

Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Minutes

PRESENT: Lisa Knight, Therese Houston, Donna Watson, Gilles Mousseau, Cheryl Pilek, Tina Choy-Pohl, Aga San Juan, Joe Barkman, Jennifer Cairns, Sheila Holden, Vanessa Defoort, Kelly Grijalva, Michelle Marinelli, Taryn LeBlanc, Tracy Kumhyr, Julie Delorme, Kathy Vermette.

REGRETS: Diane Lamoureux, Helena Zutter, Anita Gregoire, Wendy Bowen, Jocelyn Ratte, Claudette Thibert, Michelle Petit, Brianne Pearase, Karla Petri, Michelle Jonson, Suzanne Gibson, Crystal Poirier.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:01 PM by Therese Houston

1. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA - None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2018 MEETING

*Motion: To approve minutes of June 5, 2018 meeting.
Moved by Lisa, seconded by Tina.*

PASSED

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

4. TEACHER'S REPORT – No report

5. NEW BUSINESS – None

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

7. COMMITTEE/LIASON UPDATES OR REPORTS

Parent Volunteer Committee – No report

Fundraising Committee – Show & Save information has gone out. PAC had the option of ordering the books online but chose not to do so because of various logistics (i.e.: not guaranteed to get profit, not guaranteed to know what student account etc.). Book costs \$25 and profits made will be split equally between the student and PAC. Order deadline is October 10th with distribution planned on the week of October 15th - confirmation of the delivery date still to come. Glenlea Greenhouse – scheduled for May 9th.

Staff Appreciation – Jennifer Cairns offered to be the chair of this committee.

8. CHAIR'S REPORT – No report.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Bank balance: \$6,497.53.
- Funding surplus is being held pending a list of requested items from Gilles. Gilles mentioned that the water bottle filler is a go so he will be asking for funding for that.
- We may need to consider a new fundraiser instead of Show & Save next year. The purchases have declined over the years.

Motion: *That PAC provide funding for 7 large bundles of vegetables for the Peak of the Market Fundraiser to donate to a local group.*

Moved by Tina, seconded by Aga.

PASSED

10. ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT

Staffing

New and returning staff

- Mme Amber Wsiaki (Grade 7 – Math, Sciences, Français, Health)
- Mme Suzanne Gosselin (Grade 7 – Math, ELA; Grade 8 – Health)
- Mme Shawna Lapointe (F10-20-30F; SP10F)
- Mme Chantal Pursaga (CCW10F, E10-20F, 40S)
- Mme Veronica Gillis (Visual Art Grades 7-12)
- Mme Sandra Gratton (Grades 11-12 – Student Services; E10F)
- M. Ian Waters (CCW10F, E20F, ECOM30F, H30S, OE40S)
- M. Liam Châtel (Educational Assistant)

New teaching assignments

- M. Patrick Gagné (Grade 7 – Français, Sciences humaines)

Student Teachers

- Mme Allyson Arnal (USB with Mme Petrak)
- M. Matthew Massicotte (USB with Mme Jennifer Oldfield)
- M. Nicolas Marcon-Lajeunesse (USB with Mme Mélanie Cloutier)
- M. Tristan Therrien (USB with Mme Amanda Sherrett and M. Joël Tétrault)

School Startup

- Administration met all grade levels and communicated school expectations (academics and social responsibilities)
- Volleyball Grades 7 – 12 are up and running
- Golf is underway
- Cross Country is underway
- Boys and Girls Hockey up and running
- Fundraising activities – QSP (school-run); Show and Save (PAC) and Farm to School (PAC)

- Grade 7/8 timetable has changed from last year
 - 45-minute blocs

21st Century Learning

- Grades 9 – 12 students have their own laptops – very few students have asked for divisional laptops
- Many Grade 9 students and parents attended the Meet and Greet on September 4th to get their laptops/tablets set up with Windows 10 and Office 365
- Laptop cart in each Grade 7/8 classroom
- Parent portal

Construction

- Interior courtyard is ongoing with Aboriginal Teaching Structures
 - New asphalt
 - Teepee
 - Sweat Lodge
 - Fire Pit
 - Sharing Circle
 - Raised planting beds for native plants
- Bicycle racks
 - Moved to east side of the school
 - A security camera mounted on the school will be installed ASAP
- New fencing
 - Around outdoor basketball court
 - Separate Garbage and Recycling bins

Mid-Week Network

- Beginning on September 12th

<u>WEDNESDAY SCHOOL DAY</u>	
Period 1	9:45 am – 10:35 am
Period 2	10:37 am – 11:27 am
Period 3	11:29 am – 12:19 pm
Period 4 (Lunch)	12:19 pm – 1:19 pm
Period 5	1:19 pm – 2:32 pm
Period 6	2:34 pm – 3:45 pm

Smoking and Vaping

- Please see attached document.
- Constable Cliff Dorge is doing presentations to students about vaping. Gilles would like to have a parent information session as well to educate them about vaping.

