



ÉCOLE ST. GERMAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

October 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Shauna Lussier, Aaren Williams, Samantha Martin, Rumin Gao, Lisa Hettrick, Karin Holmes, Lisa Holmes, Leah Macdonald, Charlene Allard, Alanna Brown, Janelle Chambers, Cam Johnson, Mandy Falk, Jaylene Johnson, Nicole Hacault

Regrets: Amanda Smeets

Absent: Adam Wollard, Cathy Robert-Swain, Colleen Letkeman, Crissy Ranellucci, Danielle McRae, Darya Prokapalo, Eva Trachtenberg, Fan Yang, Jose Corominas, Karen Adam, Kim Adair-Gagnon, Kim Sawatzky, Krista Pickering, Krysta Richard, Lindsay Willard, Marianne Robles, Matthew Awang, Seyi Daire,

1. Call to order: 6:58 pm

2. Welcome & Introductions:

Welcome to the open house, introductions of members and their children ages. All returning guests who would like to be voted in as a member? November, December, January and February meetings to be virtually.

Motion to vote in new PAC voting members, Jaylene Johnson and Alanna Brown, made by Karen Holmes, 2nd by Lisa Holmes. PASSED

Exploring childcare for those who need it when attending in the spring, making sure that challenges are taken care of before the spring in person meetings.

3. Approval of October Agenda.

Adding to other business - question of Lacoste fundraiser and land acknowledgment at meetings.

Motion to approve agenda as amended made by Aaren Williams and 2nd by Lisa Hettrick. PASSED

4. Approval of September Meetings

Motion to accept the minutes made by Janelle Chambers and 2nd by Alanna Brown. PASSED

5. Treasurers Report:

New presentation of financial reports to show full year of actuals and forecasted expenditures for easier budgeting. No changes to financial position since last meeting, no questions.

6. Administrator's Report:

PD day staff looked at literacy and what it looks like in each grade for the first term. Idea to build a continuum through the grades. Literacy being a priority for the school. Built in for K-2 and now going 3-5. Having kids in pods working together on literacy a work in progress.

Looking at ways of bringing in more French, and coaching the kids to use it. Fun ways to bring French into the day for students and staff.

Put in PD for staff regarding Indigenous perspectives. Doing blanket exercise, a Metis walking tour (in St. Boniface) and the Box and the Circle experiential exercise.

Truth and Reconciliation: There were resources to adapt for the grade levels and having conversations around residential schools. There was a lot of rich material and resources to use. All students should feel _____ at school on orange hearts on the bulletin board by the office.

Terry Fox: Did the walk around the school field where there were markers for each province.

7. New Business

a. Fundraising Plan Update:

Review of fundraising package to give parents the idea of contributions that were made. Sent out the opportunities to families to give a donation rather than fundraising each time. Once we get a team together to work on fundraisers we will be able to communicate more to families. First up is Dominos fundraiser November 14-20th, promotional material to come out, can be used anywhere in the city.

Lacoste sent out information on the winter fundraising, Christmas baskets, wreaths, and the gift cards. Do we add it in for the winter? Discussions on doing it or keeping it only in the spring. Decision to keep Lacoste for the spring and focus on other fundraisers leading into winter.

If you are interested in committing to fundraising we have a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to put in time with the actives throughout the year.

b. Munch-a-Lunch:

Before the program can go live munch-a-lunch needs to be paid, we are figuring that out. Should be live in 2 weeks, with the first lunch being on the 20th of October. Parents can volunteer to help when they are placing their orders. Very short period of time of distributing the pizzas. First four will be pizzas, and then we will introduce the other options (Subway, Pita pit, Festival bannock)

c. Volunteer Committees

We want to recruit as many parents as possible, even if you don't want to come out to monthly meetings, people can commit to an hour or two on a committee.

Possible committees are:

- i. Fundraising
- ii. Spring BBQ: Monica Ossachuck to come to next PAC meeting to discuss the spring BBQ and the ideas she has.
- iii. Staff Appreciation Week: Doing little things each day during the week. Last year stff liked the notes from the family a lot.
- iv. Grade 5 farewell: usually mostly grade 5 families participate
- v. Munch-a-lunch: Volunteers from time to time (sign up when purchasing lunch)

d. Other Business:

Idea was raised about hosting a presentation for parents on internet/phone safety for kids. George McDowell has done presentations in the past about social security, internet, phones etc. discussed as a possibility. Reach out to our family of schools to put on a joint event? Send out a survey to families on what topics they might be interested in covering.

As PAC it would be nice to create a land acknowledgement for our meetings, leaning on those with more experience to create for our PAC. Having a member of Indigenous learning support team coming to PAC to talk and create with us. It changes often and should reflect your group and your needs.

Elections coming up in the city, trustees as well, familiarize yourself, 5-6 candidates for our ward, there are 3 spots open, so think about that and keep it on our radar for when we go vote for mayor and council as well.

8. Next meeting via MS Teams on November 2nd 7pm

9. Meeting Adjourned 7:54 pm



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Voting Members List (as At November 2022)

- 1 Adair-Gagnon, Kim
- 2 Adam, Karen
- 3 Allard, Charlene
- 4 Awang, Matthew
- 5 Brown, Alanna
- 6 Chambers, Janelle
- 7 Corominas, Jose
- 8 Dairo, Seyi
- 9 Falk, Mandy
- 10 Hacault, Nicole
- 11 Hettrick, Lisa
- 12 Holmes, Karin
- 13 Holmes, Lisa
- 14 Hwang, Matthew
- 15 Johnson, Jaylene
- 16 Letkeman, Colleen
- 17 Lussier, Shauna
- 18 MacDonald, Leah
- 19 McRae, Danielle
- 20 Pickering, Krista
- 21 Prokapalo, Darya
- 22 Ranellucci, Crissy
- 23 Richard, Krysta
- 24 Robert-Swain, Cathy
- 25 Robles, Marianne
- 26 Sawatzky, Kim
- 27 Smeets, Amanda
- 28 Trachtenberg, Eva
- 29 Wallard, Lindsay
- 30 Williams, Aaren
- 31 Woollard, Adam
- 32 Yang, Fan

October 2022 Meeting Guests

Johnson, Jaylene
Brown, Alanna
Gao, Rumin
Martin, Samantha