

TRAFALGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC

MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, November 12, 2024

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Library

(Video conference link will also be available)

Present: (in person) Lorien (acting chair); Jon Breisnes (DPAC rep), Janeen Mather, Colleen Thomas, Clinton Swanson, Caroline St-Germaine, Bruce Ramsay (treasurer), Jackie Routien, Antonia Banyard (secretary), Tim Mushumanski (principal).

(remote) Angela, Kristine, Lauren Fanthome, Patricia Routien (chair), Sarah Canale, Tara, Keiko Lee-Hem, Tobi Ridge, John, Brianne, Selena Davis, Sean Ryan, Emma Felten, Nona Lynn, Karen Pilipishen

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgment

Lorien gave a land acknowledgement

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

m/ Jon; 2nd/Toni

3. Minutes – review and approval of October Minutes

m/Bruce; 2nd/ Jon

4. Treasurer's Report and School funding requests (Bruce)

See Treasurer's Report (appendix).

School funding request details:

ROAR cards (Tim Mushumanski) all students- **\$1,800 in gift card prizes**
- *Approved unanimously via Executive motion on October 16, 2024.*

A. *Ratified:* by Colleen Thomas and [a parent online]

The suggestion was made that the PAC have conversation in the spring about the effectiveness of this program.

B. Grade 9 boys track and basketball teams – (Jesse Anast teacher sponsor) *30 track/basketball home/away reversible jerseys – funds requested **\$1,256.00***

This request was withdrawn by the basketball reps in attendance (Caroline St G and Janeen M). Basketball's priority is

assistance for travel costs for their required SD8 employee sponsor.

- C. Grade 9 Basketball – (Caroline St-Germain and other parents) – *specific request for funding of travel and accommodations for SD8 teacher sponsor to tournaments including those in the Okanagan and Vancouver– **no specific dollar amount.*** Plans are uncertain at this point so no real idea of budget or funds needed.

PAC agreed to fund \$2400 for this specific purpose

- D. Pride Club - 15+ kids - student club (Jen Bailey teacher sponsor). Request: **\$1,000** for beading pronoun badge project, button maker and occasional pizza/snacks.

PAC agreed to fund \$500 (\$150 for beading project, \$200 button maker machine and \$150 towards pizza lunch)

- E. Library – (Karen Walgren – Librarian) All Students - **\$2,000** - **\$1,000** for *graphic novel/book replacement and Elephant Mountain Literacy Author Visit (\$700 - \$1,000)*

English and French graphic novels are in high demand and current copies are in poor repair. In and out daily use with double the circulation of regular books. Graphic novels also cost more than regular books. Author visit last year was amazing - students were engaged and presenting author was the best yet. 3/4 of the school's students participated! Librarian would love to have PAC provide this again.

PAC agreed to fund \$750 for replacing graphic novels. Elephant Mountain Lit Society will cover the cost for the author visit in the spring.

- F. Band Sun Peaks Festival trip (Justin Ratzberg teacher via Band rep) - 55 Gr 8 & 9 students - **\$5,000** for *transportation plus performance uniforms that will stay at the school.* Last year PAC matched parent donation of \$3675 and 27 kids went on trip.

PAC agreed to fund \$2400 toward travel costs (bus)

- G. Drama/Musical theatre production “Wonka” (Amy McKay teacher) - 60+ kids - **\$1,200 wigs, make up and other costume and prop needs, starter funds to purchase candy for fundraiser.**

PAC agreed to fund \$750, primarily toward costume needs, etc.

- H. Spike Ball games (Class 6-1 MS Sierra teacher via parent Colleen O’Hara) *general request - **no specific \$ amount.***

Request withdrawn

- I. Zine Club (Sharon Inkpen teacher) – 30 students – *General request for funding. **\$amount not yet provided***

Motion: Bruce makes a motion to approve funding as following: \$2400 for basketball, \$500 for Pride, \$750 for library support, \$2400 to band, \$750 for drama. This leaves \$2280 still available of 2024-25 Gaming grant of \$11,280

2nd/ Lorien. 1 not in favour. Approved.

