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**Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School**

**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

PAC Meeting Minutes from January 18th, 2017

7pm, Tupper Secondary Staff Lounge with refreshments!

PAC Executive Present:

Chair – Makeesha Fisher

Past Chair – Craig Harris

Treasurer – Jill Townsend

Co-Secretaries – Alyson Morgan, Aideen Clery

Teacher Representative – Bonnie Burnell

4 other Tupper parents present

Minutes from December PAC meeting approved by Jill, seconded by Makeesha.

1. PAC Chair Report – Makeesha Fisher

* Acknowledgement that we live and work on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Coast Salish peoples
  + Brief overview of direct drive results through chimp.net (more details to follow in Treasurer’s Report)
  + Brief discussion about the purpose of the PAC – to serve the community, both our school community and the communities we live in. Encouragement for us to think about what we want to be, and what the community needs from us

1. Principal’s Introduction & Report – Ms. Alison Ogden

* Alison has been an administrator for the past five years, and previously worked as a special ed teacher. She has two elementary school aged children at home
* BCTF Supreme Court Ruling and Impact
* With the BCTF winning their court case in the Supreme Court, the Province of BC has $50 Million to spend between now and the end of June
* This translates to $4,443,000 for the VSB to spend
* Funds need to be spent on hiring BCTF staff (not support staff), which is about 38 full time teachers allocated throughout the high schools of the VSB.
* Tupper is spending a lot of effort discussing how many blocks they are going to request/what our priorities are. The quick turn around time of submissions and approvals will result in postings the first week of February, and a 3-4 week process before teachers are in front of students
* A great opportunity for existing part time teachers to get more blocks
* It is harder to add a new teacher into a linear system like ours, than a semetered system, but we are looking at injecting extra blocks into some areas of high priority, namely the ELL program, and work support for grades 11/12. We are also looking to increase support for resource and counsellor teacher blocks.
* It may happen that some classes will see a new teacher
* School Activities
* VP, Nick Akrap, visited all our Elementary feeder schools to talk about Tupper (English feeder schools only – French Immersion schools in catchment are considered to be feeders to the local French Immersion high schools, so off limits)
* Grade 7 information night was a success – great participation from Tupper students
* Interim Reports
* came out on January 24th
* interim reports will no longer be mailed out (an annual savings of $1100)
* all parents were sent automated notification that interims were distributed
* students will be given the reports to give to their parents – please check with your child to see if he/she received one
* coming in June will be a “Parent Portal” – parents will be able to log into this portal and see their child’s report card

1. Treasurer’s Report – Jill Townsend

* We were able to meet about half the funding requests submitted by teachers
* Direct drive through chimp.net (a charity fundraising website) was initiated in December.
* $3570 was raised, to be put into the PAC Operating Account (where funds can be allocated at our discretion). The gaming account can only be spent on extra-curriculars.
* For the allocation of these direct drive funds, some areas of priority have been identified, some of which were specified as areas Dr. Sheik was hoping could get extra funding
* The majorly underfunded areas from the first distribution included PAC scholarships, grad awards (ask was $800), sports day supplies, various athletics asks, field trip requests, special ed (life skills), TAPS, best buddies, ESL/ELL, counselling department (outdoor umbrellas), homework club and Tupper young parents.
* Dr. Sheik’s wishlist: TAPS (Tupper Alternative Program), Best Buddies, ESL/ELL, Counselling Group and Tupper Young Parents. With the monies raised through the direct drive, we could bring these groups up to their full ask
* It was presented that the Tupper Young Parents may have received funding from another source, so it was suggested that if this was the case, we divert funds to boost up the Social Studies ask, noting also that the Social Studies ask will benefit a greater number of students
* Resolution to use funds raised from direct drive as follows:

$600 for Special Ed Life Skills

$100 for TAPS year end camp

$700 for TAPS Best Buddies program

$80 for Counselling Dept (outdoor umbrellas)

$1000 for social studies field trip

* PAC exec will follow up with Young Parents to see if they still need further funding (up to $900)
* Moved by Jill, Seconded by Craig, Unanimously approved