

Tupper PAC Meeting

February 11, 2021 7:04 pm

Location: Remote via ZOOM

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In attendance:

Chair: Christy Thomas

Co-Treasurers: Avri Snitz

Secretary: Dawn Dunkerley

Principal: Jason Lauzon

PAC in Attendance: Andrea Mitchell, Jacqui Thomas, Lilly Wong, Natalie Hamilton, Hilary Thomas, Danielle Goldsmith, Rachel Saunders, Taz Ismail, Fleur Auton Staton. Josh Chan, Dara Hendren

Regrets: Daryl Hutchings (Past Chair), June Adamson, Angela Crampton

1. Introductions, Welcome and Aboriginal Acknowledgement – Christy

We acknowledge that we work, learn and play on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil Waututh, and Squamish Coast Salish peoples.

2. Motion to approve January 14, 2021 Minutes as circulated & Vote to Accept as Published

Moved by Christ Thomas, Second: Jacqui Thomas- All In Favor- No Opposed- PASSED

3. Grad Update Fleur Auton Staton and Josh Chan:

A) Grad committee accomplishments: Maybe filmed, music video.

B) Future: Spirit week, virtual social, movie night

C) Will need support from parents if COVID improves, also will need parental financial support, chaperones, PAC Support?

Question: Danielle Goldsmith has reached out to the grad parents before Christmas. She has a list of parents if the grad committee needs them.

Lilli provided virtual game ideas for grad: Here were a few more that were mentioned by the managers at work:

- i had done a spreadsheet where each person wrote two facts about themselves and didn't identify themselves. then during the call everyone had to guess who the statements were about. it led to learning more about each person as well as funny conversations when people wrongly associated a statement with a person. when the guessing was done, the person who wrote the statement was able to share the stories related to their statement. it was by far one of the most fun activities we have done virtually!
- Quiplash is great and the rounds are pretty quick

Couple of fun team building interactions online that our company has used:

- escape room <https://www.puzzlebreak.us/>
- scavenger hunt with <https://www.goosechase.com/> and team lunch after with uber eats cards
- team pizza making kits <https://www.scottspizzatours.com/pizza-making-kits/>
- play some Jackbox TV games <https://www.jackboxgames.com/party-pack/>
- Lazy Gourmet cooking/drinks classes <https://www.lazygourmet.ca/menus/classroom-events/>
- Geo Guesser game with prizes <https://www.geoguessr.com/game/clhoWkSAMkiOvj0E>

Something to start with anyways for research.

4. Principal's Report and questions – Jason Lauzon
 - A) Would like to pick a date for grad in house: Probably June 25 but maybe June 18. Due to the Quarter system every day of instruction is crucial. Will hopefully let us know at next meeting.
 - B) VSB Discussion and Think Tank- 3 admin to meet and discuss grad today. Similar to last year starting point Table/Friend Groups. 22 X 15 grads-Model
 - C) January 14 action items- K-12 Return to school funds \$10500. 15 laptops ordered used in school for technology. Also, office admin Debbie has reminded teachers to spend their wish list money.
 - D) COVID- Thank you Christy and Mary, PAC voice and advocates. Another note home today to parents. We now have a mask mandate in the school and a revised health check list- Follow up on best practices.
 - E) Quarter 3 has begun. Increased learning opportunities during flex time. Now mandatory for grade 8 and 9 students 3 times per week.

Questions: 1. Jason when will the laptops arrive? Ordered through ePro. He will Follow up for next meeting.

2. Hours of School are less than other districts. Why? VSB responded by adding mandatory 3 in class, in person interactions with grade 8 students. Hilary Thomas from McBride would like to advocate for the school.

3. Increased COVID cases, some parents would like additional remote learning opportunities. However, it comes from the district and is mandated by the province to increase instruction for the grade 8s.

ACTION ITEM: Christy and Hilary will talk.

4. How many people fit in the Chan Centre? 1185 seats plus 180 in the choral loft. 220 grads.

ACTION ITEM: Jason Lauzon will investigate.

5. Teacher Report- Dara Hendren- Teachers want to thank the PAC for increased communication re COVID and VCH.

Teachers pivot with changes- please be patient.

6. COVID Safety at Tupper- Discussion- Mary Levistan and Christy Thomas wrote a letter to VSB and VCH to try to get more transparency with all the letters coming home to parents in the hope that parents can make decisions.
Trying to get to an understanding of COVID coverage at the school.
Fall/Winter- Possibly multiple exposures.
School and Jason do not have control over the letters.
Had a meeting – the explanation for lack of transparency is privacy.
Dr Choi maintains that the transmissions are in the community and not the school.
However, it was brought to VCH that Tupper has the most exposure notices (16) in the district with John Oliver (14) closely behind.
Goal of VCH is the health of the students and maintains that schools are the safest place for students.
Dara said teachers can control within the classroom but not when students leave.

7. Treasurer's Report - Avri
Account Balances:
Gaming \$23 766.24
Community \$1012.11
Total just under \$25K

8. Grade 8 camp and could there be a grade 9 camp. No grade 9 camp as it is too difficult to organize.

9. Staff appreciation breakfast- plan the same as last year. We need wine and other gifts for teachers; savoury and sweet dishes or catered food. Sidewalk chalk and thank yous appreciated by teachers last year. Will choose a date once we know the grad date.

ACTION ITEM: is Makeesha interested in leading the event again this year?

10. New Business:

a. Questions Lilly asked if school new about Pepper Spray incident on the school grounds reported to her from her neighbours. Jason Lauzon has not heard from SLO (school Liaison Officer). SLO are helpful to keep the school and community safe. They alert principal who can alert counsellors and victims.

b. Election of new council as co chairs are stepping down, hopefully we can increase the size of our members at large

11. Next Meeting: **April 8 7 PM**

12. Meeting adjourned 8:25 PM

Thursday, April 8

Thursday, May 13 – AGM & PAC Elections