

**T.A.C. Meeting Minutes**  
**Theme: TAC Website & Principal Reports**  
**Tuesday, October 21<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
*Dr. Marg McDonough Library*  
*(4:00 – 5:30)*

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**MEETING GOAL:**

- a. Program Updates (Principal Reports)
- b. Review of DRAFT TAC Website
- c. Review meeting dates and topics

**Agenda Items:**

**REMINDERS**

1. TAC Master Calendar – two school still need to input their data for parents who have children across several schools.
2. Library Dedication Photos – now up in the Dr. Marg McDonough Library
3. Traditional Schools Spelling Bee – to take place Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ ATSS. All elementary school encouraged to participate.
4. Traditional Hall of Fame – Michelle Olson has proposed that we use the wall between the ATMS gym and ATSS cafeteria to create a “traditional hall of fame”. Each school’s crest would be painted on the wall and each school would be given a section for hanging up memorabilia.
5. King Primary Musical – coming to Abby Arts on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Welcome, Attendance & Distribute Materials**

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Reps for this year are...

- South Poplar – Woody, Garth & Raminder
- Auguston – Bob, Steve
- King – Angela, Debra, Sherri
- ATMS – Greg, Rebecca, Lori
- ATSS – Glen, Cordell, Jason

**Updates – Traditional Schools Update**

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- 2 years away from maximum capacity
  - South Poplar is packed with 259
  - Auguston numbers down to 349
  - King carries 350 to 360
  - ATMS has 448
  - ATSS has 467
  - Total is 1835 (up 4.3% from last year)
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## PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

### South Poplar (Woody)

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- School is piloting the use of BCISIS
- Workshops have been presented for literacy.
- There's a new PAC in place
- They are putting on community event nights at the school
- Has a new computer lab with 35 Mac's (the newest in the district)
- PLC is moving forward, now with 2 grade groups (working on literacy)
- PLC is given time on Tuesday mornings to meet and plan.
- 3 teachers were sent to Victoria to the PLC conference
- Assessment & literacy are focuses

### King (Angela)

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- 2 PLC's at King (Helping Struggling Learners & Enrichment)
- Has a new computer lab installed over the summer (created through parent fund raising)
- Parking lot was expanded for parents over the summer
- Traffic seems to be better for major assemblies
- Strong PAC in place. Budget meeting for year already held.
- Two strong teachers went off to other jobs. Replacements seems very capable.
- Garfield Weston Awards for Academic Excellence.
- Medieval Fun Fair coming up in November (major fund raiser)
- Primary grades have their musical @ Abby Art (Dec 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Had a smooth start up.

### Auguston (Bob)

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- Site is under construction
- Have 5 international students this year
- Only one new staff member this year. There's good continuity on this front.
- Incredible Terry Fox Assembly. Darrel Fox came and spoke to the school. They raised over \$1000
- The library was improved over the summer.
- LSS was bettered with computers
- Goals for the year are focused on writing. There are two PLC groups and teachers have attended the conference in Victoria.
- Grade group meetings are taking place. Finding time for the PLC groups is a challenge.

### ATMS (Greg)

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- 448 students enrolled with a waiting list
- Smooth start up
- 3 new staff (two in Gr. 6 and one in 7)
- Sharing staff with ATSS (Don Barden for Wood, Christy McColl for band)
- Rebecca is PLC leader with Michelle Olson. Greg is teaching once a week to provide pullout time for this group.
- Teachers completed RAD testing to get data on student literacy and develop action plans.
- Greg salutes the school professional culture.
- Terry Small, presenter came to the school to talk about "secrets of success" in school. He's met with students and parents.
- Previous speaker, Andy Thibodeau came to speak to the school about "ethic of care" and participation in school.
- Parent group is well invested and helping to get a playground in place on the property. Over the summer a walking path was installed.
- Developing our transition team. Nic Cochrane and Michelle Olson will be attending WEB training to help mentor and support new 6 graders.
- Greg comments that he has been given a warm welcome.

### ATSS (Glen)

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the building and added a level of comfort that didn't exist in the first year. Our secretarial staff has worked together for some time now and are working well as a team.
- Number are up to about 470. We have three international students. We have grown by about 90 students. We have new staff and new classes.
- We have new teachers (Ms. Royer with Art. Mr. Cuthbertson with Science/Math and Mr. Domke with P.E.)
- The AP Program is growing and representing a significant academic challenge for students.
- Grade 12 group is very active and positive. We had a great Homecoming Event.
- Canadian Anthology Association awarded ATSS 2<sup>nd</sup> in the country for short stories.
- Five students at ATSS are national medal winners in wrestling.
- Jr. Girls Volleyball is strong this year and doing well in league.
- PLC is running with Mrs. Neufeldt
- Still converting the building from DND into classrooms.
- 500 student laptops are now in use @ ATSS and it requires a lot of person power to run.
- We have a new uniform supplier
- Athletic Honour Code was created by Mr. Laity and students to outline behaviour expectations for athletes.
- School goal to develop a traditional school culture was

## TAC Website

### Proposal – develop a TAC website the will serve to:

- Act as a repository of Traditional School information for the benefit of new parents, staff and students.
- Provide a venue for promoting and celebrating excellence in our programs.
- Act as an official link between or schools. Our website would be brought together in a central location.
- Act as a vehicle for the planning of Traditional School Events (Master Calendar)
- Provide a venue for sharing TAC and/or Traditional School news with the community at large. (Photo Gallery)

***NEXT STEPS – the site would be a major vehicle for the promotion of a provincial wide PD series on traditional hosted by our schools for educators from other districts.***

## DRAFT Presentation – TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS WEBSITE:

Doug outlines the features of the site (see handout) and it's content

*What do we like about the site?*

- Professional look
- Lightshow feature to show photos is novel, easy to use and provide great effect.
- Elevator bars allow for lots of information to be on one page.
- Links to each school site are useful.
- Parent/student surveys can collect client information.
- Lots information collected in one spot.

*Suggestions For Improvement*

- Name should be changed from "TAC" to Abbotsford Family of Traditional Schools.
- Contact Information needs to be central and easy to find in the home row.
- Flash media with changing school photos.
- There needs to be a contact person at each site to pass along information.
- Change TAC Calendar to Traditional Schools Master Calendar
- Change the site address to something shorter and more memorable.

*Future Uses*

- Link the site to the district's new site.

## TASKS

- Send high quality photos of your students for main page
- Visit [www.sd34.bc.ca/atms/tp/tac](http://www.sd34.bc.ca/atms/tp/tac)
- Begin sending photos of major events for archiving
- Send all pertinent documents to Doug to promote your schools.
- Testimonial from each school.
- Write a history of traditional for posting
- Student pictures need to be authorized before publishing.
- Original School crests need to be sent
- Investigate & buy a domain

### 2008/2009 Meeting Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>
October, Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2008	Principal Reports, TAC Website
December, Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2008	Website Update, Traditional Sports Day
February, Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	Registration & Transitioning
May, Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2009	Traditional Schools Conference