

**Date:** Thursday, November 3, 2016  
**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Present:**

Michèle Olson (Principal)  
 Louise DeClercq (Vice Principal)  
 Pamela Kolochuk (President)  
 Jennifer Campbell (Vice President)  
 Tanya Stokotelnny (Secretary)  
 Kristy Beriault (Treasurer)  
 Nicole Caron (Member at Large)  
 Kathy Ward (Member at Large)  
 Susan Baird (Member at Large)  
 Monique Heise (Member at Large)  
 Shannon Palahitski (Member at Large)  
 Cheryl Gervais (Member at Large)  
 Kelly Pedrick (Member at Large)  
 Emily Alderson (Member at Large)  
 Joan Lewicki

**Absent:**

Heather McDonald (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 6:38pm. Attendance sheet was passed around.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>
	Nicole added a discussion about an urban bee project. Kathy moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Monique, all in favour, motion carried.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>
	Jennifer moved to approve the October 2016 minutes, seconded by Shannon, all in favour, motion carried.

4.	<b>School Report</b>
	<p>Michèle Olson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· We had positive feedback about the Friendly Haunted House. Students and staff were invited to wear costumes and pajamas to school that day.</li> <li>· No school Friday, November 4. We have a PD day at school.</li> <li>· Immunization day for the grade 6 students will be Wednesday Nov.9 - we are looking for two parent volunteers to help out in the morning. Please contact Ginette if you are available to help. Nicole volunteered.</li> <li>· We will have our Remembrance Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10-students are invited to wear their scouts, bubs, Brownie Uniforms for the assembly.</li> <li>· Blanket of Remembrance-Over 13000 poppies made and counting. It will be hung outside the school board office the week before Remembrance Day.</li> <li>· Parent teacher conferences will be Tues, Nov 22 and Thur, Nov 24 from 3:30-8:00 (all day for kindergarten parents). We will have a Scholastic Book fair in the library on both evenings</li> <li>· No classes on Friday November 25. It is a divisional PD day. All of the French Immersion teachers will gather at College Beliveau for a day of PD.</li> <li>· The Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 13 at the Evangelical Free Church-there will be a band concert later in the year.</li> <li>· We will be collecting coats for Koats for Kids, food and gift items for the Kiwanas Club and items for the Mitten Tree during the month of December - last day of classes will be December 22 at 2:00 pm (classes will resume Monday, January 9).</li> <li>· We will be getting a new gym floor before the end of the school year in the big gym.</li> <li>· M. Cyr has been absent for a few weeks due to an injury to his back. He is going on a week to week basis to see when he will be back. M. Mathew Fiola is replacing him during his absence. They are in touch on a regular basis. M Fiola is helping M. Cyr with some of his evaluations however M. Cyr will be writing the report cards for this term.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>
	<p>(see November 3, 2016 Treasurer's Report prepared by Kristy Beriault)  Kristy provided a summary of the current Treasurer's Report as follows:  The Operations Account balance is currently \$5,925.12. A \$2,000.00 cheque has been written to the school for school expenses such as bussing, etc.  There were no deposits in the Fundraising Account, however, there were debits and the balance is currently \$11,113.63.  There is currently \$66,980.10 in the Trust Account.</p>
*	<b>Hot Lunch Program</b>
	<p>We sampled Pita Pit wraps and frozen yogurt from Menchies. A discussion followed about whether or not we should add these items to our Munch A Lunch program. Pam moved to add two Pita Pit Munch A Lunch days before June with the wraps priced at \$5.50. Jennifer seconded the motion, all in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>Pam moved to add some Menchies days on their own (separate from the lunch orders) later in the school year. A 5 oz container will cost \$2.50. Susan seconded the motion, all in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>The Booster Juice lunch options were discussed and Nicole moved that we eliminate the choice wraps. Jennifer seconded the motion, all in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>The Boston Pizza lunch was discussed. Nicole mentioned that there was negative feedback about the chicken fingers and french fries being cold when they were served and the portions were small. Pam will discuss these concerns with Boston Pizza and we will see how the Boston Pizza lunch in December goes. We will revisit this Munch A Lunch option in January.</p>

