**Charles Tupper PAC Meeting**

**Wednesday November 16th, 2016, 7pm Tupper Staff Room**

Chair: Makeesha Fisher

Treasurer: Jill Townsend

Co- Secretaries: Aideen Clery & Alyson Morgan

Various parents

Makeesha opened the meeting at 7pm.

1. **Principal Report**

Dr. Sheikh offered his regrets for not attending October’s PAC meeting citing a family commitment.

Please see Principal’s November Report attached.

Some highlights

* Mini night was best attended ever
* Revised curriculum – Irfan encouraged parents to view the [core competencies](https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/competencies) on the BC Ministry education website to understand the competencies that have being identified and understand how these competencies are at the centre of the curriculum redesign.

1. **Guests – School Age Children and Youth Substance (SACY)**

Current SACY Youth worker, Robin, introduced herself and her colleague Roma Nehta and explained the role of SACY in Tupper.

Through multiple programming opportunities, SACY works with students and parents in VSB schools and surrounding communities to prevent substance use, delay substance use and reduce substance use related problems. *SACY believes that young people who feel connected to their schools, have supportive families and mentors are stronger, healthier and better able to live up to their full potential.*

**It is important for parents to know that they do not need a referral – they can contact these SACY workers anytime. See attachment for contact information.**

Please see the attachment for more details on their programs, workshops and courses for both students and parents.

1. **Treasurer Report**

Please see attached report

1. **Chair Update**

PAC recognises that in our October budget meeting, we were unable to meet all teacher financial requests for various items that they have identified as ways to improve the learning experience for our students. Makeesha updated attendees on the “fundraising direct drive letter/email” intended to meet this shortfall. It is anticipated that this letter/email will go out in the next week or so.

It is understood that some parents are working on other drives and the PAC chair is attempting to reach out and ensure consistency and adherence to rules of parent engagement.

In an effort to improve PAC attendance, Makeesha would like ideas and/or suggestions for guest speakers. Please contact her directly if you have any suggestions.

1. **Course planning**

Teachers are challenged to confirm student options for the 2017-2018 school year due to the fact that they are working from a draft curriculum and changes are constant. Parents should contact the school if they have any questions.

1. **Miscellaneous**

* During a future TIP day, staff is considering a “ROARS check-in”. They would like to see parent involvement. Watch website.
* Fall Fusion – Thursday November 17th, 2016.
* Tupperware – Karen modelled the hoodie that will be offered for 2017. A group of students wish to lead the project.
* Makeesha reminded all to spread the word about PAC and encouraged feedback on how to run meetings, ideas for future PAC meetings.
* No meeting in December – see you all on January 18th.

*Just before meeting ended, the homework club coordinator dropped in to thank parents for the ongoing funding. The homework club is well attended.*

Meeting closed 8:25pm