Tupper PAC meeting

February 22nd , 2017

**Greenway Garden Presentation – Rescheduled due to family emergency**

Makeesha reported that the Greenway Garden group is currently looking for new volunteers. We were hoping to find out more about the necessary commitment tonight but they were unable to attend. Makeesha will collect more information and share with all. Some suggestions of local organisations were made and will be passed onto the group. In the meantime, a parent has generously offered to take leadership on this initiative.

**Principal Report**

**Course Planning**

**Counsellors have just finished their classroom visits with students.  Students will now choose their courses and return them to the counsellors to be entered into the computer.**

**The BCTF is currently negotiating class size and class composition language.  Right now, we are thinking about the timetable in terms of the contract language from 2002.  We are waiting on newly negotiated language.**

**Quiet Week/End of Term**

**Next week is quiet week. This means that there are no field trips (unless approved by Staff Committee) or large presentations happening to allow teachers to conduct end of term assessment (tests, exams, etc.).  Students and staff are also feeling a lot of pressure because of this.**

**Staffing Update**

**School recently received 18 blocks of additional staffing ( 7 blocks of ELL, 4 blocks of Skills Development, 5 blocks of Resource, 2 blocks of Teacher Librarian).  All positions have been filled.**

**Electives Fair**

**Occurred today in the foyer**

**Promposals**

**Staff Committee has brought this up for discussion.  They would like to see them not happen on school property or during school time.  This is also being discussed by student council.**

**Kids to Work Day Gr.10**

**Due to position eliminated, it is possible that this is the reason that this did not happen this year at Tupper.**

**Thank You**

Ms. Burnell thanked PAC for the new funds allocated to the Gr.11 Social Studies field trip. It was very much appreciated and a highly successful trip.

She recommended parents attend an education forum being hosted by Mable Elmore, NDP MLA for Vancouver-Kensington. Parents will find information on her website.

**Treasurer’s Report – Jill Townsend**

1 - FUNDING SOURCES OVERVIEW – for 2016/2017 year:

1)      BC Govt. Lottery / Casino Funds ($20/student x 997 students) - $19,940

2)      PAC Events Fundraising and Grant Applications – no funds raised as yet

3)      Personal Donations / Direct Appeals to Parents/Family/Community – direct appeal $3,570

4)      In-Kind Donations & Sponsorships – goods & services – note $100 grocery gift cards included in direct appeal funds noted above

BANKING & BALANCES

As of January 31, 2017, balances are:

Operating Account:  $ 3,071.99

Gaming/Casino Account:  $22,017.46

Note – recent deposit of $70.00 cash to operating account, from December direct drive fundraising campaign.

Note – pending deposit of $3500 from December direct drive fundraising campaign, once Chimp.net transfers funds.

Note – some pending monies also from additional Chimp.net donor matching funds – amount TBD.

**Allocation of Direct Appeal Funds Raised**

At our January 2017 PAC meeting, the PAC passed resolutions supporting allocation of the additional $3570 funds raised from the Direct Drive Campaign to the following – a note below indicates those that accepted the funds.

$600 for Special Ed Life Skills (ACCEPTED)

$100 for TAPS year end camp (ACCEPTED)

$700 for TAPS Best Buddies program (ACCEPTED – AND REQUESTED ADDITIONAL $165 APPROVED BY PAC EXEC)

$80 for Counselling Dept (outdoor umbrellas) (ACCEPTED)

$1000 for social studies field trip (ACCEPTED)

$200 for ESL/ELL (no response)

-PAC exec will follow up with Young Parents to see if they still need further funding (up to $900)

Total $2480 accepted, $200 pending notification of acceptance from ESL/ELL.

Balance unspent $890.00

Tupper Young Parents declined further PAC funding, owing to a large grant received from the Keg.

PAC Executive is looking into using the balance of funds to support the request for Auditorium lighting.

Thank you. May we continue to support and enhance the Tupper community, and together with the wonderful Tupper teachers & administrators, build a bright and boundless future for our children.

**New business**

• Role of PAC and how we can get more parent involvement

This was discussed by the small group. It was agreed that, for the most part, the current PAC Executive is not able to take on more responsibility. Establishing sub-committees may be a solution to this. One PAC Exec member has taken on the responsibility of a striking a fundraising committee and recruiting members to run, create initiatives and report back.

No other committees struck for now.

It was agreed that PAC Exec should consider inviting a student representative to sit on the Exec for the 2017-2018 school year. This could be a student from Student Council.

**Events and reminders**

• Pro-D day this Friday

• March 1 – Pop ‘n Lock Drama performances begin – number of performance dates, check the calendar.

Term 2 ends.

• March 9 – Music students leave for Banff trip, report cards go out, last day of instruction before spring

break

• March 27 – students back after spring break

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.