<b>6.</b>	<b>Committee Reports</b>
i)	Pizza Day
	<p>Shannon reported that the October Pizza Day brought in \$563.10. Next pizza day is November 18<sup>th</sup> and counting of forms and money will be done on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Shannon asked for volunteers because there were not enough at the October Pizza Day.</p> <p>The plan is to change to an online ordering system for Pizza Day in January. Pam began a discussion about changes that may be made in the way pizza orders are given out. A decision will be made about that in January.</p>
ii)	Fundraising
	<p>a) <i>Movie Night</i>: Nicole reported that we made a \$300.85 profit at our October Movie Night. Hotel Transylvania 2 was shown and the new screen worked well. Clarifying behaviour expectations with the students before the movie began helped to minimize the amount of running around. The next Movie Night will be on Thursday, March 16, 2017.</p> <p>-Nicole reported that the <i>Lego Club</i> will be running again this year. She will organize it with Joan Lewicki. They are looking into building walls with Lego platforms so that the Club will be portable and any class that is interested will have access to it.</p> <p>-Nicole reported that she is looking into offering the <i>Babysitting Course and the Ready/Set/Solo Course</i> sometime in the new year.</p> <p>-Nicole introduced the idea of participating in an urban bee-keeping project through <i>Bee Project Apiaries</i> (<a href="http://www.beeproject.ca">www.beeproject.ca</a>). We would have a working beehive set up on the roof of the school and staff and students could participate in the tasks involved in bee-keeping. We would produce 25 kg of honey by the end of the project. A discussion followed and concerns were raised about the safety of having bees so close to the schoolyard and about students going on to the roof to attend to the hive. Honey bees are typically not aggressive and we wouldn't see an increase in the amount of bees present in the schoolyard. Students would not go on the roof to participate in the bee-keeping chores. Nicole moved to go ahead with proposing the Bee Project to the school board. Shannon seconded the motion, all in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>b) <i>Playground and Grant Update</i>: Pam reported that a representative from Valley West will be coming to the school tomorrow to deal with the drainage issue. The plan is to have water drained away from the playground to the lake at the edge of the school property. He will also make recommendations as to how we can prepare the wood structures to be less slippery. Pam mentioned that some concerns have been raised about the Zip line and that some students are unable to reach the handles. Although requests have been made to add a step or box under the Zip line, we cannot add any equipment for safety reasons.</p> <p>Pam reported that she will be applying for a grant from MCSC and any grant money awarded from them will go towards iPads.</p> <p>c) <i>West Jet</i>: Pam began a discussion about running the West Jet fundraiser. Concerns were raised that we have had it twice and there may be waning interest in it. However, the point was made that it was the most successful fundraiser during both school years it was run. Pam moved to apply to West Jet to have the fundraiser run in the new year with tickets costing \$20. Emily seconded the motion, all in favour, motion carried.</p>

	<p>d) Other: Pam introduced the fundraising idea of a family dance to be held in the gym with DJs from 102.3 Kiss FM in February. We could charge admission along with asking for a donation for Winnipeg Harvest. A discussion followed about who would be invited and some concerns were raised over allowing families that are not part of the Van Belleghem community. Susan mentioned that one of our gym teachers, Brent Delisle-Boughen, had been interested in leading a family yoga evening. The discussion that followed was more in favour with a family yoga evening for Van Belleghem families. Susan agreed to discuss ideas with Brent and we will revisit the idea at the next PAC meeting.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Other Business/ Announcements</b>
	<p>-Pam reported that we will be gathering a wish list from teachers without asking them to create a proposal for specific items.</p> <p>-Susan mentioned that one of the new teachers, Dominique Poirier, does need a shelving system or cart to store the science materials she needs in her classroom.</p> <p>-The next PAC Meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 6:30pm.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Pam at 8:24pm.</p>

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