

TRAFALGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC

MEETING Minutes

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Library

(Video conference link will also be available)

Attendance

In person: Kristene, Colleen, Tim Mushumanski (principal), Jackie Routien, Lorien Quattrocchi, Patricia Routien (chair), Jon Breisnes (DPAC rep), Bruce Ramsay (Treasurer), Clinton Swanson, Antonia Banyard (secretary)

Online: Selena Davis

We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Trafalgar Middle School PAC operates and all Indigenous Peoples residing within the boundaries of School District #8.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgment (Patricia)
2. Review and Approval of Agenda Approved as drafted. (Patricia)
3. Minutes – review and approval of January Minutes Approved without revision. (Patricia)
4. Treasurer's Report – Bruce (Full report below.)

Move to accept treasurer's report: 1st/Lorien; 2nd [not recorded](a) Funding requests Grade 9 girls volleyball and Grade 9 girls basketball Request for \$4000 (\$2000 for volleyball jerseys, \$2000 for basketball jerseys)

This will match funds that was given to the boys' teams. See letters of support from Karie Jackson and Honor Rozee (teacher sponsors) and Staci Proctor (retired coach).

Strong recommendation to go with a Canadian company. There is a supplier in Victoria, and a local one that Karie found. Ask teacher volunteers to get estimates (for volleyball at least, and for basketball if there's time) to bring to April or May PAC meeting.

Will try to look for a company that charges less than the company that printed boys's jerseys (which came in over budget). Would like reversable jerseys.

We will revisit this motion after the DPAC meeting / discussion.

Tim will look into PAC cheque that was given to TMS for Grade 9 boys basketball jerseys.

1st/ Lorien; 2nd / Jon. Carried.

5. Principal's Report – Tim (see attached)

School bathroom renovation: The private bathrooms on the ground floor are too private. Too dark, too tucked away. New stalls will be completely private (like those at the Prestige). The sight lines from the hallway to the sinks will be open. Lighting will be brighter.

In future, the toilets will be upgraded.

End of year activities: Grade 8 kids to Silverwood (June 18), Grade 9s to Pines camp for 2 nights (June 18-20). Grades 6 & 7 will go on local day trips. Will discuss details in early April.

6. DPAC Report – Jon (Full report below)

(a) Grade 9 LVR Funding promises

Jon asked Tim if there were any funds left over from when the Grade 9s were moved from LVR to Trafalgar. Tim confirmed that no equalizing funds were transferred.

7. Band Committee Report – Jackie

(a) Rafflebox 50/50 online now.

(b) Dance – March 13th school gym

(c) Burger and beer in April

(d) end of year concert

(e) looking into other fundraising options like open-air concerts

(f) still doing research before ordering uniforms

8. Basketball Committee Report (if any)

Tabled.

9. New business: As time allows.

No new business.

NEXT MEETING – April 8, 2025

PAC TREASURER REPORT MARCH 11, 2025

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE

MISTAKEN DEPOSIT REMEDY OWED
CALCULATED ACTUAL PAC FUNDS

\$	5,115.65
-\$	110.00
\$	5,005.65

(\$2.00 FEE). MISTAKEN \$110 E-TRANSFER (RE SKIING) RECEIVED
OWED TO BAR (WHO FUNDED QUICK REMEMDY TO TMS)

RECONCIATION TO PRIOR PAC MEETING

GAMING ACCOUNT ACTUAL BANK BALANCE

\$	10,763.23
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GAMING ACCOUNT PRIOR BALANCE (PAC MEETING JANUARY 14)

10,991.75

DEPOSITS

PURDY'S BONUS PAYMENT

171.48

CHEQUES CASHED

116 J ROUTIEN REIMBURSMENTS (ROAR)

- 400.00

ROAR EXPENSES

- 400.00

PREDICTED BALANCE

10,763.23

GAMING ACCOUNT ACTUAL BANK BALANCE

\$ 10,763.23

SHOULD BE ZERO:

\$ -

CALCULATION TO ACTUAL AVAILABLE FUNDS

ADDITIONAL COMMITTED AMOUNTS:

ROAR CARDS, NET OF EXPENDED / REIMBURSED

- 600.00

1800-800-400

RECESS EQUIPMENT FUNDING - CONDITIONAL

- 1,750.00

UNCASHED CHEQUES OUTSTANDING (#115 BAND)

- 1,500.00

FUND RAISING PROGRAMS UNDERWAY (INVOLVING PAC FUNDS)

BAND:

