

TRAFALGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

PAC MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Library

(Video conference link will also be available)

In person: Tim Mushumanski (principal), Bruce Ramsay, Clinton Swanson, Antonia Banyard, Lorien Quattrocchi (and Lindy)

Online: Patricia Routien, Jackie Routien, Bianca Duffy, Kristine Kanigan, Breanne Goudreau, Selena Davis, Danielle Klassen

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgment
2. Review and Approval of Agenda
Approved.
3. Minutes – review and approval of December Minutes
M/Bruce. Approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Lorien
M/Bruce. Approved
 - Final call out for outstanding invoices from 2022/2023 school year;
 - PAC Budget – review and motion to approve.
 - draft account details and budget to circulate with these minutes
 - we urgently need to order new cheques, Lorien reviewed quotes.
 - Motion: order 2 books of cheques from Hall Printing (approx. \$250.00).
 - M/Lorien; 2nd/Bruce. Approved
 - Discussion included:
 - adding a healthy contingency (10%-20%? more than the \$1000 currently in draft budget),
 - process around how spending actually happens (so that decisions are not made just by the PAC executive, would like the process to be more transparent)

-- the purpose of circulating this draft budget is to build a record for future years, will give us a better sense of which programs have been supported, and to be a better resource for parents and the school

-- How do teachers, etc. know that money has been allocated to various categories? Tim does field regular requests from teachers who need financial help. Could add some timelines, to reserve money for the last part of the school year

-- information could be circulated on guidelines about how Gaming money should be spent

-- this draft budget gives us more structure and clarity than we've had before

-- Tim confirmed that there are no outstanding invoices from last year. There were some outstanding pledges, but not invoices.

-- Inline skating invoice was paid (Tim will double check but he's pretty sure it was paid.) Inline skating for 2024 will be reviewed in February staff meeting.

-- would like to get staff input before we vote to adopt this budget

-- emphasis has been away from athletics and towards arts this year. Have we covered all the categories? We will ask staff about this.

-- divide funds evenly rather than differing amounts (ie. \$1500 for Gr 9 celebration, \$1000 for athletics, etc.)

5. Principal's Report to include reply to "How EAs work at TMS" - Tim

-- report is below

-- "How EAs work at TMS" tabled for next meeting

6. DPAC - No December meeting – No report

7. Updates (in progress events and fundraisers):

A request was made for both Band and French Immersion committees to provide fundraising progress updates at the next meeting.

a. Band Trip committee check in

-- Burger and Beer event booked Feb 28 at Finleys

-- how do we sell tickets? Parents can buy books of tickets and then sell them to recoup their money. Or sell tickets at the door (usually 30-40% at the door).

-- Dance at Bloom, Tuesday March 12, 6-9pm.

-- French exchange (Quebec students) will be in town and will be invited.

-- Organizer at Bloom would like to collect the money, and get a tax receipt. Clinton and Tim to discuss this.

-- kids will pay at the door, with a school list to check against. Jackie recommends students getting a wrist band.

-- will kids be able to come and go? Usually come-and-go privileges are not allowed. This will be a closed event.

b. French Immersion Trip committee check in

-- kids have been asking for donations for silent auction or straight donations. Though plans for silent auction are unclear (would be a school thing, not a PAC thing).

-- Co-op grocery cards not as lucrative as Save-On

-- Growing Smiles plant fundraiser was suggested

c. Spirit Wear - PAC Exec coordinating - more information to follow

-- Jackie to meet with Tim this week to discuss

8. New items:

a. Fundraisers – need for preplanning and coordination.

-- Next meeting, we'd like French Immersion and Band trip committee reps to present an update of what has been done, how much raised, how much still needs to be raised.

-- fundraising for general funds for PAC (ie. not for specific use such as band trip or exchange)

b. PAC General Fundraisers - Easter Purdys and End of year Carnival. Is Spring community yard sale possible?

-- Carnival fundraiser will be on February staff meeting

-- may have a summer dance, maybe in June

c. Grade 9 Trip – what's the plan?

-- plans to go to Pines in the works, would be happy for some support from PAC

d. Yearbook – what's the plan?

-- Jesse Anast is running a yearbook LLE. Funding probably not needed.

Adjourned: 7:18pm

Next meeting: Feb 13, 6pm

Trafalgar PAC

January 9, 2024

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!

French Immersion Registration for 24/25 The district held their annual French Immersion Parent Information Night on January 4. A recording of the Zoom session will be posted on the SD8 website shortly. Registration for grade 5 students wishing to enrol in grade 6 French Immersion for 24/25 is now open until March 1, 2024. See this link for more information: [French Immersion Registration Now Open! | SD8 Kootenay Lake](#)

Term Two LLEs started Students are settling into their new LLEs which started on January 3. Some of the new LLEs are model-building, bike lab and archery. Some limited changes are possible for students by seeing Ms. Mather by Friday, January 12.

Ski Days for Students We have three ski days lined up for each grade at Trafalgar. Grade 6 will take to Whitewater on January 8, 22 and 29, grade 7 on Feb 5, 12 and 26, grade 8 on January 9, 16, and 23, grade 9 on January 11, 18 and 25. Lessons for school groups are mandatory even for the most accomplished skiers and snowboarders. We encourage families to participate with the school instead of sending their child up to the hill on those days to ski with their friends but not be supervised by the school. It puts the school in a tough situation.

Fancy Shawls Inspired by Trafalgar's own Nikita Shlakoff and Destiny Levesque (also her sister Cheyenne, now at LVR), many indigenous Trafalgar students excitedly asked, "Can I make regalia? Can we dance, too?". With the guidance and wisdom of Elder Donna Wright and the helpful hands and sewing experience of moms and aunties, a group of 15 students and community knowledge keepers are making their first piece of regalia, a Fancy Shawl. We will learn the dance steps when we are completed and do our first dance in the spring at the Creston Powwow. As Donna reminds us each time we gather, "This is about relationships. This is about our group and the process we go through together, and we can teach the next group what we learn."

AbEd Field trips We will have winter survival skills and snowshoeing in February, and we are also preparing for our ABED Community Winter Feast made by ABED students coming up in February—moose stew, rosehip tea, and more.

Important Dates Coming Up:

Jan 8, 22 and 29	Grade 6 Ski days
Feb 5, 12 and 26	Grade 7 Ski days
Jan 9, 16, and 23	Grade 8 Ski days
Jan 11, 18 and 25	Grade 9 Ski days
Jan 15	SD8 Pro-D Day
Feb 16	SD8 Pro-D Day
Feb 19	Family Day, no school
Mar 15ish	Next Learning Update (report card) home