

École St. Germain Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00pm, ESG Library

Minutes

Attending: Cindy Baerr, Audra Peters, Meaghen Shangreaux, Alison Huppe, M. Henri Peloquin, Mare Richardson, Jan Thiessen, Heike Sobkow, Janice Morissette, Michelle Lagadi

Regrets: Lorelei Douglas, Mme. Valerie Allard, Inga Sif Kristjansdottir, Lee Ann Riel, Suzanne Suzio, Cindy Bennett, Melonie Cleutinx, Mme. Amy Haworth, Bev Padeanu, Tracy Igonia, Jaquelin Martinez, Nicole Hohner, Sharon Coughlan, Susanne Dandenault

1. Call to Order – 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda - Motioned by Alison Huppe, seconded by Mare Richardson, PASSED

3. Approval of Minutes for November 2012 – Motioned by Alison Huppe, seconded by Mare Richardson, PASSED

4. Welcome all guests – no new guests

5. Unfinished Business:

- Sister school (Amy Haworth) – Amy will follow up at the next meeting as she was not able to attend tonight's meeting
- Rocks and Rings – there will be a 2 day presentation for grades 1 – 6. The date has not been confirmed at this time, but the cost will be \$350.00.

6. New Business:

- **LRSD Board meeting update** – It went very well. Cory Shangreaux and Cory Bajus attended on behalf of PAC. They enjoyed the evening, which included many table group discussions.
- **LRSD Meeting on blended classrooms and multi-age education** – Janice Morissette was one of four parents that attended the November 27th panel discussion on “blended classrooms”. She shared with PAC that the evening involved discussions and information about the benefits of blended classrooms. There were parents, teachers and administration on the panel to speak about blended classrooms.
- **Winter Concert** – discussion/concerns about the Winter Concert. Issues such as a crowded venue, lining up for good seating and it being held over two evenings.

A few solutions being:

1. Possibility of rented venue?
2. Moving it out of December?
3. Reserved seating/raffle seating?

There will be further discussions in future PAC meetings with the possibility of having an evening in the New Year, where parents are invited to come and voice their concerns, and discuss possible alternatives and solutions.

7. Treasurer's Report - See appendix A for details.

- \$17, 571.64 is the account balance as of November 30, 2012
- \$8, 294.39 is being held for future commitments.

8. Administrator's Report –

- Social Justice Committee organized a bake sale. Profits are for the nine “New Comer” families. They made \$846.00. It went extremely well. M. Peloquin would like to congratulate and thank all the parents and students who were involved with the bake sale.
- All 7/8 students participated in the “Manitoba Youth Health Survey” today. The survey is done on a 4 year rotation, and it was first completed in 2008. All grades 7-12 students participated in the survey, unless they opted out of the survey by contacting the school or division office. Concerns were voiced about how there should have been a “signed consent form” to participate in the survey. Information about the survey was given to parents of grade 7 and 8 students through a note, a synervoice, and it was also posted on the Ecole St.Germain website.
- Staffing update – Madame Barnabe will be leaving in January. At this time, they are continuing to look for a replacement for her position. Mr. Sorin will also be taking a parental leave from January until Spring Break.
- The LRSD Board announced that there will be no postings for the Assistant Superintendent or the Director of School and Community Support at this time.
- Discussion/Idea brought forward about having a “focus discussion” at one of the PAC meetings regarding: “Winter Concert”, as well as “the passing on of important information from the school to the parents” as these were two concerns brought forward by parents. This idea will be discussed again at the January PAC meeting, and a date may be chosen.

9. Committee Reports:

- Education Committee – nothing to report at this time
- Environment Committee – nothing to report at this time
- Fundraising Committee - nothing to report at this time

10. Next meeting is January 9th and adjournment - 8:14 p.m.

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November 2012 Financial Statement

Account Balance at November 1, 2012		\$16,842.12
Credits:	Interest	\$1.12
	08-Nov-12 Show and Save deposit	\$195.00
	08-Nov-12 Donations in lieu of fundraising	\$140.00
	08-Nov-12 QSP fundraiser	\$2,788.92
	QSP fundraiser & donations in lieu of fundraising	\$157.00
	09-Nov-12	
	Total Credits	\$3,282.04
Debits:	#095 Babysitting - November	-\$20.00
	#094 Patrols (Leadership)	-\$87.50
	#093 Show and Save - payment	-\$2,244.00
	#096 Knitting Club	-\$201.02
	Total Debits	-\$2,552.52
Account Balance at November 30, 2012		\$17,571.64
Plus Future Income		
	Total Future Income	\$0.00
Less Future Commitments:		
	Greening Project	-\$462.24
	Shrubs	-\$257.38
	CJS Scholarship 2012/2013	-\$300.00
	Student Leadership (patrols, etc.)	-\$967.50
	Babysitting for PAC meetings	-\$100.00
	Staff Appreciation Week	-\$400.00
	Grade 8 Farewell Dinner (\$15/student)	-\$750.00
	PAC costs	-\$207.27
	BBQ 2013/2014	-\$300.00
	Sound system for classrooms	-\$2,500.00
	Water fountains	-\$1,500.00
	Book Club	-\$200.00
	Rocks and Rings	-\$350.00
	Total Debits	-\$8,294.39
Total Funds Available		\$9,277.25