Activities

- September 17 Professional Learning (NO SCHOOL)
- September 21 School Assembly / Amazing Race CB
- September 21 CB Welcome back BBQ
- September 25 Staff Meeting – Early Dismissal
- September 25 Soirée d'excellence Awards Ceremony
- September 28 Professional Learning – CB Staff Retreat (NO SCHOOL)
- October 4 Farm to School pickup
- October 3 – 5 Cedarwood Band Camp (Grade 8)
- November 1 Lifetouch Photo Retakes

11. PARENT QUESTIONS

- ***Is there a deadline for the QSP magazine fundraiser?*** Yes. For the paper copy. The deadline date is October 19. It is an ongoing fundraiser when ordering on-line. Profits for this go to the school (\$9 to \$11 per subscription) towards the student's account.
- ***Is it too late to get tags on laptops?*** No. If a student wants a tag they should let the office know.
- ***Are lockers normally near the PEP room?*** Yes. One parent was having issues with their child's half locker. Musical instruments and hockey sticks don't fit in these. If students have issues they should talk to the school administration – they will find a solution.
- ***How are the grade 12 award recipients determined?*** Grade 12 teachers and the school administration meet for a morning to discuss students and to try to decide who gets the awards. The vote has to be unanimous. Not all awards are for post-secondary education.
- ***A school with a large percentage of Indigenous students has a program to encourage students to become teachers. They attend the University of Manitoba for half of the year like our students who attend ATC. Given that LRSD is having trouble finding teachers, have they considered something like this?*** That kind of a program would need to be supported by the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg and Université de Saint-Boniface. This hasn't been considered.
- ***If all communication from the school will be coming through the parent portal, will the school or division be offering a training session for parents?*** Gilles will look into this.

1. OTHER - Nothing

2. ADJOURNMENT – 7:26 p.m., moved by Lisa, seconded by Tina.

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, October 2, 2018 - 6:30 PM

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The era of vaping

Technology is all around us and continues to impact all aspects of our lives. One area that is unfortunate is the growing popularity of e-cigarettes or vapes amongst our youth. While smoking rates amongst youth have steadily declined over the past few decades, there has been a steady increase in vaping among Manitoba teens since the introduction of e-cigarettes in 2004. As with many things technology-related, our youth are quick to adopt and likely know more than we do about vaping. Students as young as grade 9 have been seen/caught vaping in and around schools. Many have said they do so with their parents' knowledge.

The purpose of this article is to inform our parents about the effects of vaping, vaping and the law and vaping/smoking and the Louis Riel School Division.

What is vaping?

Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling a vapour produced by a vaping product, such as an electronic cigarette. Unlike burning and smoking tobacco, people who vape use these devices to heat up an e-liquid or e-juice that turns into an aerosol that is then inhaled by the user. E-liquids/e-juices come in multiple flavours and often contain varying levels of nicotine, as well as other chemicals.

What are the effects of vaping?

We believe it is important to educate people about e-cigarettes and vaping. Your child may try to minimize the dangers of vaping. You may hear the following:

1. It's not dangerous, there is no nicotine.
2. It's not like smoking cigarettes.
3. I like blowing smoke not smoking.

Nicotine is a highly addictive substance and many e-liquids/e-juices DO contain nicotine. According to Health Canada, vaping may predispose youth to addiction to nicotine and possibly other drugs. Children and youth are especially susceptible to the negative impacts of nicotine, which has been shown to alter brain development and can affect memory and concentration.

Vaping and the law

As of May 2018, the Government of Canada is now regulating vaping products sold in Canada via the Tobacco and Vaping Products Act. Most importantly for parents, it is illegal to sell or give vaping products to anyone under 18 years of age.

In October 2017, the Government of Manitoba enacted the Non-Smokers Protection Amendment Act (e-cigarettes), which also prohibits the sale of e-cigarettes and vaping products to minors, and indicates that "no person shall supply or offer to supply a vapour product to a child." As well, this legislation indicates that the use of e-cigarettes is prohibited in places where smoking is currently prohibited, including enclosed public places and indoor workplaces.

The City of Winnipeg goes further. By-law No. 62/2011 bans smoking on the premises of all schools.

Vaping/smoking and the Louis Riel School Division

All Schools in the Louis Riel School Division are smoke-free and vape-free zones. This means there is no smoking/vaping permitted in schools or on school division property at any time by anyone, whether parent, staff member, student or member of the public.

Given the addition of vaping to federal and provincial laws, our students should not possess or smoke vaping products on school property as they are under the legal age.

Students caught vaping in the school and on school grounds are in violation of Manitoba law and acting in defiance of school rules. Consequences could include:

1. Confiscation of the vape (which will be handed over to parent/guardian).
2. Suspension from school (either in school or out of school suspension).
3. Meeting with school administration and students, parents/guardian to discuss expectations.

Additional information on vaping

Government of Manitoba: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/tobacco/laws.html>

Health Canada: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/smoking-tobacco/vaping.html>