



École Van Belleghem

Parent Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2016
Time: 6:30 pm

Present:

- Michèle Olson (Principal)
- Louise DeClercq (Vice Principal)
- Pamela Kolochuk (President)
- Jennifer Campbell (Vice President)
- Tanya Stokotely (Secretary)
- 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)
- Urooj Danish (Member at Large)
- Cheryl Gervais (Member at Large)
- Emily Alderson (Member at Large)
- Brett Delisle-Bougen (Phys. Ed. Teacher)

Absent:

- Kristy Beriault (Treasurer)
- Heather McDonald (Member at Large)
- Kelly Pedrick (Member at Large)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>
1.	Call to Order – Attendance & Introductions
	Meeting called to order by 6:35pm. Attendance sheet was passed around.
2.	Approval of Agenda
	Pam changed the Glenlea Greenhouses under Committees Report to Peak of the Market. Nicole added Babysitting/Home Alone courses under Other Business/Announcements. Pam added a presentation by M. Brett Delisle-Bougen. M. Delisle-Bougen led an interactive session in the small gym to demonstrate that physical education can be achieved in small spaces. He spoke about his teaching and physical education philosophy and answered questions.
3.	Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
	Jennifer moved to approve the June 2016 minutes, seconded by Nicole, all in favour, motion carried.

4.	<p>School Report</p> <p>Michèle Olson reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We have had a great start up! Thank you to Susan Baird for the beautiful yellow flower pots at the front of the school! -The new play structure has been amazing. Thank you cards and letters were prepared by all of the classes to thank PAC and parents for the lovely structure. -Grade 7 transition has been very positive. Microwaves were donated by Walmart for the grade 7 classrooms. -Eating in the classrooms is going well. Thank you to the grade 6 leadership students who are helping with the milk program and with the recycling. -Picture day is on October 11. -There will be no classes on October 21-it is a province wide PD day for SAGE. -October 31-Halloween and dress up day at school. Students will be invited to wear a friendly Halloween costume or their pajamas. We will have the Friendly Haunted House-thanks to our grade 6 students. -Our students will participate in a division wide project where staff and students will be given the material to make a poppy that will be put on a Blanket of Remembrance at the Board Office. Please see division website for more details.
5.	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>(see October 6, 2016 Treasurer's Report prepared by Kristy Beriault)</p> <p>Pam provided a summary of the current Treasurer's Report as follows: The Operations Account book balance is currently \$4,003.88. The Fundraising Account book balance is currently \$11,489.83. Therefore, we currently have approximately \$15,000 left from our fundraising efforts. Looking ahead at our budget this year, we are looking at making approximately \$11,000.00 from various fundraising efforts including monthly Pizza Days, MunchALunch, Movie Nights, Peak of the Market, Applebees, Glenlea Greenhouse, etc. We are currently budgeted to spend approximately \$3000.00 for busses, Beliveau Bursary, Pancake Breakfast and Staff Appreciation. Currently there are iPads for 3 new teachers and volleyball nets for the gym on the staff wish list. Discussion followed about creating a School Initiative and Grant Fund that would give teachers the opportunity to use that fund for their classroom. An idea was presented that teachers would be asked to present a proposal for access to the fund. Concerns were raised about how much additional work it would be to create a proposal to have access to the fund. The idea was presented that teachers could use a proposal template to request money from that fund, however, a decision was not finalized on how teachers would propose or be able to use the fund.</p>
6.	<p>Committee Reports</p>
i)	<p>Pizza Day</p>
	<p>Shannon reported that the September Pizza Day brought in \$690.00 and some of that was due to the fact that we did not have to purchase chips or juice. Next pizza day is October 28th and counting of forms and money will be done on October 24th.</p>
ii)	<p>Fundraising</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Peak of the Market: Pam reported that we raised \$2404.00 with the Peak of the Market fundraiser. The orders were still being picked up at the time of the meeting. b) Playground and Grant Update: Pam reported that things have gone well with the playground. We have added balls and soccer nets to the playground equipment as well. c) Applebees Flapjacks: Pam reported that we will be partnering with the preschool on March 18, 2017 to do a pancake breakfast fundraiser.

	<p>d) Movie Night: Nicole reported that we will be having a Movie Night on Thursday, October 20th with the movie 'Hotel Transylvania 2'. Door will open at 6:00pm and movie will begin at 6:30pm.</p> <p>e) WestJet: There is no update at this time on the WestJet fundraiser. Nicole reported that we will need to have a community-based project in order to run this fundraiser. She suggested starting a Coding Club for which we would purchase Spheros. Discussion followed about how they could be incorporated into the classroom. No decision was finalized.</p>
7.	Other Business/ Announcements
	<p>-Pam suggested we use the money we have left and future fundraising efforts to go toward a digital sign for the front of the school (to replace the current sign). She presented an artist's rendition. It would be made of stone and could be placed in the current holes in the ground. It would have 4 lines of text on both sides and it could be updated through the office. Current quote is \$25,000-\$30,000. She is also looking into asking Matt Allard to fund part of the cost. Shannon moved that we go ahead with fundraising for a new digital sign. Jennifer seconded it, all in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>Susan moved that we spend \$1695.00 on volleyball nets for the gym. Kathy seconded it, all in favour, motion carried.</p> <p>-Pam suggested we have a September meeting in 2017. September 13, 2017 was booked.</p> <p>-Michèle reported that we do not have to purchase microwaves for the grade seven classrooms. Walmart Southdale has donated 2 microwaves to our school.</p> <p>-Nicole reported on the beehive artwork that we purchased as a sign of gratitude to the companies that granted money toward the playground. The artwork is hanging in the office window. It was created by Kurt Knudson of Pig & Dirt.</p> <p>-Nicole reported on offering a Babysitting and/or Ready/Set/Solo (Home Alone) course every year at the school. Looking at the April 2017 PD day as an option for the Babysitting course. Nicole suggested that she teach the Ready/Set/Solo course early in the calendar year every year for 11 year olds and one of their parents.</p> <p>-The next PAC Meeting will be Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 6:30pm.</p>
8.	Adjournment
	<p>The meeting was adjourned by Pam at 8:40pm.</p>

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