5. DPAC Report – Jon

October 17 meeting was an AGM. See below for DPAC Report (appendix)

6. Principal’s Report and School Budget review – Tim

See below for Principal’s Report (appendix)

7. New business (if time allows):

- a. Engagement with Scott Rothermel (sp) re: bullying

Tim suggested hosting a parent evening

- b. Addressing students using racial slurs in the school

Tim reports an increase in play fighting and videoing fights. It’s proving to be very challenging. Racial slurs are an ongoing issue in schools. Staff will address immediately when they hear them. Zero tolerance for individual actions but not for students (meaning, students will not be kicked out permanently).

There is online reporting, can be done anonymously. But this is not a foolproof solution.

Nona would love to see Scott Rothermel in person and it's free. He does 3 different talks. Parents can come with or without their kids.

Suggests that the Pride club could be a Pride and Anti-Racism club. An Ally club.

Breanne asked about Zin / Zyn – snuff packets that kids are using. Discussion tabled for future meeting.

Adjourned at 7:33pm

TREASURERS REPORT – NOVEMBER 12, 2024

-No activity in bank accounts. Community Account Balance: \$5,013.65. Gaming Account Balance: \$20,691.75 comprised of current year Gaming Grant \$11,280 (together with a float (working capital) of \$9,411.75)

- Activity since last PAC meeting mostly set up or the year, updating signing authorities, reviewing prior years books and records, reviewing funding requests etc

- An unanimous Executive motion was approved for \$1,800 to fund TMS Roar Card program again this year. The program is already underway.

FUNDING REQUESTS

- Background information: 2024-25 Gaming Grant = \$11,280. \$1,800 of this is reserved for Roar Card program.

- In addition, some portion of the remaining balance needs to be reserved for future funding requests / later in the year (we ought not allocate the amount out this early in the school year).

- Funding requests (including Roar) to date total \$12,256, exceeding available funds. Treasurer's recommended allocations are below, totalling \$7,556. If approved would leave \$3,724 available funding for the balance of the school year.

MOTION BASED ON TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved that PAC approve the following funding:

- A. Ratification of \$1,800 Roar Card funding unanimously approved by Executive in October.
- B. Either \$1,256 for boys track and basketball team reversible jerseys, **OR**, in the alternative - C
- C. \$1,256 general funding for basketball team (Tournament Fees, travel funding for volunteer coach, etc.)
- D. \$500 Pride Club to fund pronoun beading project (\$150), button maker machine (\$200) and support towards the club's pizza lunch hosting (\$150).
- E. \$750 for Library graphic novel replacement / enhancement. (Author Visit funding request deferred pending potential EML funding)

- F. \$2,250 Band Sun Peaks Festival travel contribution.
- G. \$1,000 Drama production "Wonka" for wigs, make up, costume and prop needs.
- H. Spike Ball request withdrawn (nil).
- I. Zine Club – insufficient information currently available (nil, for now).

Note: Allocated funds are held in PAC accounts pending provision of actual receipts

DPAC REPORT NOV 12/2024

The October meeting was held on October 17th 2024. This was actually both an AGM and the regularly scheduled meeting. Interestingly, the DPAC only scheduled 30 minutes for the AGM. This turned out to be nowhere near enough.

There was a lot of interest into answers regarding the previous meeting's disclosures of financial irregularities and presumed theft. I spoke at length of how, in my view, the current Executive was taking absolutely no responsibility for anything that had happened and how that was very concerning to me. The Executive was laying blame in a lot of different places but taking very little responsibility of their own.

The vote was pushed forward even though several requests had been made to put it on hold. In that vote, Natalia Nazaroff was defeated by Sheri Pawlyshyn. Sheri has become the new DPAC Chair.

Natalia then went on to request that she be the sole front for the ongoing police investigation. This request was denied as the new Chair would of course need to be involved. Natalia cited a bylaw that only the chair can represent the DPAC and tried to get the membership to vote to give only her access/authority to speak to police.

It was a very uncomfortable end to the AGM.

As Sheri had been surprised to become DPAC Chair, she was not prepared to take over the immediately following DPAC meeting, so Natalia chaired one last meeting.

The AGM itself ended up being over 90 minutes.

I had previous commitments and so had to step out at that point. Lorien can follow up with the events of the actual meeting.

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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!

Basketball next up We have had a great volleyball and cross-country running season. Thank you to our volunteer coaches including two parent coaches (Tara Cowan, Kristina Little), three teacher coaches (Ethan McCluskey, Chris Mieske, Camryn Wallan) and three volunteer staff sponsors (Robyn Cabunoc-Boettcher, Eliza Forbes, Misha Chernoff). Basketball season is next up!