PURDY'S CHEQUE

- 171.48

BASKETBALL:

GAMING ACCOUNT CALCULATED NET AVAILABLE BALANCE

6,741.75

OTHER CONFIRMATIONS & ANALYSIS:

2024-25 GAMING GRANT

11,280.00

TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

13,950.00

OVERAGE / AVAILABLE OF 2024-25 GRANT FUNDS

- 2,670.00

ADD 1750 ADMIN

FUNDS ON HAND COMPRISED OF:

OPENING BALANCE

9,411.75

OVERAGE/ALLOCATED 2024-25 GRANT

- 2,670.00

EXPECTED NET BALANCE

6,741.75

DIFFERENCE SHOULD BE NIL:

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DOUBLE CHECK:

OPENING BALANCE JULY 1

9,411.75

GAMING CHEQUE REC'D

11,280.00

TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

-13,950.00

EXPECTED NET BALANCE

6,741.75

DIFFERENCE SHOULD BE NIL

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Trafalgar Middle School PAC <trafalgapacsd8@gmail.com>

Girls Uniform Funding

Karie Jackson <karie.jackson@sd8.bc.ca>

11 March 2025 at 16:21

To: "trafalgapacsd8@gmail.com" <trafalgapacsd8@gmail.com>

Dear Parent Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to request your support in funding new basketball uniforms for our Grade 9 girls' basketball team. As you know, participation in sports is a vital aspect of personal development, particularly for young girls. It not only fosters physical health and teamwork but also builds self-confidence and provides an opportunity for them to be role models for younger students.

Our girls basketball players have shown great enthusiasm and dedication to their sport this season (the grade 8 girls won the West Kootenay championships!).

However, they currently face a challenge: their uniforms are ill-fitting and do not meet the specific needs of the players. Having properly fitting and high-quality uniforms is crucial to ensuring that the girls feel comfortable and confident while competing. A good uniform enhances performance, promotes a sense of belonging to the team, and helps athletes focus on the game instead of worrying about their attire.

We are requesting \$2,000 from the Parent Council to help cover the cost of new basketball uniforms that will fit our players well, allowing them to perform at their best and represent our school with pride. This investment would not only benefit the girls directly involved in the team but would also serve as a powerful reminder to all students of the importance of supporting young women in sports.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support would go a long way in helping our students continue to thrive in their athletic endeavors. I would be happy to meet in person or provide additional information if needed.

Warm regards,

Karie Jackson

Grade 6 Teacher and Basketball Coach

Trafalgar Middle School

[Karie.jackson@sd8.bc.ca](mailto:karie.jackson@sd8.bc.ca)



Trafalgar Middle School PAC <trafalgarpacsd8@gmail.com>

Letter of support : Girls' sport jersey purchase

Honor Rozee <Honor.Rozee@sd8.bc.ca>

11 March 2025 at 14:40

To: "TrafalgarPACsd8@gmail.com" <TrafalgarPACsd8@gmail.com>

Dear PAC,

I am writing to express my support for the funding request of \$2,000 for each of the Girls Grade 9 Basketball & Girls Grade 9 Volleyball Teams.

Supporting girls in sport has never been more relevant and important; with the rising popularity of women's professional sports leagues, and the well-known positive effects of sport for girls. According to the Women's Sports Foundation, founded by Billie Jean King, girls who play sports are more likely to get better grades, graduate high school, have higher levels of confidence and self-esteem, a more positive body image, and experience higher states of psychological well-being.

Since Trafalgar expanded to have grade 9 as well, the grade 7/8/9 girls' volleyball and basketball programs have been sharing one set of jerseys. This makes things complicated when they are playing on the same day at different locations, and more challenging for volunteer coaches who manage the equipment. Thank you for also understanding that girl's jerseys fit differently than boys, and require different styles of shorts for basketball, and tops for volleyball.

In preparation for this request, we have identified two potential suppliers and would like to make the purchase this Spring so that the jerseys have arrived and are ready for a successful beginning of the season in the 2025/26 school year.

This investment will benefit many student athletes for years to come and would contribute to the growing culture of girls' sports at Trafalgar.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Honor Rozee

Grade 9 French Immersion teacher

Girls' volleyball volunteer coach

Girls' basketball volunteer coach



Trafalgar Middle School PAC <trafalgapacs8@gmail.com>

Uniform support

Staci Proctor <Staci.Proctor@sd8.bc.ca>
To: Traf pAc <TrafalgarPACsd8@gmail.com>

11 March 2025 at 16:57

Dear PAC, I support the request to PAC for funding in the amount of \$2,000 for each of the Girls Grade 9 Basketball & Girls Grade 9 Volleyball Teams. Each set will be for 15 players, including spares. It has been years since they have been updated. Thank you so much,

Staci Proctor

Retired coach at Trafalgar

Trafalgar PAC

March 11, 2025

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!

