

TRAFALGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

Attendance:

In Person: *Patricia Routien (Chair), Jon Breisnes (DPAC Rep), Bruce Ramsay (Treasurer), Lorien Quattrocchi (Vice Chair), Emma Lesnik, Shannon Lewis, Caroline St. Germain, Jackie Routien (Band Committee Rep), Tim Mushumanski (Principal) and Jess Foster (Vice Principal)*

Online: *Sarah Canale, Leon Gosney, Nona Lynn, Kristine, Paula, Toby Hauk, Selena Davis, Moe and Bryar Radonich*

Regrets: *Antonia Banyard (Secretary)*

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgment** (Patricia)
2. **Agenda** – Call for any additions. Approved as drafted. (Patricia)
3. **Minutes** – November Minutes. Call for changes. Approved without revision. (Patricia)
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Bruce) – Full Report attached.
Current account balances: Community Account: \$5,011.65
Gaming Account: \$22,902.45 (NB \$12,091.75 after cheques, fundraising and outstanding committed amounts deducted)
5. **School Funding Request Motion** (Janeen Mather) that *\$2,000 be allocated for the purchase of home/away reversible basketball jerseys to be used by this year's Grade 9 boys basketball team and then retained by the school.*

Discussion notes: Several parents in support raised that Team needs both Home and Away jerseys in order to properly play – currently only have Away which means other team has to be asked to switch designation jerseys at

game time – very embarrassing for the kids and doesn't look good on Trafalgar. Jersey's have a 4-5 season life span so expenditure will support future teams as well. Significant discussion period with many questions for the basketball reps, concerns raised about need, retaining funds for future School Funding Requests, whether Jerseys would be unisex (yes) and possibility of PAC getting reimbursed from District for Grade 9 items like jersey's not provided as promised when Grade 9's were pushed out of LVR to TMS.

Treasurer's calculations and position (excerpt from B. Ramsay): Treasurer objected to the motion on basis that Gr 9 Boys Basketball received \$2,400 at prior month's (November 2024) PAC meeting. This funding represented the highest per student funding awarded by PAC during the prior 7 years - \$240 "Per Benefiting Student". Funding allocations for the past 7 years (30 separate fundings analyzed) averaged only \$42 'per benefiting student'. Previous highest awarded in prior years was 2023-24 Band and French Exchange Trips each at approximately \$130 per benefiting student. Further funding to Boys gr. 9 Basketball would push the \$240 per benefiting student even higher - seemingly further out of line - and thus inequitable vis-à-vis balancing the needs of other TMS groups. In addition, the Reversible Jersey request was withdrawn at the November 12 meeting (see Minutes) in favour of funding toward SD8 employee travel (the \$2,400 received).

Discussion period closed. Motion made by Emma Lesnik and seconded by Leon Gosney. Vote: All online parents' cameras turned on to record vote. Overall vote count online and in person: 16 in favour, 2 opposed, 1 abstain Motion carried. Cheque to be written to the school.

6. **Principal's Report and School Budget** – Full Report Attached. Budget attached to November Minutes. No questions raised. Tim advised the only big change this year is a \$7,000 increase to the transportation line. Considering this line was \$11,000 over drawn last year, this doesn't really change anything for TMS.

7. **DPAC Report – Jon**

Next DPAC Meeting will be in January (no December meeting).

New Executive are onboard and working hard to get up to speed and find a way forward. DPAC is looking for a Bylaw update committee if any parents are interested in joining please reach out to DPAC direct or let Jon know and he can direct you. New DPAC Treasurer is also running for BCCPAC Treasurer – would be great to have further representation of our Area on BCCPAC.

8. **Band Committee Report – Jackie**

Brief update - Two fundraisers completed. Net profit: Purdys \$1,714.78 and Rafflebox 50/50 \$1,056.09 (winner received \$1,412.50). Band Concert this week – donations at the door – parents already in place to assist. More fundraisers in the works for the New Year.

9. **New business:**

- A. **BCCPAC News** relayed by Patricia: BCCPAC Granted Ministry Funding to Support Anti-Racism in BC Schools. "BCCPAC has been granted \$40,000 in funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care to launch the Parent Engagement and Communications Initiative as part of the K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan. Through this initiative, [BCCPAC] will create a communication series with short videos, speakers, and live online conversations to engage and support parents and caregivers in fostering anti-racist school communities. [BCCPAC has] established a project advisory group made up of Indigenous, Black and other racialized people. This group will play a central role in guiding [BCCPAC] efforts and ensuring our approach reflects the voices and experiences of the students and communities most impacted by racism. The advisory group includes parents and representatives from partner organizations who are dedicated to anti-racism in education. More info to come soon."
- B. **Fundraisers Grade 9 Basketball team – 50/50 Rafflebox in New Year?** (Emma Lesnik team co-team manager) – Earlier discussion during the jersey funding request made it clear that this team will be attending many tournaments (25 games) and parents will be incurring significant cost in travel (Vernon, Kamloops, etc...), accommodation and tournament fees. Fundraising will be needed. PAC Basketball parent committee has formed and is preparing to do a Bottle Drive soon. Patricia suggested to Emma that a discussion about team needs and

what can be covered via gaming vs regular fundraising and the School/PAC requirements for fundraisers and communication be discussed directly after the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned – Happy Holidays.

NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2025

Prepared by Patricia Routien