

Tupper PAC Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2022
Minutes by Co-Secretary Karen Ausejo
Meeting led by Co-Chair Dave Dunkerley

Zoom Attendance (23 attendees):

PAC Executive Committee:

- Co-Chairs: Bree Galbraith and Dave Dunkerley
- Co-Treasurers: Angela Crampton
- Co-Secretaries: Dawn Dunkerley and Karen Ausejo
- Principal: Jason Lauzon
- Teacher Representative: Oliver Kollar
- Members at Large: Charmaine Ho, Leone Hall, Wayne Louie, Martin O'Keene
- Regrets: Makeesha Fisher, Dani Conrad, Fiona Shaw, Vera Jackson, Andrea Sinclair, Avri Snitz

Additional PAC members (as per name on zoom):

Libby Taylor, Krista K, Laurie McNeill, Serena, Consuelo Fernandez, Carolyn Gleeson, Anthony Floyd, Lilli Wong, Emilie Dugas, Gama Raban, Vicky Agupitan, David

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- I. 7:02pm: Meeting called to order by Dave.
 - II. Introductions tabled due to high attendance. Welcome and Aboriginal Acknowledgement given by Dave. *We acknowledge that we work, learn and play on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Tsleil Waututh, and Squamish Coast Salish peoples.*
 - III. Review of January Minutes. MOTION by Dave to **accept January 2022 PAC Minutes as published**. SECONDED by Laurie. All in favour/None opposed: Motion APPROVED.
 - IV. Financial updates
 - A. Per Angela: No changes. \$26,250 in gaming account; \$526 in regular account.
 - B. Per Jason: gift card tally approximately \$2000; basketball at \$8000; confirmed December money went through
 - V. Moving Forward with Fundraising/Social Engagement Post-COVID
 - A. PowerPoint presentation by Dave, expressing interest and motivation to have PAC fundraise beyond direct drive and gaming funds.
 - B. ACTION items:
 1. Dave to seek stakeholders (sports, clubs, etc.) to solicit interest in PAC fundraising for them and to ask what they need.
 2. Dave also to explore facilities rentals in April/May.
 3. Per Angela's request, PAC Co-Treasurers to be involved in setting up PayPal and organization of any other accounts related to PAC fundraising
 4. Sub-committee proposed for anyone interested helping guide from their experiences in setting up PayPal, direct drives, etc. (e.g. Brock PAC). Volunteers

(Krista, Lilli, Charmaine) put in names/email in zoom chat; any others please email Tupper PAC.

- VI. Teacher Representative Update by Oliver
 - A. Upcoming Professional Development
 - 1. Gordan Neufeld Institute will provide learning to staff on supporting troubled kids/kids experiencing mental health concerns.
 - 2. Warren Hooley will present on Indigenous Healing and Building a school community
 - B. Oliver identified himself as one of the leads in the school on Anti-Racism. Jason to discuss more re: Black History Month.
 - C. Oct Municipal Elections coming up. PAC encouraged to get involved, attend meetings, and vote for who you would like to fill the spots for the nine trustees

- VII. DPAC presented by Anthony
 - A. VSB confirmed they are keeping the semester system
 - B. VSTA (Vancouver Secondary Teachers Association) not in favour of semester system, as it does not give teachers adequate time for second semester course/class preparation
 - C. Feedback solicited of/provided by PAC regarding semesters, period rotations, and Fit Time:
 - 1. Majority of comments not in support of semesters, noting large time gaps between when a course is taken, whereas year-round courses provide more continuity and would be beneficial to take for a full year
 - 2. Mixed support re: block rotations- benefits of not having the same class at the same time of day given energy levels/interest of the student; drawback of block rotation in that changes in location and time would be more difficult for students with executive functioning challenges
 - 3. Mixed feedback on Fit- positive experience for some students to catch up, get extra help, complete homework; less beneficial to others who use time to hang out, unstructured, not being able to move to/from classrooms

- VIII. Principal's Update by Jason
 - A. New semester started in January. Feels like a reset and new rhythm. Teacher-workload impacted and some imbalance of classes per semester being worked on
 - B. Clubs and sports ongoing
 - C. Fit time will have increased teacher access. Moving back to structured model like in September where Fit is blocked in class and can be used to address loss of instructional time (remediation/homework/group work); extended period.
 - D. Grade 8 and Leadership students will get an in-service by Help Change My City, a mentorship program, to teach ROARs and build community. Hope to extend this to grade 9 and 10 in the future.
 - E. Confirmed VSB has committed to two years of semester system. VSB agreeable to allow for further review and flexibility in how Fit is used or can be changed. VSB also allowing schools to decide and offer one opportunity to switch or change the period rotation schedule

- F. Grade 8 virtual info night was successful with over 150 parents attending. Parent-teacher night via remote format also showed high attendance. Remote format to continue to be considered going forward as it appears to increase engagement/attendance.
- G. Answers to specific parent/caregiver questions to Principal:
 - 1. Electronics policy: teachers have the right to decide in their class how/if electronics can be used. School policy is “off and out of sight.”
 - 2. Grad ceremony: Pending District further updates from VSB Grad Committee. Tupper has booked June 17 at the Chan Centre. Jason will message all grad families within the next few weeks to confirm. Hope is for decreased restrictions to allow for more events.
 - 3. Truth and Reconciliation: Oliver and teachers read out one of the 94 calls to action daily, with follow up resources; teachers encouraged to discuss the calls to action in class and how to “bring it to life”. Warren Hooley providing ProD to staff on indigenous issues and allied ship. Indigenous teacher Amanda Reed creating a display in the school foyer on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women- Red Dress Day, in response to previous discussions to make learning more visible.
 - 4. Black History Month: Oliver to make a display in the school to celebrate Black History. Alpha Kirabira (Founder of Help Change My City) will be speaking on Feb 15 to the school during Fit time, as well as mentoring the grade 8’s and Link Crew to reinforce ROARS
 - 5. Lunar New Year: No events this year due to Covid restrictions. Plan to do in the future, as well as recognize as much as possible all cultures in the school community.
- H. Acknowledgement given to Oliver, staff, and students for their ongoing commitment, motivation, and desire to build and make the community better.

IX. Meeting adjourned by Dave at 8:04pm.

8:04 – 8:25pm: Open questions/discussion to Principal on fundraising, ideas for what funds could be used for, Tupper Alternative Program (TAP), Career Education 8, Boys Club/mentorship programs.