

Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: March 14, 2023, 5:30 pm

Location: Online Teams Meeting

Present: Brandy Kormany (Acting Chair), Mark Bonikowski (Vice Principle), Tim Mushumanski (Principle)
Various parents-unnamed.

1. Welcome and call to order

We acknowledge, respect, and honour the First Nations – including the Ktunaxa and Sinixt – in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No. 8

2. Approve previous minutes (Sept)

3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. Principal's report - Tim Mushumanski

- Student symposium – Diversity and inclusion. Student council and Mark and Davina attended.
- Gr 9 boys basketball vs. team from Vancouver Island.
- Gr 6/7 track meet – student council organized.
- Gr 9 open campus trial started.
- Idea: school run dance?
- Discussion requested from parents: student phones.
- Banning student cell phones? What are the obstacles?
- Wifi discussion: turn off wifi during learning time, kids using data, disparity of kids who have money vs kids who don't.
 - Is there an objection from parents? Kids? School?
 - Parent feedback varies: some have no problem with phones at school.
 - Question from parents: are there issues with kids doing inappropriate things?
 - Suggestion to focus on the isolated incidents and not penalize kids for using phones school wide
- Vaping discussion: issues with vaping in the bathrooms.
- Cell Phone discussion: Issues with content in general but overall, cell phones need to be put in cell-hotel. Some students have to leave cell phones with school admin. Kids are sometimes checking their phone in the hotel during 55-minute classes. Discussion surrounding: How does a school ban cell phones?

Phones in schools:

- Medical reasons, diabetes, anxiety, equity challenge, some parents are against kids having phones but understand it's a bigger issue. Some kids are without phones.
- Social impact of having phones, kids aren't playing in the breaks
- Not hearing the content is bad but impacts the attention span
- One child and their friends stay inside with their teacher because of no phones in school.
- Defeats the purpose of making the kids go outside.
- Upset phones are allowed. Too much control or ownership given to kids.

- Happy kids are checking phones in during class time. It's a struggle. Kids shouldn't be on phones at break time.
- Phones for some kids for emergency reasons, connect with kids.
- How does the office handle calls from parents to reach their kids.
- Gr 6 a lot of time in class is digital. Using laptops, ipads.
- Different classes use technology in different ways.
- Parents hearing their kids are upset their friends are on devices on breaks.
- Staff are sharing similar concerns. Seeing kids use phones on breaks is disheartening.
- Open campus is adding walks without phone use.
- Could kids use phones only after school?
- Phone hotels are good but when kids leave the classroom, there isn't always a adult in the room. Theft, could be expensive devices going missing. Lock box?

5. School fees:

Fees were audited, and had a positive result. Part of the process is to review the PAC:

- 23/24: LLE \$50, Band none grade 6, 7=25, gr 8/9 25 instrument, 100 no instrument.
- School supplies: option for school wide supplies – Trafalgar is not heading there.
- Student supplies: grade 6 list is crazy and needs to be paired down. Only need ¼ of it.
- Mark will check the list**** bring forward to next mtg. and will audit the list.

Funding request: drama teacher

- Mounting the lights 2 lighting technicians and programming 6-8 lights. Still need money amount.

Denise: Financial Report:

After all approved spending we have \$ **5,154.89** remaining in the gaming grant and **\$4368.07** remaining in the general account.

APPROVED ITEMS

1. running (x-country + track) team jerseys ~ \$800 We currently have 8 running jerseys with over 20 students on the team
2. craft, celebratory, and decor items for SAGA ~ \$865 - YTD purchases \$150.24 = 714.76
3. school garden tools ~ \$1,000 Equipment needed to tend to raised garden beds, which will be built in the spring
4. GR9 girls volleyball team jerseys ~ \$1800 30 jerseys @ ~ \$60 each / volleyball is very popular / TMS has no GR9 jerseys
5. Alien Inline skating for PE classes (5 DAYS) \$3,600 - paid deposit of \$354.38 = 3245.62

Total Remaining Approved Spending - \$7560.38

Accounts

Gaming \$12,715.27(after remaining approved Spending) - \$5,154.89

General Account - \$4638.07

Total Spent TYD \$3844.62

squat rack + olympic bar + hexagon bar + elastics \$1975.00

school dance (December) \$1365

IN-line skating deposit - \$354.38

SAGA - \$150.24

PAC times discussion: 6:30= 3 votes, 5:30= 1 vote. South Nelson parents are interested in joining the Trafalgar PAC so we will do a trial: 6:30 for the next meeting.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned: 6:36 pm