



ÉCOLE ST. GERMAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

PAC Meeting minutes – May 4, 2022

Attendance: Janelle Chambers, Paulette Sabourin, Cam Johnson, Shauna Lussier, Leah Macdonald, April Peterson, Crissy Ranellucci, Karin Holmes, Lisa Holmes, Mandy Falk, Meghan Care, Jaime Care, Marcia McKenzie

Regrets: Nicole Hacault

Absent: Aaren Williams, Adam Woollard, Amanda Smeets, Apryl Nadeau, Cathleen Hues, Cathy Robert-Swain, Colleen Letkeman, Darya Prokapalo, Eva Trachtenberg, Jose Corominas, Karen Adam, Kim Sawatzky, Krysta Richard, Lindsay Woollard, Matthew Awang, Seyi Dairo, Charlene Allard, Lisa Hettrick

Meeting called to order 7:05

Approval of April agenda, motion made by Jamie Care, 2nd by April Peterson.

Approval of March minutes, motion made by Meghan Care, 2nd by Shauna Lussier

Treasurer Report

- Lacoste fundraiser earned \$1,539 for PAC
- CJS scholarship of \$500 to be paid to a graduate who went through ESG (item is a commitment, no motion needed); we will need a presenter from PAC for the June 28 ceremony
- Motion to send \$150 honorarium to St Timothy's parish for use of the parking lot; raised by Shauna and seconded by Meghan C
- Another PAC member (Jamie or Shauna) will do a review of the financial activity of the year
- Signing authorities to change to add Shauna and Aaren; remove April

Admin Report

Registration numbers for 2022-23 school year:

- Kindergarten - 4 classes, Grade 1 – 4 classes, Grade 2 – 4 classes, Grade 3 & 4 - 6 split classes. (There will be fewer classes as compared to last year. Some students

might not continue with the same teacher. There will be 25 kids in each of these classes), Grade 5- 4 classes

Professional Development Day follow-up:

- Interactive in person meetings. Discussions about the culture at the school. Continuing to connect with staff and discuss things we want to change. Feedback from staff and discussion about the Division's Big 4 ideas. Discussed the mission of French Immersion as well as Diversity & Equity in the division.

LRSD: The LRSD would like perspectives from the larger community. A 2022-23 planning piece will include a Survey for parents about their ideas about what they want to see and what they see in the school.

Readathon: Very successful. Lots of participation. Might be a yearly thing. Any questions or comments then reach out to Cam.

- \$11, 467.41 of funds raised will be spent on students who fundraised.
- \$19, 981.27 that will go to the school to purchase books. Mme. Touchette will select books for all grades
- There was also a discussion with the Divisional library representative to see if ESG can assist other schools that are in need.
- Adjusted prizes to be more inclusive to all families.
- This was not a PAC initiative and the email might have misled families
- PAC has already greatly supported the Rotating library

CJS students: 10 students have come to ESG to read with Grade 3 & 4 students – It was to only be for the month of April, but will continue for the month of May. Everyone is really enjoying it.

Front of school Landscaping: The school has some money that has been set aside to be used. The school can apply for Grants through the School division as well.

- It will be a costly expense. We can examine the plans and make decisions based on cost. It will be good to have a thorough plan so that we can see what is possible and then we can scale back or make plans for fundraising for specific parts of the project.
- The hope is that the front of the school will be colourful and welcoming for the community as well as ESG having a brand with the lion logo and the school colour of blue.

Parent questions to Administration:

1. What are the division recommendations for the number of students in each class by grade?

-Cam will review the chart and report back specifics.

Class size for ¾ split next year will be 25 kids per classroom.

Recommended class size by grade for LRSD:

K-2 - average size is 20-22 students, Grade 3 & 4 - up to 24 students, Grade 5 - higher class size than 3 & 4

The Grade 3 group that is moving to Grade 4 will go from 7 to 6 classes, therefore some current

grade 3 students will be moved to a new teacher.

2. Isn't one of the main strengths of split classes to be able to keep students with the same teacher for 2 years?

-Cam responded that this is ideal, but that some other factors come into play due to staffing and student enrollment. There are also some conflicts between students and there is some need to adjust kids to a new teacher.

3. Will there be an opportunity for parents to give feedback on the Grade 3 & 4 Split classes?

-Cam responded that this is a good idea as it was new to everyone and that parent feedback is always important. He will create a survey for parents.

Committees and Events

Front of school planters: It would be nice to have some colour at the front of the school.

- The planters were purchased in 2018 to replace concrete ones that had been damaged. Due to the pandemic flowers had not been planted in 2020 and in 2021 the students used packages of natural wildflowers, but due to the drought and remote learning they did not ever germinate. A 100 ft. hose was purchased in 2021 and it would be great if the daycare could water the plants throughout the summer.
- Jaime will reach out to Lisa Hettrick (a past ESG parent) as she assisted the school with the planters in the past. If she would like to pass it on to someone else then we can ask within the PAC.
- Motion up to \$250 for the purchase of flowers and soil for the front of the school planters. Motion from Shauna, Seconded from Crissy. Passed
- Shauna will ask the Daycare at ESG if they can water the planters during the summer

Lacoste Fundraiser: All cards were delivered. No issues. \$1500 raised. Thank you to the delivery drivers.

PAC Leadership Transition: The PAC is still looking for a Co-Chair to work with Shauna.

Rotating Library: Cam will bring a report to the June meeting so that we are aware of how much has been spent this year and to give us an idea on funds to fundraise for this project next year.

Grade 5 farewell:

- Informal afternoon; delivered meals in their classroom
- Outdoor activities with stations and a bouncer
- Picture area for families

Other Business:

Class photos – K-5. A picture of each class before the end of the year would be great for students. Suggested idea to bring the kids outside for a picture. Cam will see if he can get a student photographer from CJS, otherwise we can have a parent from each class take a picture or a member of PAC to take a photo for each class.

- Last PAC meeting – virtual or in person? – Jaime will create a survey to be sent out to see what PAC members prefer as well as indicating people's preferences for next year.

Next Meeting is June 1, 2022 - 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm