

Sir Charles Tupper PAC Meeting

Location: Remote via ZOOM

September 17, 2020

Executive Attendance:

Daryl Hutchings	Member at Large (Meeting Chair)
Angela Crampton	Co-Treasurer
Avri Snitz	Co-Treasurer
Christy Thomas	Co-Secretary (Acting Chair until Oct. 8 Meeting)
Dawn Dunkerley	Co-Secretary
June Adamson	Member at Large (Communications)
Vira Jackson	Member at Large
Andrea Sinclair	Member at Large
Bronwyn Carrodus	Member at Large

Attendance: Tyler Evans (Vice Principal), Adam Tuerlings (Vice Principal), Dara Hendren (Teacher Rep), Karen Tsang & Alec Tsang.

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. Summary of Last Year and Wrap Up Comments – Outgoing Chair Daryl Hutchings

There is little to say about the 2019/2020 Academic Year that we don't all already know: it was dominated by Covid-19 and the measures necessary to mitigate its impact. But for all the heartache, tragedy and disruption your school and your PAC did not have an entirely uneventful year.

In addition to beginning the disbursement of the Gaming Grant funds (of which more during the Treasurers' Report later in the meeting), we said farewell to Alison Ogden the former Principal and hello to Mr Lauzon. We saw our own Andrea Sinclair get elected as President of the BCCPAC and we developed our relationship with DPAC. At the end of 2019 the executive joined the campaign to prevent a cannabis dispensary being opened near the school on Fraser Street, and though we were unsuccessful in getting the Board of Variance to refuse them a license we made good connections at the BoV and got our view heard. Towards the end of the year we held an appreciation day for our school's heroic and long-suffering staff; although we weren't able to serve them at table this time we did pay for individual breakfasts for everyone and created an online "bulletin board" for parents to publish their praises of the school and its teachers.

It has been my honour to serve as PAC Chair this year, and although I must step down I wish my successor all the very best and retire confident that the PAC and its executive will go from strength to

strength, helping the school and our children towards community, achievement and excellence in the year ahead.

4. Tyler Evans & Adam Tuerlings Vice-Principal's Report

Tyler Evans:

Thanks to the PAC for the year end "Thank-you" breakfast treats & messages to the Staff. Tyler Evans has taken on the 'health & safety' duties at Tupper this Fall. The Ministry of Education decided that the province would move to Stage 2 with Learning Groups and Cohorts in late July. They gave the schools an opportunity to delay school start by two days in order to help prepare for the changes to the schedule and organization that the new guidelines around learning groups demanded. These days were used partially to orient staff on: Health & Safety, Schedules and to set Committees to help facilitate safety this year. The extra time was also used for Student Orientations around health & safety, schedules and Link Crew orientation. The school has set 4 student entrances and sent out information on Entry to and Exit from school in order to reduce student contact and keep students & staff safe.

Adam Tuerlings:

Tupper administration, teachers and counselors had to pivot very quickly at the start of this school year to facilitate a move to the Quarter System and to a Face to Face and Remote learning rotation schedule. Changes and plans made over the summer had to be quickly revised with changes brought down by the Ministry. These systems were implemented to reduce student cohorts and effectively reduce the amount of student contact with other students. The Quarter System allows students to complete 2 courses in 10 weeks rotating every two weeks between Face to Face (F2F) and Remote Learning. There is Flex Time in the middle of the school day that allows students who need access to internet / computers and support to be in the school as well as for special classes and programs to run.

Start and end of Quarter Dates has been published (as below). Grades 8 & 9 will be employing standards-based grading this year. Standards-based grading allows teachers to clearly communicate to students and parents a student's understanding of concepts through a proficiency scale rather than letter grades. Tupper staff is excited about this change in grading for grade 8 and 9 students.

The 2020-2021 school year will be divided into four quarters.

Quarterly Schedule

Quarter One: September 14, 2020 to November 17, 2020

Quarter Two: November 18, 2020 to February 3, 2021

Quarter Three: February 4, 2021 to April 23, 2021

Quarter Four: April 27, 2021 to June 29, 2021

Each day will be divided into four parts.

Daily Schedule:

Session One 8:40am to 10:25am

Flex time A 10:30am to 11:30am

Flex time B 12:15pm to 1:15pm

Session Two 1:18pm to 3:03pm

Discussion regarding parent concerns around student contact time & amount of time kids are engaged in school and amount of content they are able to learn in this time. Administration advises that the Ministry of Education approved these hours and plan for BC schools and does not have concerns about our kids falling behind and the amount of content they will be able to learn with the reduced contact time and 'live' support. PAC would like to support families and students who are struggling under these new rules in any way they can.

5. Treasurer's Report - Screen Shared by Angela

Treasurer's Report – Budget Presented by Angela (attached)
Motion to accept BC Gaming Report as Submitted
Moved: Bronwyn / Second: Daryl / Passed Unanimously
HUGE Thanks to Bronwyn & Angela for all of their hard work this August & September!

6. PAC Nominations & Elections for 2020/2021 School Year

Co-Secretaries – Acclaimed – Dawn Dunkerly & Christy Thomas

Treasurers – Nominated & Acclaimed Angela Crampton & Avri Snitz

Members at Large – Daryl Hutchings, Vira Jackson, Andrea Sinclair, June Adamson (Communications) & Bronwyn Carrodus

Discussion regarding the Chair Position. Vira thinking about the chair position, time commitment and also potentially recruiting some Grade 8 Parents interested in chairing or co-chairing. Christy Thomas Acting Chair until Oct. 8 Meeting.

7. Approval of Minutes dated February 12, 2020

Moved to accept: June / Second: Daryl – Minutes accepted - Passed

8. Teacher Report – Dara Hendren

All teachers feel like brand new teachers in this system. Teachers ask for patience and please parents reach out with any questions or concerns. Ask students to contact teachers first then parent contact teachers if issue is not resolved.

9. Discussion Regarding Platform for PAC Meetings: Live Meeting vs Zoom Meeting

We are asked not to meet on school grounds.

Decided we will stay on Zoom for the Meetings & use the DPAC account rather than paying for our own.

Karen Tsang: October 1st DPAC Zoom Meeting – PAC 101
PAC members encouraged to attend especially Treasurers & Chair.

10. Any Other Business - No New Business

11. Date of Next Meeting - October 8th - Meeting on Zoom

12. Motion to Adjourn - 8:21pm (Adjourned)