



**Sir Charles Tupper PAC
Special Annual Budget Meeting –**

Thursday October 19th, 2017. 7pm. School Staff Room.

Members present:

Exec - Makeesha, Jill, Aideen, Andrea Sinclair

Other parents: 12

Teacher Rep - Sue Ma

7-7:05pm – Welcome & Introductions

We acknowledge that we are living and working on First People's traditional territories. The meeting officially opened.

The group introduced themselves individually and the primary purpose of this special meeting was explained: -

To review and consider teacher and staff requests to access gaming funds for special events, equipment or other needs for their classrooms. Tonight, PAC would decide on which requests would be funded.

September Minutes

A motion was put forward and accepted by attendees to accept September 2017 minutes.

BCCPAC – Tupper Representation for 2017-2018

Andrea Sinclair, Tupper parent, will join BCCPAC. In order to do so, she must be a member of a PAC. A motion was put forward and accepted to recommend Andrea Sinclair as a Tupper Member at Large. Christy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by show of hands.

Andrea spoke about the BCC PAC

- she is currently the 2nd VP of the BCC PAC. They are members of DPAC and PAC.
- BCC PAC is at the top of the pyramid, DPAC is the next level, followed by PACs (so, PAC feeds into DPAC, DPAC feeds into BCC PAC)
- a school PAC pays to join a BCC PAC (\$75 annually). It allows us to put forth resolutions, direct access to the ministry, great access to important informational updates that affects our students.
- Andrea encourages us to join to help influence decision making at the higher (Provincial government) levels.
- some discussion that DPAC and BCC PAC are operating much more efficiently than they were previously.

- discussion that we would likely pay the \$75 and join the BCC PAC so we can have a vote in matters we feel can result in real change.

Motion for Tupper PAC to pay the annual fee for Andrea Sinclair to join BCCPAC . Motion was seconded and passed unanimously by show of hands. As a Tupper PAC member, Andrea will participate in Exec conversations and hold the executive accountable if any votes are taken outside of PAC meetings.

Principal Update

Tupper Young Parents (TYPs) is no longer being administered by Tupper and, instead, has become part of the Vancouver Alternate School now administered by Andrea Davidson (District Principal for Vancouver Alternate Schools)

Screenagers Screen Update – Christy Thomas

Christy confirmed the cost of screening would be split with Dickens Elementary. The date and time is confirmed for November 30, 7pm. A talk will follow the screening and a moderator has been identified. It will be screened during the day to Tupper students and the evening show is for parents and students over the age of 10.

The event is by donation and will be advertised on the Blog and a Facebook event will be created. Parents and students of the following schools will be invited: David Livingston, Brock Elementary and John Oliver.

On another note, a parent reported “Dysconnected” - a series of images with thought provoking quotations around youth and social media.

Thank you to the parents who organised this event.

Tupper Greenway – Makeesha

The current volunteers of Tupper Greenway are seeking new volunteers. This space was created a number of years ago to remember a past student. Ms. Dolan, retired Tupper teacher, spearheaded the initiative and is now working to make it more a community space than a Tupper space. She is seeking grants and arranging work parties. Dates of these events are on the blog and garden notice boards.

Someone suggested encouraging our students to work in the space as part of an environmental course or instead of *detention*?

Tupper Tech Report – Makeesha

Tupper Tech is a trade's transition course designed for academically and career focused Grade 12 students wishing to pursue a trade based apprenticeship.

A recent tech report highlights the success of this program that helps students decide if this is a possible career path or they should consider returning to the regular stream. A full report is available on the website or link from the blog.

Fundraiser - Makeesha

Early Bird Grouse ski passes are available as a fundraiser for Tupper ski families. Check it out. Cut off date is sometime in November. Please contact school or PAC chair for more information.

Treasurer Report – Jill Townsend

Tupper has received \$19,847.02 from Gaming and it is currently sitting in the Tupper Gaming account awaiting disbursement. For 2018, requests from teachers and staff total \$52, 616.

There was much discussion around not funding items that should be covered by Tupper Operating account (auditorium, rugby goal posts, tennis nets) or funding school athletic wear that is not part of a

school uniform. Some requests look like they should be part of the curriculum budget (EAS Life Skills Assessment booklets) . It was also suggested that clubs plan pot luck events to cover their food costs.

The group went through the document line by line and voted.

Jill presented three proposals to assist and speed up voting and be as fair as possible to all concerned. The weighted proposal was accepted by the group and a willingness to support a future direct appeal to parents. This appeal will fund items that we were unable to fund here. The monetary shortfall is \$24,113. Jill is seeking assistance with creating this drive. If you have some time and interest, please consider and email our Treasurer jill.townsend@dfo.mpo.gc.ca or PAC chair.

Jill proposed a motion to create a direct appeal for "in kind" and/or monetary donations of goods and services using a google document sign up sheet, and/or other mechanism, to be made to the Tupper Parent/Family community , over the next 4 weeks. The additional in kind donations/ monies will be applied to more fully meet Teacher Requests, with allocation to be presented/voted on, at the December 2017 PAC meeting.

PAC member seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by show of hands

Meeting closed 10pm