

## **Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 16, 2023, 6:30 pm

Location: Online Teams Meeting

**Present:** Lily Andersen (PAC Secretary), Denise Morris, Mark Bonikowski (Vice Principle), Tim Mushumanski (Principle), Agnez (Parent), Kristine (Parent)

Welcome and call to order at 6:34pm

*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*

### **Financial Report: Denise**

#### **APPROVED ITEMS:**

1. craft, celebratory, and decor items for SAGA ~ \$865 - YTD purchases \$150.24 = 714.76
2. school garden tools ~ \$1,000 Equipment needed to tend to raised garden beds, which will be built in the spring
3. GR9 girls volleyball team jerseys ~ \$1800 jerseys @ ~ \$60 each / volleyball is very popular / TMS has no GR9 jerseys
4. Track and Field jerseys / cross country \$1000
5. Archery Club – targets and repair kit - \$1000
6. End of school year lunch/activity - \$1500

**Total Remaining Approved Spending - \$7014.76**

Remaining gaming grant – \$6151.68

Community - \$4364.07

### **Principal's report (attached) - Tim Mushumanski**

**Next Meeting: June 13, 2023 @ 6:30 pm**

Meeting adjourned: 7:03 pm

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**Communication about concerns** If you have concerns with an SD8 process or decision, check out the following (<https://www.sd8.bc.ca/parents-students/communication>) to see proper channels to address the situation and resolve the concern. Your principal can help with any situation!

**Enrolment** Mr. Mush has put the following enrolment numbers together with help from the team:

Grade	Current year	23/24 year
Grade 6	154 students	98 <del>104</del> 94 students
Grade 7	143 students	163 <del>158</del> students
Grade 8	151 students	149 <del>150</del> students
Grade 9	166 students	156 <del>151</del> students
Totals	614	566 <del>563</del> 553

**Course Selection** Course selection is almost complete and we have started the process determining the number of electives and assigning homerooms to teachers. Parents are encouraged to login to our MyEd system (where reports are retrieved) and check out the courses their child has chosen. Mr. Mush sent instructions via email last week.

**Configuration For Learning** Grade 9 will see formal “podding” of two classroom teachers where one will take responsibility for instruction and assessment of English Language Arts and Social Studies and one will take responsibility for instruction and assessment of Math and Science. This system allows some specialization in those content areas and bridges more of the gap between LVR and Trafalgar.

**Find Your Fit** WorkBC visited Trafalgar on May 15 to bring workshops and hands-on experiences regarding trades-related professions to our students. We learned about some of the most-in-demand trades in BC and about some of the skills required to be successful. Every student in the school had the opportunity to check out the interactive displays and demonstrations.

**Alien Inline** Students and staff really enjoyed Dallas and his travelling in-line skating roadshow. We appreciate PAC's support for this expensive and fun experience!

**Orientation May 25 and June 7** Future grade 6 students will visit Trafalgar on the morning of May 25 for tours, questions, answers and introductions. Grade 5 students and parents are asked to imagine that they are already attached to Trafalgar and make their way to the school on that morning instead of going to their elementary school. Grade 5 teachers will meet students at the flag pole out front and take them into our learning spaces. On May 25 as well, Trafalgar grade 9 students will visit LVR for their orientation tour. Finally, on June 7, we are inviting all new parents to join us in the gym for introductions, orientations and questions.

**Visiting Feeder Schools** Mr. Mush and his team have visits planned for all elementary feeder schools to meet with grade 5 teachers to get transition information about their learners. Our new students are excited, nervous and have many questions.

**Start The Conversation** Grade 9 students made their way up to LVR on May 9 for a presentation on mental health. Victoria Maxwell presented her monologue on her personal experiences with mental illness. It was touching, interesting and funny at points.

**Grade 9 Trip** Permission forms went home today! We are officially going to Pines Camp to celebrate our years at Trafalgar. Dates are June 26 to 28.

**Trafalgar Carnival** Parent Cindy Turner has offered to help us host the Trafalgar Carnival on June 14 in our gym. We are inviting our elementary feeder school students and parents to play some games, have some food and help us fundraise for next year's grade 9 year-end trip.

**Beauty and the Beast** Our drama department is going Disney! On June 7, 8 and 9 we can all see our theatrical production in our Fine Arts Centre (FAC). We have many talented actors and behind-the-scenes support students here at Trafalgar.

**Admin Changes** Mark Bonikowsky is leaving Trafalgar on August 1 as he has been appointed Principal at Redfish Elementary School. We are sad to see our super capable and super friendly Vice-Principal go to Redfish but we know they will love him there!

**Important Dates Coming Up:**

May 16	Math workshop in our library this morning
May 16	PAC meeting at 6:30 pm
May 16	Superintendent Visit
May 18	Book club breakfast
May 19	Powwow in Creston
May 24	Grade 6 Immunizations
May 25	Grade 10 orientation at LVR (8:40 to 11:00)
May 25	Grade 5 orientation at TMS (8:40 to 10:30)
June 7	New parent info session at TMS in the gym @ 6 pm
June 7,8,9	Beauty and the Beast Jr drama production at TMS
June 14	Carnival!
Jun 14	Grade 6 Immunizations
Jun 29	Last day of school; buses run 3 hours earlier than normal