



SIR CHARLES TUPPER
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**Sir Charles Tupper PAC Meeting
Staff Room Tupper High School
September 12, 2018**

Attendance:

Makeesha Fisher	Chair
Angela Crampton	Co-Treasurer
Bronwyn Carrodus	Co-Treasurer
Christy Thomas	Co-Secretary (Minutes)
Dawn Dunkerley	Co-Secretary
Ms. Alison Ogden	Principal

Regrets: Andrea Sinclair (Member at Large)

Introduction & Welcome

We all acknowledge that we live, work, learn and play on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil Waututh, and Squamish Coast Salish People.
Hello & welcome from Makeesha. Introductions around the room.

Motion to vote for Co-Secretaries

Motion to vote in co-secretaries Christy Thomas & Dawn Dunkerly: Makeesha Fisher
Second: Sue Boyles / Vote: Motion Passed

Introduction to role of the PAC and PAC's role at Tupper.

DPAC Representative is Ann Montgomery this year. Question from a parent & discussion about where to find information on DPAC & the role of DPAC.

Re-cap of some PAC events during the last school year: Teachers & Staff Appreciation Breakfast in June, Funding Workshop, and Screenagers Documentary Screening Evening at Tupper (use of Technology by youth) as a co-presentation with Charles Dickens Elementary. PAC also did an online fundraiser last year.

One big role of the Tupper PAC is to apply for, receive, and administer annual gaming funds. This normally amounts to \$20k and is based on a dollar amount per child at the school. Gaming funds are used for many extra-curricular activities & field trips that our children enjoy & benefit from.

Treasurer's Report

2017/18 Summary

\$ 19,475 in gaming funds disbursed to support non-curriculum costs

\$ 468 in operating funds disbursed in response to teacher requests

\$ 1,520 in operating funds raised from Screenagers fundraiser

\$ 1,225 raised through direct drive fundraiser

Operating Account

Balance: \$6,490

Outstanding deposits:

Direct drive funds?

Outstanding expenses:

None

Gaming Account

Balance: \$19,864

Outstanding deposits:

2018/19 funds anticipated in October

Outstanding expenses:

2017/18 funds have not been paid out yet

Upcoming Treasurer Action:

Send out teacher request form / Align with school financial committee

Potential funding for sexual health workshop for parents

Principal's Report

Ms Ogden acknowledged the conflict between Grade 8 Camp & Rosh Hashana this year. It is very tough to get new camp dates and the camp organizers didn't realize the conflict until late Spring when it was too late to get new camp dates. It was very unfortunate that some families were put into the difficult position of having to make choices with respect to their child attending camp or observing the holiday. In future organizers will do everything possible to avoid these kinds of conflicts.

1. Staffing/Scheduling

- Current enrollment is 1054. Projected 1042 students in April.
- 65 teaching staff

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- 15 support staff, 4 office staff, 4 Community School Team members, 1 Indigenous Enhancement Worker,
- Counsellors are working hard to ensure that all students have eight courses and are scheduled into the correct courses.
- All course change request must be submitted to counsellors by September 20.

2. Upcoming Events/Dates

September 10-12	Grade 8 Camp at Camp Elphinstone
September 14	Photo Day
September 17 – 21	Grade 8 Spirit Week
September 19	TIP Day
September 20	Parent Walkabout
	Grade 8 Parent/Guardian Info Night - 5:30 in the auditorium
	Grade 12 Parent/Guardian Info Night -5:30 in the library
September 21	Professional Day
September 28	Orange Shirt Day
September 25	Mayoral debate
September 27 – 29	Grad Photo sessions at Artona

3. Agenda App – can be accessed by searching ‘Tupper’ at the Apple Store or Google play store

4. The Year Ahead

- The focus in the coming year will be:
 - i. Assessment and the implementation of the new curriculum
 - ii. ROARS

Our inquiry question (school goal) for the coming school plan cycle is:

‘How can we continue to enhance our focus on our school culture to create more explicit ties to the Core Competencies?’

Year 1: Back to the Basics

- Year-long Professional development focus on ROARS
- Use collaborative planning time (TIP) to engage in whole staff discussions on ROARS
- Continue with the focus on Brain Break and mindfulness activities during this time
- Continued discussion and feedback on the inquiry in Department Head meetings, Staff meetings, and TIP time

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Tupper is full at Grade 8 / Full at Grade 12 level. Generally staffing shortages from last year are not being experienced this year. 900 TOC's staffed this year (last year 700 – we are hoping it is enough).

Recap on ROARS (Code of Conduct): Respect / Ownership / Attitude / Responsibility / Safety
Mr lameo & Ms Cancar did a great job running Grade 8 Camp.

Questions about Workbooks and costs for this year – a lot of workbooks for the classes and concern from parents about paying for a lot of \$10 workbooks, multiple books per child and the costs adding up for parents.

Potential for a bigger conversation about this in the future and expense to parents and affordability – in addition to adequate warning about fees and clarity on the website in advance so that parents have an opportunity to budget & plan.

New phone system this year and Tupper is just working out the kinks.

Input on forms and filling out all the information on the medical part – would it be possible to fill it out online? A. Ogden looking into if they could do this online – some concerns about freedom of information but she will loop back to us to see if this is possible.

Request for Funding Applications going out now to teachers & staff to give them time to fill out & give back to PAC well before Funding Meeting & distribution of funds.

Goal for Disbursement & voting on direction of funds by meeting in October PAC Meeting (later amended to November PAC Meeting). Gaming Funds Guidelines attached.

Discussion – potential ideas for parent night and sexual health workshop for parents. Ideas for things PAC may want to do this year.

Grant Me – UBC Graduate conversation around funding for post secondary – not a lot of interest from PAC to hear this person at PAC meeting. Discussion of who would present to parents & Grade 11 / 12 students to help parents guide students in applying for grants / application process for grade 12 students. Specialized counsellor position lost thru funding cuts. Last year PAC brought in a speaker to help, a guest speaker, to help with decision making. This person as a counsellor from another school (private school) and was a parent education session held off school property. This evening was funded by PAC & was useful to parents. Parents not very happy that this position was cut.

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There is a PSI day – all schools come & speak to kids in October about post secondary education.

Next Tupper PAC Meeting October 17, 2018.

Meeting Wrap up at: 8:50pm.

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Tupper PAC Meeting
June 6, 2018

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2018-2019 PAC Exec

Aideen and Makeesha will file as PAC Exec.

Treasurer, Jill Townsend will do the final Treasurer duties before stepping down.

Makeesha will write again to seek new Executive members in the Fall. A PAC is required to access gaming funds. She has some ideas on how the PAC could run and, hopefully, attract new members.

Treasurer

Most of teacher receipts turned in against the gaming funds.

Gaming closer to \$23k – we have some gaming grant money left over. Recently, \$500 assigned to ultimate Frisbee team for t-shirts.

Tupper Operating account very healthy going into 2019. \$500 was set aside for the Teacher appreciation breakfast .

As this is the final meeting of this school year, some socialising occurred and meeting closed early.

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