

TRAFALGAR MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Library

(Video conference link will also be available)

Attendance:

In Person: *Jon Breisnes (DPAC Rep), Bruce Ramsay (Treasurer), Kristene, Antonia Banyard (Secretary), Tim Mushumanski (principal), Patricia Routien (Chair), Jackie Routien (Band Committee Rep), Jackie Routien (Band Committee Rep), and Tobi Hauck.*

1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgment (Patricia)

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.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda Approved as drafted.

3. Minutes – review and approval of April Minutes. Approved without changes.

4. Treasurer's Report – Bruce (see full report below) Approved without changes.

Discussion: Tim will need 16 more ROAR cards (\$400, Dollar Store and Shoppers).

Principal's Report – Tim (see full report below)

Discussion: PAC representative can be at Grade 5 parent orientation to introduce ourselves

Grade 9 camping trip will probably need 3 or 4 parent chaperones

Boy's washroom update: We went on a field trip to see the construction

progress. Looking good!

Effectiveness of ROAR cards: Tim feels they make a difference, it's a success.

Rewards are spread evenly – ie. the same kids aren't winning every month.

We don't have measurable data, just anecdotal evidence. Question: is there a cheaper solution? Does it reward all kids, or does it reward the kids who are not usually nice? Tim's blue lollipops are almost as popular as ROAR cards.

There is room for staff to leverage these more.

5. DPAC Report – Jon. No update on the April meeting, no Trafalgar PAC member attended. This month's meeting is tomorrow night.

DPAC AGM is coming up on May 23 & 24. They have asked for permission to vote for us by proxy by tonight. We approved.

Lorien and Jon attended advocacy training last week, and will put their name forward as advocates. Advocates are listed on the DPAC website, but this could be promoted more widely. Add to school family bulletin? Give a short presentation at the Principals and Vice Principal's meeting in August? The school administration can recommend that parents ask for help from an advocate, but can't instruct them.

Jon loved being on the DPAC and wishes next year's rep all the best.

6. Band Committee Report – Jackie **TMS EARNS TRIPLE GOLD!**
The festival was a great success. The workshops were high calibre. Having extra students this year (Grade 8s) was not difficult, but it was exhausting for chaperones to attend all the performances.

The cost of the bus for 27 students (last year) is the same as 55 students (this year). So this year, the per-student cost was less.

Kids were happy with new jazz band uniforms (vest and ties and bow ties).

Final budget / costs are still to be calculated.

7. Disordered eating and excessive caffeine consumption in teens. Impact on TMS student health and learning. What is the school already doing and how can PAC support these efforts? ie Are there specialized guest speakers that PAC could be bringing in before year end?

Discussion: This issue is discussed in health classes. Caffeine drinks can't be banned, so they are being consumed by kids at school. Eating disorders hasn't come up as an issue to the school administration. But it can be hard to detect.

Boys are more image conscious now than they used to be.

Tim will ask staff if they've noticed a problem in their classes. Tobi mentioned that she knows guest speakers available to talk on this topic.

The logistics of lunch hour does make it more difficult to eat lunch (little or no time set aside for eating lunch).

Would it make sense for the PAC to fundraise for an outdoor classroom? Though this would provide a space for weekend and evening use by non-students.

8. New business not on agenda: As time allows.

NEXT MEETING – June 10, 2025

AGM – September 9, 2025

PAC TREASURER REPORT MAY 13, 2025

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 5,531.62	\$2.00 FEE AND \$0.03 TRANSFER TO GAMING ACCOUNT RE FINLAY CHEQUE DIFFERENTIAL
MISTAKEN DEPOSIT REMEDY OWED	-\$ 110.00	OWED TO BAR (WHO FUNDED QUICK REMEDY TO TMS RE MISTAKEN SKI DAY)
DONATION TO BAND FROM MARSLAND ENVIRO	-\$ 300.00	OWED TO TMS BAND TRAVEL ACCOUNT
DONATION TO BAND FROM DVLAKOVSKI	-\$ 120.00	OWED TO TMS BAND TRAVEL ACCOUNT
CALCULATED ACTUAL PAC FUNDS	\$ 5,001.62	

RECONCIATION TO PRIOR PAC MEETING	
GAMING ACCOUNT ACTUAL BANK BALANCE	\$ 9,836.78

GAMING ACCOUNT PRIOR BALANCE (PAC MEETING APRIL 7)	\$10,217.29
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DEPOSITS	RAFFLEBOX DEPOSIT APRIL 29	312.27	
	TMS REPAY FINLAYS EVENT ADVANCE	1,449.97	
	RAFFLEBOX DEPOSIT APRIL 22	114.72	
	TRANSFER FROM COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	0.03	COVER DIFFERENTIAL FINLAYS OUT / TMS CHEQUE IN

CHEQUES CASHED			
118	MARSLAND MAR 31 RAFFLEBOX WINNINGS	- 585.00	PER RAFFLEBOX
119	FINLAYS - BAND ADVANCE	-1,450.00	PER RAFFLEBOX
120	DVLAKOVSKI APRIL 27 RAFFLEBOX WINNINGS	- 222.50	
	TOTAL CHEQUES	- 2,257.50	

PREDICTED BALANCE	9,836.78
GAMING ACCOUNT ACTUAL BANK BALANCE	\$ 9,836.78
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 INFLOWS LAST MONTH	1,125.54	
	RAFFLEBOX INFLOW AS ABOVE	312.27	
	RAFFLEBOX INFLOW AS ABOVE	114.72	
	RAFFLEBOX WINNINGS #118	- 585.00	
	RAFFLEBOX WINNINGS # 120	- 222.50	
	RAFFLEBOX GAMING LICENSE PAID BY J. ROUTIE	- 25.00 - 25.00	OWED TO J. ROUTIE
	RAFFLEBOX FEE PAID BY BAR	- 91.73 - 91.73	OWED TO TREASURER
	RAFFLEBOX FEE PAID BY BAR	- 34.89 - 34.89	OWED TO TREASURER
	RAFFLEBOX PROFIT (2 DRAWS) FUNDS OWED TO BASKETBALL:	593.41 - 593.41	PRELIMINARY FUND RAISER PROFIT

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	-	

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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 (2EN+3FR)
Grade 8	167 (4EN+3FR)	125 (3EN+2FR)
Grade 9	145 (4EN+2FR)	168 (4EN+2FR)
Totals	557	541

Grade 5 and New Student Orientation On May 20, Trafalgar will welcome all new students to a half-morning of orientation, tours, questions and answers. Students and staff from our six feeder schools (Blewett, Rosemont, South Nelson, Hume, Redfish and Wildflower) will gather at our flagpole at 8:30ish where Principal Mushumanski and team will welcome them and divide them up for tours of the building. Our grade 9s (146 of them) will be leaving the building for their orientation visit to LVR at the same time.

Grade 6, 7, 8 Course Selection Course selection is pretty much finished for Trafalgar and the admin team now has the task of putting together classes and staff assignments for 25/26.

Library Books As our year winds down, we are asking parents and students to have a good look around home for any Trafalgar library books. Please start sending those library books back to us as soon as possible so we can ensure they are ready for the next school year!

Year End Trips We have planned our year-end trips with grade 9s visiting 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 and the cost is \$235 per student. Grade 8 students are heading to Mirror Lake (near Kaslo) on June 18 as well for a one-night camp out. The cost for Mirror Lake is \$50 per student. Both extra-curricular trips have significant costs associated with them; families are welcome to access reduced or fully-funded subsidies for either trip. Cost should not be a barrier to participate in these year-ending events!

A Retirement! We are happy and sad to announce the retirement of our librarian, Karen Walgren! Her last day of work will be May 30 here at Trafalgar. Karen has been on staff here for over 20 years and has kept our library running and fully stocked for so long! Congratulations to Karen!

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Important Dates Coming Up:

May 16: Creston Youth Powwow!
May 20: Grade 9s to LVR for orientation
May 20: Grade 5s visit Trafalgar from 8:40 to 10:28ish
Jun 3: New parent orientation @ 6 pm in the FAC
Jun 11: Last day of LLE3 (no LLEs on June 18!)
Jun 18: Mirror Lake for grade 8s
Jun 18: Pines Camp for grade 9s
Jun 24: Trafalgar Lakeside Day
Jun 25: Last day (assembly, noon dismissal)
Jun 25: Learnings summaries posted to the parent portal