



**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Present:**

- Michèle Olson (Principal)
- Louise DeClercq (Vice Principal)
- Pamela Kolochuk (President)
- Jennifer Campbell (Vice President)
- Tanya Stokotelný (Secretary)
- Kristy Beriault (Treasurer)
- Cheryl Gervais (Member at Large)
- Emily Alderson (Member at Large)
- Nicole Caron (Member at Large)
- Kathy Ward (Member at Large)
- Kelly Pedrick (Member at Large)
- Heather McDonald (Member at Large)
- Joan Lewicki

**Absent:**

- Susan Baird (Member at Large)
- Monique Heise (Member at Large)
- Shannon Palahitski (Member at Large)
- Urooj Danish (Member at Large)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Call to Order – Attendance &amp; Introductions</b>
	Meeting called to order at 6:36pm. Attendance sheet was passed around.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>
	Pam added the Urban Bee Project, the Pancake Breakfast and Staff Appreciation to the agenda. Heather added plastic bag recycling to the agenda.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>
	Pam moved to approve the January 2017 minutes, seconded by Jennifer, all in favour, motion carried.

4.	<p><b>Urban Bee Project</b></p> <p>As a school community, we have decided we will not be participating in the urban bee project with Bee Project Apiaries. Nicole will continue to discuss with LRSD other possibilities in going ahead with the project away from our building. Heather mentioned that for anyone who was still interested in seeing the Bee Project Apiaries presentation, that they will presenting at the Assiniboine Park Zoo sometime in February (the detailed information is on their website).</p>
5.	<p><b>School Report</b></p> <p>Michèle Olson reported:  January:  -Field Trip to Max Bell in January - our students represented our school very well  -Rencontre à Béliveau - good representation of Van B parents  -Voyage de ski-Larivière - very positive feedback from their staff; the staff there told Lynn Fajardo that really enjoyed how skilled and respectful our kids were  -Grade 7 overnight ski trip at Assessippi is during the week of the festival: Feb 23 and 24  -Oak Hamock Marsh came to do presentations-Ecobus-various lessons on wildlife      -k-nature games      -1-bird feeders      -2-bats      -3-bird feeders      -4-how animals survive in the winter      -5-aboriginal games  -Curling outing- Grade three curling at MAG  -Book club and Lego Club have been happening  -Various lunchtime clubs have begun  Intramural games for grades 5-7-basketball-game is called 21  Day 2-grade 5  Day 4-grade 7  Day 6-grade 6</p> <p>Louise DeClercq announced that she will be retiring at the end of this school year.</p>
6.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>(see February 1, 2017 Treasurer's Report prepared by Kristy Beriault)  Kristy provided a summary of the current Treasurer's Report as follows:  The Operations Account had a couple deposits since last meeting totalling \$318.45. With all the expenses, mostly Munch a Lunch and Pizza Day supplies, the balance is currently \$2760.33 with a pending transfer from PayPal of \$3000.00 and pending lego expense of \$583.39.  The Fundraising Account balance remains the same as last month at \$11,113.63. That balance will be transferred to the LRSD trust account.</p>
7.	<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>
i)	<p>Pizza Day</p>
	<p>Pam reported that the January Pizza Day brought in less than typical amount but that may be parents aren't used to ordering online yet. The handout of the pizza orders might need some changes for the early years, but overall, there was a lot less work. Next pizza day is February 24<sup>th</sup>.</p>
ii)	<p>Fundraising</p>
	<p>a) <i>Yoga Night</i>: Tanya reported that Family Yoga Night was changed to Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm. A discussion followed that we should change the date because</p>

the EVB Preschool Open House is that evening as well as there might not be enough time to organize the ordering of the smoothies. Michèle will look into changing the date to Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. There was also a discussion about the capacity of the gym – M. Brett Delisle-Bougen had said that the capacity could go as high as 400 because so many of the attendees would be children. But that might not work if everyone has a yoga mat and other equipment. We will discuss this further with Susan and Brett. We will be asking families for a donation to Winnipeg Harvest; \$5 donation per family and food donations.

- b) *Movie Night*: Nicole reported that the next movie night will be on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The movies haven't been chosen yet. We will show 2 movies and use the main gym for the early years and the library for the middle years.
- c) *West Jet*: Pam reported we have been approved to hold another West Jet raffle. The preschool will not be selling tickets with the school this time. Monique Heise and Chandra Kremski are taking care of the printing of the tickets. We will be printing 300 booklets. They will go out to families to start selling March 16<sup>th</sup> and the draw will take place on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the school's movie night.
- d) *Applebee's*: Pam reported no changes to the Applebee's pancake breakfast fundraiser. It will take place at the Pembina location on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Sales will happen online; \$15/adult, \$10/child.
- e) *End of Year Fundraiser/Party*: Nicole proposed the idea of using the giant Canada Flag from the LRSD and incorporate it into our End of Year Fundraiser/Party. Discussion followed and the date was set – Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and the theme of Canada 150 was proposed. We could have everyone dress in red/white and Canada themed clothing. We could get tickets to the Canada Games as a raffle prize and having the mascot from the games attend. Kathy will look into the Canada 150 website for ideas for events/activities/giveaways. Pam will contact the Royal Canadian Mint to find out about commemorative coins. Discussion followed about having food trucks on site and if that is possible with the nut-safe policy at our school. Nicole will inquire about food trucks.

**8. Other Business/ Announcements**

- Staff Appreciation will take place Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Nicole, Jennifer, Kathy, Joan and Cheryl volunteered to plan the event.
- Heather reported that Winnipeg Harvest is always accepting donations of plastic bags as part of their "Bag-It-Forward" program. Heather suggested having a contest to challenge each class to bring in as many plastic bags as possible. Discussion followed and we will go ahead with the Plastic for Pizza challenge. The classroom that brings in the most bags would get a pizza lunch with yogurt, juice, and cookie as a reward. We will collect between April 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> to wrap up right before Earth Day and have the reward on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The annual Pancake Breakfast that is part of our Festival du Voyageur celebration will happen on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Rachel Moore has volunteered to organize it. The note went home today to ask for volunteers for the day of (babysitting, cooking, serving, cleaning up). Rachel will be looking for donations for food. Pam has asked the Festival du Voyageur family to attend. Preschool will also participate in the Pancake Breakfast in the morning and the afternoon Kindergarten class in the afternoon. Nicole suggested asking an indigenous dancer, Taz, from Glenlawn Collegiate to perform for the school and perhaps incorporate the performance into the Festival du Voyageur activities. Nicole will ask him and Pam moved that if Taz does perform, we pay him \$50. Kathy seconded the motion, all in favour, motion carried.

	<p>-Pam introduced letters that have been written by École Guyot PAC to the Manitoba Premier and to their local MLA. The letters are questioning why the government has not approved funding to expand our French Immersion elementary schools to become K-8 schools when the school board has shown that our French Immersion high schools will be beyond capacity by the year 2020. These letters have been distributed to all parents at Guyot asking them to sign and send them to the Premier and the local MLA. Pam suggested that we create similar letters to distribute to our parents at École Van Belleghem to sign and send as well. Discussion followed and Pam will draft the letters.</p> <p>-The next PAC Meeting will be Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6:30pm.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	The meeting was adjourned by Pam at 8:25pm.

These minutes were recorded by Tanya Stokotelny. Errors or omissions should be reported immediately.