

# **TRAFALGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Library**

**(Video conference link will also be available)**

In person: Kristene Rye, Tim Mushumanski (principal) Patricia Routien (chair), Bruce Ramsay (treasurer), Jackie Routien, Antonia Banyard (secretary), Colleen, Lorient Quattrocchi,  
Online: Emma, 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 (Patricia)
3. Minutes – review and approval of March Minutes (Patricia)
4. Treasurer's Report – Bruce (Full report below)
5. Principal's Report – Tim (Full report below)

Discussion:

Course selection – There will be some changes, for example, considering changing Computer Programming to Media Arts, considering extending arts education.

Making plans for new Grade 8 year-end trip. Will need more parent volunteers to make it happen.

Bathroom update: Crews have knocked out concrete wall in boy's bathroom, with temporary wall in place. The stalls have been delivered, should arrive soon. Design of stalls is in progress.

Gaga ball update: existing pit has been modified to be more accessible.  
Location of second gaga ball pit has been picked, getting quotes.

School fees: School district needs to look at fee structure to align with school act. Need to look at fees that are passed along to parents (ie. skiing trips, etc), and also fees for consumables (wood for woodshop). Goal is to reduce these fees to zero. So that basic materials for completing course is provided. The school board is figuring this out.

Tim asks that the PAC to acknowledge that we will keep the same fee structure as in the past, with the understanding that the goal is to reduce fees to zero. The board is working on a plan. At this point, the board doesn't know where the money will come from.

Lorien: PAC requests that there be no reduction in school experiences for students, that reducing school fees not come at the expense of materials and range of experiences.

More general discussion: what about offering parents the opportunity to buy textbooks (with the option to donate it back to the school at the end of the year), as a contribution towards the textbook fund?

Or, change ski day to a Saturday, so kids who don't want to go don't have to join.

6. DPAC Report – Jon's Regrets. Nothing to report  
DPAC wants feedback from the PAC about what we cared about (a values discussion). Though DPAC doesn't have a budget yet and hasn't made a proposal. Suggestions: support for Grade 9s.
7. Band Committee Report – Jackie  
Dance was fun, even if not as well attended as winter dance. Profit was just over \$800. The DJs (Grade 9 band students) were very professional and did a good job.

Raffle Box during first day of spring break. Rob Marsland won \$585. After fees were paid, PAC made \$448. He's donating back \$300. The next draw has just started.

Kootenay Fine Arts Festival is this Thursday, 125 kids going to Trail.

Finley's Burger and Brews coming up April 16. Band 7, 8, and 9 will be playing, with Playmor Juntion.

Discussions are happening about a yard sale in June.

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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!

**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

**Grade 6, 7, 8 Course Selection** We are starting the process of gathering course selection information from students. Planning for next year is in full swing. Parents have all received emails outlining the process for their child as course selection looks different for each grade.

**LLE Term 3** We have started the final Life Long Exploration courses for the year. Students have this week to make any changes (due to exceptional circumstances) to their LLE3 and then we will be locked in. We are really promoting “pick ‘em and stick ‘em” with LLEs this year!

**Year End Trips** We are busy getting our year-end trips together for the 24/25. We have established grade 9s travelling to Pines Camp in Grand Forks for two nights of fun and team-building as a send-off to LVR for them. The dates for this trip are June 18, 19 and 20. We had proposed a return trip to Silverwood Themepark in Idaho for our grade 8s. Recently our board decided to cancel all SD8 trips to the US due to challenges in border crossings. Replacing the Silverwood trip is an important task for us! We are working on a local camping excursion for our grade 8s and hope to make some announcements soon. We will definitely need parent volunteers to make this trip happen. Stay tuned!

**Early Dismissal** We have two early dismissal days coming up on April 23 and 24. We have already fulfilled our reporting requirements with our open house in September and our parent-teacher interviews in the fall. Parents are always welcome to reach out to teachers for updates on their child's learning but we will not be setting up any formal parent-teacher conferences this April.

**Spring sports** We have a formed a golf team and an archery team for the spring season in the BC School Sports organization. Golf travels to as many as 4 tournaments before the Zones playdowns. We are still working on archery and how they will compete this season.

**Important Dates Coming Up:**

Apr 23+24:	Early dismissal days (one hour early)
May 19	Victoria Day (no school)
May 26	Pro-D Day (no classes for students)

PAC TREASURER REPORT APRIL 8, 2025

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 5,113.65	(\$2.00 FEE). MISTAKEN \$110 E-TRANSFER (RE SKIING) RECEIVED
MISTAKEN DEPOSIT REMEDY OWED	-\$ 110.00	OWED TO BAR (WHO FUNDED QUICK REMEMDY TO TMS)
CALCULATED ACTUAL PAC FUNDS	\$ 5,003.65	

RECONCIATION TO PRIOR PAC MEETING	
GAMING ACCOUNT ACTUAL BANK BALANCE	\$ 10,217.29

GAMING ACCOUNT PRIOR BALANCE (PAC MEETING JANUARY 14)	\$ 10,763.23
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DEPOSITS	RAFFLEBOX DEPOSIT	1,125.54	
CHEQUES CASHED			
	115 TMS BAND CONTRIBUTION PER MOTION	- 1,500.00	PER PAC MOTION
	117 TMS BAND PAY THRU OF PURDY'S BONUS	- 171.48	PER PURDY'S FUNDRAISER BONUS
		- 1,671.48	
PREDICTED BALANCE		10,217.29	
GAMING ACCOUNT ACTUAL BANK BALANCE		\$ 10,217.29	
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	
	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL& BASKETBALL UNIFORMS	- 4,000.00	
	UNCASHED CHEQUES OUTSTANDING		
FUND RAISING PROGRAMS UNDERWAY (INVOLVING PAC FUNDS)			
	BAND:		
	RAFFLEBOX INFLOW PRE OUTFLOWS	1,125.54 - 1,125.54	
	RAFFLEBOX FEE PAID BY BAR	- 91.73	OWED TO TREASURER
	RAFFLEBOX WINNER STILL OWED ROB MARSLAN	- 585.00	OWED TO ROB MARSLAND
	RAFFLEBOX PRELIMINARY FUNDS TO BAND	448.81	PRELIMINARY FUND RAISER PROFIT
	BASKETBALL:		

GAMING ACCOUNT CALCULATED NET AVAILABLE BALANCE	2,741.75
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OTHER CONFIRMATIONS & ANALYSIS:		
2024-25 GAMING GRANT	11,280.00	
TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT	17,950.00	ADD 4000 GIRLS TEAM UNIFORMS
OVERAGE / AVAILABLE OF 2024-25 GRANT FUNDS	- 6,670.00	
FUNDS ON HAND COMPRISED OF:		
OPENING BALANCE	9,411.75	
OVERAGE/ALLOCATED 2024-25 GRANT	- 6,670.00	
EXPECTED NET BALANCE	2,741.75	-
DIFFERENCE SHOULD BE NIL:	-	
DOUBLE CHECK:		
OPENING BALANCE JULY 1	9,411.75	
GAMING CHEQUE REC'D	11,280.00	
TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT	- 17,950.00	<- 1800+100+6800+2000+1500+1750+4000
EXPECTED NET BALANCE	2,741.75	
DIFFERENCE SHOULD BE NIL	-	