

Talmey Parent Advisory Council

Minutes

April 16th, 2018

Chair: Melissa Chui

Secretary: Gabriela Draheim

Treasurer: Tosa Rusimovici

Members at Large: Kristin, Julia, Adam, Amy

In Attendance: Melissa, Gabriela, Tosa, Al, Kristen, Mary, Julia, Amy, Jana, Ashley, Chris, Wendy

Call to Order:

Melissa called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm

- Approved and no additions to the agenda

1. Secretary's Report

- Reviewed February's meeting minutes
- Voted & approved

2. Chairperson's Report

- Welcome to new members
- Goals for 2017-2018:
 1. to increase parental involvement in the school and in PAC functions, including fundraisers, services for students, performances and information sessions
 2. to generate enough income through fundraisers to be able to fund field trips, performances and other special activities
- Upcoming PAC events and information:
 - Cash 4 Clothes: 1st drop off afterschool May 23/ final drop off morning of the 24th
 - Fun Day: June 1st—watermelon & granola bars (nutfree) snack will once again be provided by PAC. Subway Pre-orders will be taken (since it can easily accommodate families who join in the festivities for the day).

3. Treasurer's Report

- Financial Update—current profit of \$5,941.53 * Gaming Acct. now has \$867 (Thanks to Raffle Earnings) Earnings need to be spent within 1 year.
 - **Spring Carnival raffle was a success & so the plan is to do a similar raffle next year.
 - **International students—PAC will submit an invoice to the school for 21 x \$9 to reimburse costs for Bollywood dance instruction for the international students
- Budget items for 2018-2019 *see notes re: Hot Lunch for 2018/19
- Voted & approved

4. Celebrations and Successes

- Movie Night—less people, but more manageable. Sound quality was much better too ☺.
- Spring Carnival – ***Congratulations to the following winners of the RC Talmey Spring Raffle:*** Abdul V., Stephon S., Tony S., Sidney, Aleem H., Kishani G., Mike L., Guyed H., Elena K., Ten L., Adam K.

Thank you to Amy, Mary and all those who were involved. Was a great introduction for new families. New games were a hit (especially Plinko). Gym format worked well.

5. Administrative Report

- School clubs and teams update-track attack is underway despite the rainy weather. Talmey's Track meetdate is Thurs. May 3rd. (first rain out date is May 4th—just in case)
- Staff update—4 UBC teacher candidates are at Talmey until June.
- MacNeill transition for gr. 7's has started
- Outdoor Education update—Seymour trip—it got rained out- mountain cancelled & rescheduled for the following Monday. Snow shoeing & tobogganing were enjoyed by the gr. 6 & 7 students. Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped out for the day.
- Tomsett registration is now closed, which means their catchment is now ours. Looking at close to 50 Kindies for next year. Moving forward we look to grow between 2 to 3 classes. As well as the unknown that trickles in during the summer. Future expansion project is now slated earlier. Overall we still have declining enrollment in the district, but Talmey is in a growth area. (worth noting: when school population increases over 200-250 we get increased resources ELL, Library time etc.) We can accommodate 315 students max. in the building in its current state
- Update on PAC sponsored bookings: Cycle BC-was full & therefore will happen next year. Al is still trying to get in touch with Inline skating people to confirm this year's date.
- Staff Enhancement/Wish list for 2018/19 : Continuation with fine arts funding, replacing Gym Wall Mats (\$3500), Yoga (schoolwide), field-trip allotment per student

6. School Planning Council Report

- School wide goal for 2017-2018: Working within the Core Competencies of Communication and Personal Awareness & Responsibility we are utilizing the concepts of Growth Mind Set and Mindfulness training for students and staff to enhance the resiliency of students in dealing with anxiety and school connections.
- Pro-Day April 23rd –“Mind up presentation” for teachers
- The Spirals of Inquiry update

7. Committee Reports

1. Fruit and Vegetable—Mini cucumbers were served on April 10th & 2 dates remain for May (Mini Peppers & Grape Tomatoes)

2. Hot lunch and Snack Shack—*changes are slated for 2018/19. Thanks to Jana & Julia for taking on the role of coordinators. They are currently investigating the logistics of the “Munch-a-Lunch” online ordering/organization program. There is a cost for utilizing the program, but potential benefits are time/energy saved. Switching to an online system would be a big change and would likely result in an initial decrease in orders/revenue temporarily until people fully embraced the change. Possibly we could commit less funds in other areas (ie. fine arts performances) or use some of our savings to offset some of the potential decreased revenue that might initially occur.*

*Snack Shacks raised over \$200 last week-a new record!! Long line-ups were a concern as well as limited time to eat lunch (due to line-ups). Some problem solving may need to take place to figure out future logistics of dealing with a rapidly growing school population. **Also mentioned was a goal of phasing out water bottle sales and instead encourage students to use re-usable water bottles & the filling station).

3. Popcorn—next sale -tomorrow April 17th. 100 bags were sold at the last sale—another record. Some discussion took place around the possibility of a new popcorn machine (a bigger/faster model) to deal with the demands of a growing student population. Melissa will investigate potential costs & will report back.

4. Fundraising –family photo night will be looked at as a possibility for next year.

Cash 4 clothes—New Instructions will be sent home with bags (ie. Only clothes in bags, shoes in a separate/smaller bag so the small bags can be compiled. Housewares etc. need to be packed in boxes)

5. Yearbook—Orders/final payments are coming in. 24 page format will be expanded to 28 pages with Grade 7s doing fundraising to pay the extra \$109 for a 4 page “Grad Zone”. Final numbers will officially be submitted May15th. Have no skating photos if people could check & send to Kristen.

8. New Business

- PAC Mail: If anything you saw in the mail interested you, and you’d like to pursue it further, please mention it at this time
- Badminton – free program. Melissa will forward info. to Al to check out.
- Grade 7 Pancake Breakfast—Al to confirm date with teachers—TBA (back up date June 13th)
*if it is before May 15th, photos can be in yearbook, otherwise not. (24 students & 2 teachers). Music would be a nice addition to the event. Wednesday would be a good day to have it (so set up can take place Tuesday afterschool).
- Other potential activities mentioned to investigate for the future: Saleema Noon igirl/iguy workshops for sr. students, Stellar Play/archery tag program, Lunchbox Theatre-Theatrix)

Thanks to Kristin for bringing snackstonight!

Next PAC Meeting: AGM May 28th at 6:30pm

Thanks to Julia for providing treats!