



ÉCOLE ST. GERMAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Michael Hobday, Samantha Hobday, Paulette Sabourin, Karin Holmes, Janelle Chambers, Cam Johnson, Leah Macdonald, Dawn James, Lisa Holmes, Nicole Hacault

Regrets: Kim La Buick

Absent: Kim Adair-Gagnon, Karen Adam, Charlene Allard, Matthew Awang, Alanna Brown, Seyi Dairo, Mandy Falk, Matthew Hwang, Shauna Lussier, Danielle McRae, Crissy Ranellucci, Krysta Richard, Cathy Robert-Swain, Marianne Robles, Kim Sawatzky, Amanda Smeets, Eva Trachtenberg, Aaren Williams, Fan Yang

Guests: None

Call to order: 7:03 pm February 7th

1. Land acknowledgment made by Karin Holmes.
2. Motion made to accept the agenda made by Lisa Holmes, second by Leah Macdonald, **PASSED**
3. Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes motion made by Lisa Holmes, second by Dawn James seconds, **PASSED**
4. Treasurer's Report - January had activity. We collected \$2000 for upcoming Munch-A-Lunch with 4 hot lunches planned. \$285 was raised from the Domino's pizza fundraiser. Reviewed Monthly summary and what is expected for the remainder of the year.
5. Administrator's Report
 - a. PD on February 2 - Brought in CTRI for trauma-informed school presentation for the staff. Promoting awareness about trauma, what it is and the effects of it. Focus on empathetic language to use with students.
 - b. Cree Language & Culture program beginning tomorrow for Kindergartens and Grade 1's. Same program used last year.
 - c. Black History Month is also occurring throughout the month of February. Board being created at the front of the building with images and information with biographies.
 - d. Learning for Sustainable School Grant will allow us to do a school-wide Composting Program. A bin is being supplied and there will be information

shared. Environment Club with Mme. Jennifer will be leading this in connect with the City of Winnipeg program.

- e. Festival du Voyageur - sign up form for volunteers for the events of the week has been very helpful and plans seem to be in place.
- f. Diversity within the school continues to be something we want to focus on and be culturally aware. Admin may need assistance from community members. Leah Macdonald offered to be part of this committee to help.
- g. Mme. Paille will be substituting in the grade 3/4 class in Mme. Freynet's absence. The position has been posted and there should be a replacement announced next week. A priority is for this teacher to be French-speaking.
- h. Mme. Sabourin is leading a grade 3/4 through a Rubik's Cube Club. The students are very excited and it will be a great way for them to build a sense of community.
- i. Kindergarten Information Night will be on Monday, February 12th at 6:00pm. Volunteers from the Grade 5's will be assisting. Please ensure any community members know about it. Registration link is online. Nicole Hacault will be presenting on behalf of PAC, and Janelle Chambers and Samantha Hobday will sit at a PAC table to discuss with future Kindergarten parents.

6. Old Business

- a. Quizzler - \$400 for 2 hours to play trivia. Donations for prizes to have a silent auction or a 50/50 - we would require a Liquor & Lotteries License if we did this. Families could bring their own snacks. Cam Johnson will confirm the number that could fit in the gym with tables set up as well. This type of event would also help build a sense of community that has been lacking during virtual meetings and distance over the past few years. Tentative date to book will be April 11th with back up dates of April 4th or 18th if Quizzler is not available then.
- b. Pancake breakfast seems to be being planned smoothly. Committee of staff are in charge and parent volunteers are set up.
- c. Mobile Library Carts is an ongoing project that requires funding for us to be fundraising for.
- d. One idea for fundraising is for the grading of the field so that kids can safely walk across the field. Cam Johnson has had ongoing discussions with the city about this. Janelle Chambers suggested that we invite Markus Chambers to come see the issue to see if this can expedite funding from the city to solve this issue.

7. New Business

- a. Kim La Buick has signed up to lead both the Staff Appreciation Committee and the Spring Concert Committee. We will need to send out targeted volunteer sign up to get more volunteers for these committees.
- b. Staff Appreciation Week is in March so we will need that committee set up as soon as possible. Suggestion for a Coffee Bar with a Barista as it was used at EGM and was a huge success. Leah Macdonald will follow up with EGM Chair what the cost was. Leah will also speak with Kim La Buick about the plan for this. Likely we would be looking at the week of March 11-15.
- c. Welcome to our new PAC co-chairs, Mike and Sam Hobday.
 - i. Karin Holmes made a motion for Mike Hobday to be a new member. Janelle Chambers seconded.

- ii. Karin Holmes made the motion for our new co-chairs. Nicole Hacault seconded.
- iii. Sam & Mike will be added for signing authority to the PAC bank account.
- iv. Leah Macdonald will ensure new co-chairs have access to the ESG PAC email account.

8. Other Business

- a. Discussion about in-person versus virtual meetings and the need for building a sense of community. A suggestion for having some more in-person meetings to welcome new members. A question was raised for childcare during the meeting and Leah Macdonald volunteered for her daughter to be a babysitter. A babysitter fee could be implemented in the PAC budget.
- b. Next meeting at the school March 6th at the school at 7pm in the library

9. Meeting adjourned 8:05pm



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Voting Members List (as of February 2024)

1. Adair-Gagnon, Kim
2. Adam, Karen
3. Allard, Charlene
4. Awang, Matthew
5. Brown, Alanna
6. Chambers, Janelle
7. Dairo, Seyi
8. Falk, Mandy
9. Hacault, Nicole
10. Hobday, Michael
11. Hobday, Samantha
12. Holmes, Karin
13. Holmes, Lisa
14. Hwang, Matthew
15. James, Dawn
16. La Buick, Kim
17. Lussier, Shauna
18. Macdonald, Leah
19. McRae, Danielle
20. Ranellucci, Crissy
21. Richard, Krysta
22. Robert-Swain, Cathy
23. Robles, Marienne
24. Sawatzky, Kim
25. Smeets, Amanda
26. Tratchenberg, Eva
27. Williams, Aaren
28. Yang, Fan

February 2024 Meeting Guests