**Charles Tupper PAC Meeting**

**Wednesday January 10, 2018**

**Introduction**

The acknowledgement that we are living and working on First People’s traditional territories was made and the meeting opened.

We received regrets from our Treasurer, Jill Townsend. There were brief introductions and Makeesha explained the two year PAC executive commitment. All current PAC representatives are in their second year and so a new executive will be necessary for the next school year. We would like to fill these positions as we acknowledge a strong PAC plays an integral role in our school environment. These positions can be shared and so can reduce the commitment.

If you are interested in finding out more about playing a role on the Tupper PAC for the 2018-2019 school year and the level of commitment necessary; please contact our PAC chair (makeesha@gmail.com) or Aideen (aideen1433@gmail.com).

[**School Age Children and Youth (SACY)**](http://www.vsb.bc.ca/sacy)

Makeesha introduced Kelly Melsness from SACY. SACY is health promotion program, reaching out to parents, youth, teachers and communities and is funded by Vancouver Coastal Health and Vancouver School Board.

There are currently two workers covering eighteen high schools in Vancouver. They provide support through these four interrelated streams of activities

* Youth – with the support of SACY staff, students take an active role in developing programs of need in their schools.
* Parents – deliver workshops and relationship building activities to help parents connect to their teens. Parents involved in SACY are offered tools to support their child’s healthy and responsible decision making.
* STEP – a 3 day program for students experiencing difficulties at school due to drug related or alcohol related issues.
* Teachers - SACY partners with school staff to test new curriculum and to develop training for staff.

Parent Workshops “Building Bridges with your Teen” are planned in various high schools over the next three months. Please see SACY website for dates.

The next SACY capacity café at Tupper is planned for Friday February 2 @ 6pm. If you cannot make this, similar evenings are hosted in other schools in the city. Check out SACY website for more information or contact Tupper office.

Tonight, parents asked questions regarding the ongoing Fentanyl issues in Vancouver and if there was any information/support on this. On March 7th, SACY are planning a SACY Adult Toolkit at 6:30pm-8:30pm at Tupper Portable.

**Screenagers**

The *Screenagers* screening was a success and very well attended. It was well received by parents but it was acknowledged that it might not be suitable for younger siblings due to some violent video gaming images. This was a shared venture between Charles Dickens Elementary and Tupper. Tupper raised $810.

**Direct Drive**

We acknowledged that this event started later than 2016 and so returns were not as successful. $1,125 was raised. Disbursement of these funds will be discussed more. Tupper Alternative Program was discussed as a possible recipient. For administration reasons only, they missed the gaming funding deadline and received no gaming funds for this year.

**Tupper Alternative Program.**

They have requested $500. They support youth at risk in many ways. One major issue that they are currently dealing with is the inability of students to attend school due to transportation costs. Makeesha will approach David Livingston Elementary School PAC to ask them to consider supporting this group. David Livingston is a feeder school to Tupper. This will be tabled to next meeting in February.

She is also going to explore the McGrane-Pearson Endowment Fund who will consider matching contributions at no extra cost. This decision may be made offline so that we can move ahead and support the group as soon as possible.

**Principal Report**

* Difficult December. Challenging student behaviour – perhaps due to the end of the school year and students were tired.
* Course planning coming up – February 2018.
* New curriculum - Grade 10 are on the new graduation program. Principal encourages parents to view the [ministry website](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/) for more clarity.
* The Ministry Student Learning Grant was awarded - $50 per student. As a result, Tupper received $30K. approx. towards students learning tools. A spreadsheet is attached outlining the disbursement of these funds. A report to the ministry will be necessary to explain disbursement.
* School Plan - Principal Ogden would like to collect feedback from Tupper parents about student/parent experiences. This may be implemented via a survey. Issues around expectations, electronic reporting and more will be included.

**Other**

* More sexual health workshops was requested by a parent. Marnie Goldenberg, sexual health educator, was recommended. In particular, more education around consent is required. Makeesha confirmed the Safeteen program is at Tupper. Although, sexual health is part of the PE curriculum and included in the counsellors portfolio, all agreed that more could be done.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.