put in 18 hours of cleaning up the garden. If anyone wants to volunteer 9-10:30 every Thursday.

12. SOGI: Gord Lau

Gord attended some DPAC events re: SOGI. SOGI: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. In 2016, the BC Human Rights code was updated to included SOGI as a protected class like religion etc. Flowing from the BC Human Rights Code comes the BC Ministry of education having a policy to protect sexual orientation and gender. Each school board will have a policy. Another term is SOGI 123, in addition to the school board policy is a set of classroom materials to help teachers to view the curriculum. The lesson plans are laid out simply and by age, some are concepts that are appropriate for young kids to older kids (ie, saying "thats so gay" is not ok) other lessons show children that all families exist differently (two mothers, etc), to show a diversity of families out there. The lesson plans are subtle and simple, as simple as a math questions that don't assume you have a mother and a father, simply showing the child that a math problem could be shown as "two mothers"...etc. Gay, lesbian, Trans children have poor health outcomes and this is a way to include more people and create a framework to have people understand other parts of our community. Older kids would learn about gender stereotypes or name-calling.