

## **Trafalgar PAC Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 11, 2023, 5:30 pm

Location: Online Teams Meeting

Present: Denise Morris (Acting Chair), Mark Bonikowski (Vice Principle), Tim Mushumanski (Principle)

Jackie Routien, Janeen Mather, Kristine, Agnez, Breanne, Kate Walker

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

### **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

### **Current Balance**

General Account - \$4,366.07

Gaming Account - \$12,715.27

- a. Basketball jerseys to be purchased with next years gaming money
- b. X-country jerseys – will ask for more funding in the fall. Jerseys required for all age groups
- c. PAC to cover costs for year end lunch if the school approves

### **Principal's Report**

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 Predictions Mr. Mush has put the following enrolment prediction numbers together with help from the team:

Grade Current year 23/24 year  
Grade 6 154 students 104 94 students  
Grade 7 143 students 158 students  
Grade 8 151 students 150 students  
Grade 9 166 students 151 students

Course Selection We will send out course selection information by April 14. Students will choose courses online instead of on paper.

Increased Privileges for Grade 9s We have opened up our campus to allow grade 9s to leave during the lunch recess. We are pleased with how students have responded and the vast majority of them have been good neighbours, obeyed traffic rules, not littered and followed the school code of conduct. Well done, grade 9s!

Configuration For Learning Mr. Mush and staff are looking at different options and models for grade 9 learners for next year. It might be time to look at a timetable that resembles the high school model more than an elementary model. Students could see a different teacher for Math, Science, Social Studies and English. Once we have had a larger discussion at an upcoming staff meeting, Mr. Mush will reach out to grade 8 parents for some input.

Staff Book Club Some Trafalgar staff are reading Kids These Days by Dr. Jody Carrington and meeting to discuss what we could use in our classrooms. It is all about human connections and how important they are in our world and in our schools. Three breakfast meetings are scheduled to discuss the book. PBIS at Trafalgar Staff will start looking at Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports for Trafalgar. This system approach informs students of what is expected where and when. It is used widely in schools across the globe and has been shown to improve student achievement and belonging even in the toughest of schools.

Early Dismissal April 26 and 27 are early dismissal days at Trafalgar. Students will be dismissed one hour earlier than normal (2:05 pm) giving parents and teachers time to meeting to discuss student progress. Mr. Mush sent out instructions on how to sign up for conferences on April 11. Any parent needing assistance should call the school.

Absences, Lates and Info One email address is the most efficient way to get your child's absence, late or early departure into our hands. The address [trafalgar@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:trafalgar@sd8.bc.ca) is seen by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Counselor and three clericals. No more remembering specific addresses

Grade 9 Trip We have tentatively planned a year-end grade 9 celebration field trip to Pines Camp near Grand Forks. Details will come out later this week. Dates are June 26 to 28.

Learning Surveys Mr. Mush sent out info today about Learning Surveys created by the Ministry of Education. We would like as many parents as possible to complete the survey about Trafalgar. This data guides us in planning for tomorrow and operating today.

Important Dates Coming Up:  
Apr 17 District Pro-D Day

Apr 19 PBIS Dinner  
Apr 20 Book club breakfast  
Apr 26+27 Early Dismissals  
May 4 Book club breakfast  
May 18 Book club breakfast  
May 24 Grade 6 Immunizations  
Jun 14 Grade 6 Immunizations  
Jun 29 Last day of school