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**Sir Charles Tupper Secondary School**

**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)**

PAC Meeting Minutes from October 19th, 2016

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

5 other Tupper parents present

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

From Makeesha: Acknowledgment that we live and work on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil Watuth and Squamish Coash Salish peoples.

1. Teacher Presentation – Russ Evans (Tupper Tech, Drafting, Design)
	* Offered the PAC cookies and chocolates and a huge thank you for their previous support
	* PAC provided funds to get a previously unapproved laser cutter evaluated and approved for use by school and beyond.
	* Also has a laser printer
	* Showed us 3D printer and some of it’s project successes
	* Shared that his students, on their own initiative, are developing "the Jeremiah Project" (as in, the Bullfrog) with the vision of developing a website with printable files to allow teachers to offer blind students a tactile object to correlate with school activities (in particular, story-telling, where they can't see the pictures). Their lofty and generous goal is to provide a 3D printer with materials and electronic files for printing some basic images to every district in the province.
2. Principal’s Report – Dr. Sheikh Irfan (in absentia), relayed by Makeesha
* Staffing Changes/Budget
	+ Business Ed teacher – Mr. McAlpine
	+ Life Skills Support Worker – Ms. Vance
* Food Services Baker – Richard Phan
* 1 block of extra staffing allowed us to add a PE class and reorganize to add ELL Art elective
* School Activities
* Parent Walkabout
* Grade 8 Elections
* Clubs Day – 22 clubs!
* Mini School “Bard on The Beach”
* Welcome Back Assemblies
* Grad Photos
* Grad Spirit Week
* Mini Info Night
* New Curriculum Implementation
* Curricula for grade 8 & 9 implemented this school year
* Draft curricula for grades 10 – 12 available for trial and feedback this year
	+ Full implementation of new curricula in 2017/18 (see links for website)
	+ <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum>
	+ <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/curriculum/10-12>
* Tupper to participate in District Inquiry looking at options regarding the new process for Reporting on Student Progress (see link below for Advisory Group Final Report on Provincial Assessment
* <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/pdf/agpa-final-report.pdf>

3. Teacher’s Report - Bonnie Burnell

* Reminded the PAC about the meeting on October 20th about the firing of the VSB board
* Underlined the importance of giving feedback about the New Curriculum, both at the VSB level (there is a survey on their website), and at the school level – talking to teachers, providing feedback, especially regarding the future of grade-wide evaluations/testing (ie. Provincials)
* Parents raised some concerns about the emphasis on collaborative projects, which are a big part of the new curriculum. Again, feedback and conversations with teachers, was recommended
1. Treasurer’s Report – Jill Townsend: Teacher Funding Requests and Allocation of PAC Funds
* We get most of our funding from the Casinos (about $20/student). This year we received $19,940. Other sources of funding include fundraising and direct donations, but most funding comes from the casinos. Casino funding can only be used for extra curricular expenditures.
* Gaming account has $19,941.26, Operating account has $5070.88.
* Jill requested approval to move 2K from Operating account to Gaming Account, which gives us about 22K to allocate (motion moved by Jill, seconded by Sharon Jacobs, approved unanimously).
* Teacher requests totalled $42,670.00
* Jill presented three proposal on how to allocated funds:
	+ Proposal #1 - fund each request 50%, with some we have historically funded 100% getting full funding (long standing/higher priority requests, like our scholarships, homework club, link crew, tupper tech, special ed)
	+ Proposal #2 - full amount for as many as we can, particularly smaller requests, and "no" to some of the larger requests, hoping to find funding for them elsewhere
	+ Proposal #3 - weighted distribution, by history and magnitude, with consideration to prior history of spending/requests, requests by department as a whole, priority requests, offering full funding to asset requests.
* After discussion/question & answer period, motion was moved by Sharon to approve Proposal #3 (weighted option), seconded by Karen, unanimously approved
* Discussion was generated about how to raise additional funds for these projects, specifically direct donations.
* Jill moved motion that a direct appeal be made to the Tupper parent/family community, for direct cash donations, and in-kind donations/sponsorships, be made, over the next 3 weeks. The additional donations/monies will be applied to more fully meet Teacher Requests, with allocation to be presented/voted on, at the Nov 2016 PAC meeting. Motion seconded by Alyson, approved unanimously.