Grade 10 Course Selection LVR Vice-Principal Roman Wylie visited all 6 grade 9 classrooms on 11-MAR-2025 to have students complete course selections for next year. There were many good questions from students and lots of good support while choices were entered into the system. Students who missed course selections today can see Mr. Mush or Ms. Foster in the office over the next few days.

LLE Term 3 Selection We have built LLE3 and are placing students in 18 different options. We offered 22 LLEs to students and four of them were not considered very exciting by our students since students didn't pick them as one of their four. An example is yoga, where only 18 students picked this LLE.

Enrollment Update

Grade	Current year	25/26 year
Grade 6	129 (2EN+3FR)	107 (3EN+2FR)
Grade 7	116 (2EN+2FR)	141 (3EN+3FR)
Grade 8	167 (4EN+3FR)	125 (3EN+2FR)
Grade 9	145 (4EN+2FR)	168 (4EN+2FR)
Totals	557	541

Learning Updates Staff have prepared their Learning Updates and have submitted them to the Trafalgar admin for review. We plan to publish on 13-MAR-2025 which is one day early and gives us time to troubleshoot if we run into any kind of glitch.

Course Selection for Next Year Upon return from spring break, Trafalgar staff will be mobilizing to run course selection for the 25/26 school year. Parents should be parents to help their child(ren) make choices around band, French Immersion in the grades 6 and 7 and French Immersion and options at the grade 8 and 9 level.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Drama Production We are so proud of our students under the guidance of teachers Amy Mackay and Justin Ratzburg as this year's drama production was a massive success!

AbEd Family Feasts Aboriginal Education Success Teachers Jaclyn Dexter and Curtis Bendig hosted two AbEd Family Feasts on March 10 and March 11. We were excited to welcome families into our space and share a meal together. Well done, Jaclyn and Curtis!

Basketball Season Ends Our Trafalgar teams closed out their seasons in style this year! Our Grade 9 Boys team finished 15th at provincials out of 24 teams and our grade 7/8 girls won the West Kootenay championships. Our grade 6 teams are hosting a season-ending tournament at Trafalgar on Wednesday March 12. Thank you to our volunteer coaches, staff sponsors, parents and PAC for supporting our teams!

Important Dates Coming Up:

Mar 12: Grade 6 basketball tournament at Trafalgar
Mar 13: School dance
Mar 14: Learning Updates published to parent portal
Mar 14: Last day before spring break
Mar 31: School resumes (Tuesday)

DPAC REPORT

Another month, another DPAC meeting.

The DPAC has decided, as of now, that they will not be holding a byelection for the chairperson position. For the remainder of this year, it will be held by the Vice Chair.

As mentioned last month, the majority of stolen money has been recovered through insurance. The perpetrator of the theft will not be charged. I spoke against this, as regardless of whether or not the funding was recovered... the person in question still did steal the money. The DPAC agreed, somewhat, but seemed non-fussed.

The speaker this month was Susan Wilson who spoke about Parent Advocacy Training and the benefit of having trained advocates for situations that parents don't feel comfortable dealing with school staff on their own.

I have signed up to go through Susan's advocate training as I feel it would be beneficial to have more varied voices in there.

There was talk of the two committees they've been trying to form. Lorien volunteered and can speak on that.

There was a vote on whether \$2000 should be allocated for travel expenses for two DPAC representatives to the BCCPAC AGM in Prince George. We spoke that as the conference is also online, and given the questionable funding and lost gaming funds this year, this was not an appropriate expense and voted against it. However, we lost that vote and it was approved.

When it came time for me to speak on behalf of activities at TMS, we were told to mention one thing that was exciting and one challenge. I mentioned both the excitement

of our Grade 9 Boys Basketball team and the (at that point) upcoming Wonka Jr. play. For challenges, we mentioned the uniforms that we have been updating this year and the fact that Trafalgar had been promised when the Grade 9's shifted back from LVR that this would be accounted for. The matter was passed to Superintendent Smillie who passed it back to our very own Mr. Mush.

It is my opinion that the DPAC meetings this year have not been worth the time that we've spent attending them. The DPAC has the potential to be of benefit to the whole district... but sadly, very much is not.

-Jon