

Sir Charles Tupper PAC Meeting

Staff Room Tupper High School

Feb. 12, 2020

Executive Attendance:

Angela Crampton	Co-Treasurer (Acting Secretary)
Christy Thomas	Secretary (Acting Chair)
June Adamson	Member at Large (Communications)
Bronwyn Carrodus	Co-Treasurer

Attendance: Tyler Evans (Vice Principal), Dara Hendren (Teacher Rep), Libby Taylor, Tony Molyneux, Steve Quinn, Eve Griblin, Anthony Floyd, Steve Quinn, Natasha Patton.

Executive Regrets:

Daryl Hutchings, Dawn Dunkerley, Andrea Sinclair, Avri Snitz, Vira Jackson, Makeesha Fisher

1. Meeting Call to Order: 7:01 PM

2. Introduction and Welcome:

We acknowledge that we live, work, learn, and play on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil Waututh, and Squamish Coast Salish Peoples.

3. Approval of minutes dated, Nov 13, 2019 – Passed; Jan 9, 2020 - Passed

4. Approval of agenda dated Feb 12, 2020 - Passed

5. Tyler Evans Principal's Report

Gone through the Grade 8 rotation in the Applied Skills over past month. Fine Arts does a celebration at the end of their rotation.

Assessment Exams in January: Numeracy (GNA (206 students wrote – included Gr 11 and 12s who had missed it in the past) and Literacy (GLA (177 Grade 10s wrote); this year's Grade 12s are the last year to only require numeracy. Next year Gr 12s will require both. Reconsidering timing of these tests for next year (November, January or April options).

Senior Boys basketball were City champs and attending Sea to Sky tourney (Tupper may host).

Small staff changes – Applied Skills mat leave replacement, some new families registered recently.

Question on Grad – how involved are parents? Mr. Evans to ask organizing teachers if there is any role for parents who might like to help.

Grade 11s and 12s TIP day – Grade 11s discussed BC ID and release of marks to post-secondary, scholarship opportunity; Grade 12s - discussed grad plans from the committee, grad cruise, Capstone project. Grad events on different nights because of availability of venues.

Career Life class – CLC 11/12 used to be Grad Transition. Delivered through TIP time at Tupper (does not take up an elective).

PAC requested some information from school administration to post on the website about upcoming changes to standards-based grading for grades in 8 & 9 (Gr10-12 will still have grades as far as we know).

6. Teacher Report

Despite some rumors on social media, teachers are solidly behind the mediation process. Issues include pay, class composition and size, need to recruit qualified teachers in less serviced areas. The Prevalence funding model is not going ahead right now, which teachers support. For more information – look at BCTF or VSTA websites.

7. Update on DPAC – Anthony Floyd (attended on behalf of child’s elementary school)

- DPAC Summit (Feb 6 2020)
- 50 PACs represented, about 100 attendees
- First gathering of that many in quite a long while
- Discussion on ways that PAC interact with parents, administration, - big spread in how PACs work
- A number of issues raised – lunches, fundraising, after school care, community building
- No resolutions, more like a sharing of experience

Note that the DPAC newsletter is very good and sometimes has links to great resources – sign up on DPAC website.

Anthony advised he can be an informal rep for Tupper, since we do not have an official representative at this time.

7. Follow-up from Last Meeting

Lead levels in drinking water – No additional information at this time. Questions will be raised with facilities and Chemistry teacher.

Cannabis retailer on Fraser St – Variance was granted.

8. Further discussion on process around Gaming Grants

Update from Mr. Lauzon/Mr. Evans – Finance Committee and Staff and Department meetings have discussed this issue – requests will more closely mirror the amount of money available.

Field trips will be paid for by parents with school support for families in need. Admin could request a subsidy for field trip support (as a lump sum) as part of the gaming grant request process.

Gaming grant form to be included in package distributed at the start of the school year to teachers. Treasurers will ensure the grant application form has some language to reflect the field trip issue as well as the need for departments to discuss request in advance where possible. Treasurers to bring a draft form to May meeting. We should also try to ask questions of departments if requests seem too high (prior to decision making process).

PAC wants to ensure gaming grant requests still come in (i.e., we don't want the request to equal the grant amount!). It is important for families to understand the needs of the school and this information gives incentive for fundraising.

Is there a way for parents to support field trip subsidies? Mr. Evans to look into options through the pay online program, or to include on forms.

Makeesha to provide an update on total donations for the Counselling department. PAC committed to a direct drive for the Counselling department – what do we need to do to keep that commitment?

Fundraising – ideas include another gift card drive with the next Music Department fundraiser in spring; kicking off a direct drive when gaming grant is distributed. To be discussed at the April meeting.

9. Any Other Business

Request on agenda for next meeting = fundraising, teacher appreciation breakfast

New movie - Screenagers: Next Chapter group – to discuss at next meeting (for next school year)

10. Date of Next Meeting

April 16, 2020

11. Motion to Adjourn

8:13pm