

# Tupper PAC Meeting

May 13, 2021 7:01 pm

Location: Remote via ZOOM

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## In attendance:

- Co-Chairs: Mary Levitan
- Co-Treasurer: Angela Crampton & Avri Snitz
- Secretary: Dawn Dunkerley
- Members at Large: June Adamson, Andrea Sinclair, Andrea Mitchell, Vira Jackson
- Other PAC Members in Attendance: Libby Taylor, Anthony Floyd
- Also present: Jason Lauzon, Dara Hendren

## Apologies:

Christy Thomas, Daryl Hutchings, Bronwyn Carrodus

## Agenda:

- 7:00 - 7:10 Introductions, Welcome and Aboriginal Acknowledgement – June

Meeting called to order at 19:01. Welcome and land acknowledgement took place according to our usual practice.

- 7:10 - 7:15 Review of February 11, 2021, Minutes & Vote to Accept as Published  
Andrea Mitchell moved acceptance, Dawn Dunkerley seconded; approval carried.
- 7:15 - 7:25 Principal's Report Jason Lauzon
- 1. Guests in school- 2 hours on April 19- Tupper a model school in district and province for managing the pandemic.
- 2. Increased student instruction is better for grade 8 &9. Transition from Q3 to Q4 went well.
- 3. Grad Update: June 25 (6 weeks away). Liaisons: Debra Hawn, Mr lameo

Best possible situation would be a ceremony similar to last year's plan however the PHO currently states no parents on the property. If changes to the PHO we will apply for parents with

masks to watch through the gym doors as their child crosses the stage. Students will stay in their groups of 10 (table groups). Currently can not exceed 120 people on the school property and 20 people in the auditorium on June 25, 2021.

#### Plan B: Live Stream

- 4. Semester System decided by the VSB for 2021-2022 school year for all Secondary Schools instead of returning to the linear system (Tupper).

-4 courses September to January and 4 courses February to June. Same rotations- no flexibility because mandated from the board.

-Also 2 X 15 minute weekly Flexible Instruction times, Tuesday mornings, and Thursday Afternoons

- 5. Jason will be meeting with new grade 8 students Wednesday September 1, 2021.

-Will help to transition these new students and great information session for parents to be introduced to the school. Counsellors will be present to walk through all things Tupper, how the schedule works.

- 6. Questions: Staff changes next Year? Classroom enhancement blocks applied for- 20 blocks = 5 ½ teachers. Applied for 40 enrolments teachers Should be the same for next year so we should be able to keep our staff. Too early to know if there are any retirements for this year.

- Question about Parent Walkabouts next year. Will be different because semester system so only 4 courses. Maybe 2/year.

Parents like meet the teacher night. Hopefully, parent-teacher conferences will go ahead this year.

- 7:25 - 7:30 Teacher's Report - Dara Hendren

Teachers have found the transition to Q4 have gone smoothly with more face-to-face time.

Seven weeks left in the school year and want to keep all people safe.

Teacher's have now had first shot of their vaccines.

- 7:30-7:35 Treasurer's Report – Angela/Avri applied for Gaming Grant

-account balances: Gaming \$23766.24

Community account \$1012.11

Money spent and we will disburse to the Tupper office soon.

- 7:35-7:45 Grade 8/9 camp for the Fall 2021- The students need connection and welcome to the community.

-ROARS make every effort to reestablish and make connection with all classes. We recognize that for many students their time in school is their only social activity. Mental health is anticipated to be an issue for next year because students have been sheltered for so long. Every effort will be made to create a community in the classroom, work in groups and awareness to mental health issues. Students are starved for connection.

-Team building in the fall

-Onsite led by Mr lameo but not before we have PHO and VSB authorization. Link Crew will be integral.

7:45-7:50 Brainstorming Discussion- re spring and fall plans- DPAC Rep discussed and sent us some information to include in our minutes. Here are all the upcoming events.

#### [Thursday, May 20, 2021, 7pm - 8:30pm](#)

Special Presentation by BCCPAC: "Parent Advocacy: Understanding the Appeals Process" with President Andrea Sinclair and CEO John Gaipman

#### [Facebook Event](#)

Join Vancouver DPAC for a special session with BCCPAC to better understand how the School Act provides parents/guardians with the right to appeal any decision they feel significantly affects the education, health or safety of the student. Parents and guardians are their child's natural advocate, making sure their child's rights, needs and opinions are respected. Advocacy is about working to achieve a successful solution for the benefit of the child. This workshop will provide you with knowledge and tools to successfully handle situations that negatively impact your child's education and to navigate the school district Appeals Process (Section 11 of the School Act). [Register here](#)

#### [Thursday, May 27, 2021, 7pm - 9:30 pm](#)

Vancouver DPAC May General -- Asian Heritage Month: Challenging Racist BC -- 150 Years and Counting

#### [Facebook Event](#)

Join us for EliminateHate's presentation at DPAC May General where community advocates will be speaking against the rise of anti-Asian racism in Vancouver, Canada and globally. This session will provide an overview of the work many groups are doing to address anti-Asian, anti-Indigenous and anti-Black racism. Several of the "Challenging Racist BC" authors -- <https://www.challengeracistbc.ca/> -- will discuss and answer questions about their work, and a BCTF Anti-Oppression Educators Collective member will talk about how using enhanced digital edition of the book can be an effective teaching tool. Finally, the concept of the model minority will be explored in the context of how it can harm students.

Speakers include proj1907, Carmel Tanaka (Cross Cultural Walking Tours and EliminateHate), Halimah Beaulieu (EliminateHate), Authors - Christine O'Bonsawin, Fran Morrison, Maryka Omatsu, John Price and Educators - Carmen Rodriguez and Karine Ng. [Register here](#)

[Find dates and links to attend DPAC meetings, check our minutes, and watch videos of Vancouver DPAC past events](#)

[Vancouver DPAC](#) publishes a monthly newsletter that is full of information relevant to Vancouver families, including updates from VSB, BCCPAC and the Ministry of Education. It also includes local events, relevant links about mental health, diversity and inclusion, anti-racism, SOGI, increasing your understanding of Indigenous cultures, history, and their struggle to practice their sovereignty and rights. Sign up for the newsletter by filling out the "Join our Mailing List" on the form at the top right-hand side of our website and newsletter.

[May Newsletter](#)

- 7:50-8:10 Discussion re: PAC Exec for 2021/2022 School Year

Open Positions Chair/CoChair (1-2 people)

-Secretary (to Share with Dawn)

Communications person (1 person)

DPAC Rep Anthony Floyd accepted

Want to increase the members of large- please share with friends!

Co Treasures Angela Crampton yes and maybe Avri

- Staff Appreciation Breakfast: June and Libby Friday June 4 7:30-8:30 am

-Call out to parents for Thank You to teachers (please share to friends)

-Drop off prizes Thursday June 3 by 5 pm.

-NEED: Artizano Gift cards \$40

-Set up 7:00-7:30 Pastries, Coffee and Tea

-7:30-8:30 Breakfast

- New Business
- Eliminate Hate, Asian Heritage, Racism by DPAC View on YouTube channel

- BCCPAC Goal returning to school in September.

-Mental health will be an issue and we are preparing for it.

12–17-year-olds have been approved by PHO to get vaccines. Will not be in schools but check with your pharmacy.

NEXT MEETING: AGM Wednesday September 15, 2021- 7 pm hopefully in person but we will still have zoom access if we need it.