Reporting in December With parent teacher interviews in October, we are now focusing on Learning Updates, due to be published to parents on December 6. Parents can expect student self-reflection on the core competencies on paper along with a written Learning Update digitally published to the MyEd portal. We are focusing our efforts on every curricular area with two stars and a wish for each student.

LLEs are changing soon Students will soon pick their next Life Long Exploration for a January 8 start. Choices will be published shortly to both students and parents.

FSAs are complete Trafalgar grade 7 students have completed their Foundation Skills Assessments for 24/25 and the assessments will be evaluated at the end of November. Students and parents can expect to see their booklets and achievement levels around the end of January.

Budget Principal Mushumanski presented the board budget (attached) to the PAC and briefly explained the highlights.

Important Dates Coming Up:

Dec 6	Learning update published to the parent portal
Dec 10	TMS PAC meeting @ 6 pm
Dec 11	Band concert @ 7:00 pm
Dec 20	Last school day before winter holidays
Jan 6	First school day of 2025

Nov 8/24

Indigenous District of Columbia, Inc.
2024-2025

Account	Code	Budget Balance	Spent	Remaining	Percentage left	
OPERATING FUNDS						
Accounts Receivable	000-75500-62	-	5,013.37	(5,013.37)		
TTOC School Purchased	102-14020-62	-	716.13	(716.13)		
TTOC Staff Development	102-14030-62	-	-	-		
TTOC Benefits	102-24020-62	-	165.12	(165.12)		
Transportation	102-34401-62	32,744.00	512.28	32,231.72		
Staff Dev	102-35380-62	4,601.00	1,212.16	3,388.84		
Photocopy	102-50300-62	17,132.00	922.15	16,209.85		
Outdoor Education	102-51009-62	5,000.00	-	5,000.00		
General Supplies	102-51100-62	28,541.00	4,414.49	24,126.51		
Homeschool Supplies	102-51111-62	500.00	-	500.00		
Grade 6 Team	102-51126-62	4,800.00	1,414.23	3,385.77		
Grade 7 Team	102-51127-62	4,800.00	1,041.26	3,758.74		
Grade 8 Team	102-51128-62	4,800.00	1,494.16	3,305.84		
Grade 9 Team	102-51129-62	4,800.00	1,372.23	3,427.77		
Learning Resources - General	102-53110-62	5,738.00	912.66	4,825.34		
Equipment	102-58000-62	1,632.00	1,093.88	538.12		
Equipment Purch-Life Cycling	102-58002-62	6,574.00	-	6,574.00		
Computer Equipment	102-59000-62	-	-	-		
Telephones	141-31770-62	1,216.00	310.93	905.07		
Postage and Courier	141-31774-62	1,118.00	121.00	997.00		
PVP Pro-D- Jess A339	141-35300-62	3,477.00	-	3,477.00		
PVP Pro-D- Tim A248	141-35300-62	3,747.00	-	3,747.00		
TOTAL NON-TARGETED - 62		131,220.00	20,716.05	110,503.95	84%	110,503.95
ABED 131						115,517.32
						total with AR's paid back
Indigenous School Funds	8103-1-31-51132	5,000.00	1,832.52	3,167.48		
Total AB ED - 62		5,000.00	1,832.52	3,167.48	63%	
SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND - 435/442						
Food/Meals - Feeding Futures	442-000-55706-62	15,000.00	1,451.75	13,548.25		
ABED Equity - Feeding Futures	442-000-55708-62	4,620.00	148.50	4,471.50		
Hardship Funds	435-000-51700-62	22,960.00	-	22,960.00		
TOTAL SPECIAL PURPOSE FUND - 62		42,580.00	1,600.25	40,979.75	96%	
FRENCH 440						
Cultural Events	440-42110-62		1,466.05	(1,466.05)		
Fr Core Supply	440-51402-62		2,286.00	(2,286.00)		
Immersion Resources - General	440-51407-62		236.62	(236.62)		
e-Learning Tec Grant	440-51409-62		112.90	(112.90)		
TOTAL FRENCH		-	4,101.57	(4,101.57)	#DIV/0!	
TOTAL TARGETED -62		47,580.00	7,534.34	40,045.66	84%	
TOTAL BUDGET - 62		178,800.00	28,260.39	150,549.61	84.20%	150,549.61