

**École St. Germain Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2017 - 7:00 pm, ESG Library
Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Mme Amy Haworth, M. David Charney, Sharon Coughlan, Jodi Dick, Diane L'arrivee, Katie McArthur-Grant, Audra Peters, Jamie Care, Kevin Raitt, Matthew Wiebe

Regrets: Joni Tesoro, Susanne Dandenault, Kim Dunford, Nicole Hohner, Mandy Safronetz, Meghan Care

Absent: Alanna Brown, Kim Sawers, Dana Forsyth, Crystal Kobe, Nicole Medland, Marcia Neufeld, Heike Sobkow, Crystal Meisner, Aimie Panteluk, Crystal Meisner, Apryl Nadeau, Trevor Nadeau, Adam Woollard, Lindsay Woollard, Stephanie Clement, and Darya Prokapalo

Guests: Christian Michaluk

1. Call to Order: 7:01 pm

2. Approval of February 2017 Agenda:

Addition to New Business re: CJS – email from PAC (Sharon)
Motioned by Audra Peters, seconded by Jodi Dick. **PASSED**

3. Approval of January 2016 Minutes: Motioned by Jamie Care, seconded by Audra Peters. **PASSED**

4. Welcome members and guests: Christian Michaluk, Assistant Superintendent

5. Presentation from Christian Michaluk:

- update on CJS forum.
- Education Minister has announced new budget
 - 1% increase to overall education budget in Manitoba
 - LRSD had 3.5% increase in budget last year. This year 1.6% increase in education budget for LRSD. Teacher salaries have been negotiated to increase more than 1%. Rate of inflation is higher than 1%.
- Announcements about buildings or additions have not yet been made. Christian Michaluk and Dwayne Brothers meeting Deputy Minister Friday, February 3rd, 2017. MLAs to visit board office Tuesday, February 7th, 2017.
- News about the forum and community input will be on the LRSD website.
- As soon as this summer, a decision may be made, and money allocated to move to Phase 2 of the project, to create a learning common space at CJS where the current cafeteria area is.
- Other projects may have to wait until government financing to proceed.
- Grade 7 and 8 classes are accommodated at the elementary schools Guyot, Van Belleghem. This is to make space in the high schools in the interim.
- The board office will help the government to prioritize these additions. The Division has maximized current spaces by moving Grade 7 and 8 classes, switching MAG and Hastings Schools, changing Provencher and Henri Bergeron's grade groupings, changing EGM into a French Immersion School. The Division is waiting for the government to step in with the money to proceed.

- Sharon asked if the PAC could provide any assistance in getting the Minister of Education or the Premier to move forward on the additions. Christian says to invite MLAs to meetings and to write a collective letter about what is required, needed.
- Christian shared a recruitment brochure for French Immersion teachers, which can connect you to online videos using the app Aurasma.

6. Correspondence: Audra shared a Thanks to PAC from a parent who was grateful for her daughter's Festival pass.

7. Treasurer's Report: Money for skate and slide \$400 has been allocated. Gift card fundraiser coming up, notes in mailbox today.

8. Unfinished Business

- a) **Skate and Slide:** Party at St. Vital Park, West Side of Duck Pond at Warming Shack, outside area reserved 5pm-9pm. To provide hot chocolate and Timbits. Note: Timbits are not nut free, alternate snack will be provided. PAC will cover costs. Susanne booked and paid \$43. Toboggans from school, volunteers to distribute snacks and monitor use of equipment. PAC activities off of school property are included in LRSD insurance. Sharon suggested attaching a map of the park with the invite.
- b) **Honorarium to St Timothy's:** cheque written, Mandy to deliver
- c) **Goals 2016-2017:** Amy- Cup stacking games- ordered and paid for. Amy has video to share next month.
- d) **Campbell's Soup Label:** ESG website updated.
- e) **Playground Update:** Tabled
- f) **Charitable Status:** Tabled
- g) **Greening Project (front):** Tabled

8. Committees/Events

- a) **Gift Cards (Jodi/Joni)** – Flyers in mailboxes tonight. Teachers to distribute Thursday or Monday. Due back Feb. 22nd.
- b) **Staff Appreciation Week-** March 7-10, March 7th- Katie, Joni, Kim, March 8th-Susanne, March 9th- Mandy, Lindsay to help plan, March 10th- Stephanie Clement, Kim Dunford are planning a candy bar & silent auction. Provide list of items needed for Sign-Up Genius. Susanne will send a reminder and create a Sign-up Genius for donations.
- c) **Show and Save (Joni)** - TABLED
- c) **Movie** – discussion. Amy says ACF website has rights, feature of the month. Could get a download. Will discuss at next meeting.

d) **Show & Save (Joni):** tabled

e) **Fall BBQ** – September 21 (no update)

9. New Business

a) **CJS expansion** – Sharon suggests ESG PAC do a letter to MLA like one that Guyot has sent to encourage the government to approve funding for CJS expansion. Sharon plans to talk further with Susanne and Amy and Dave. A letter would be composed and the ESG PAC could use their email contact list to ask parents to add their voice to the cause. Questions were raised about a formal petition. i.e.) what is the most effective way to get parent voice heard?

Agreement was made for Sharon to pursue creating a PDF. Will discuss more next meeting.

b) **Cereal drive** – Dave reports that the sister school would like another cereal drive for their breakfast program. A “pay-it-forward” idea was proposed...on our pancake breakfast day, ESG students will be asked to donate a box of cereal. Email to go out to families (Amy).

c) **Pancake breakfast** – February 24th. Sign-up Genius to go out soon.

d) **Social media** – Matthew Wiebe and Jamie Care asked if PAC could again discuss some social media presence. We need a clear mandate and a person willing to maintain it and plan for succession. More discussion needed.

10. Administrators report

- Game Club has 230 students signed up!
- Festival du voyageur
 - 2000\$ SCIP grant
 - 78 grade 5s will attend on Feb.17
 - Pancake breakfast on Feb 24th
 - Logan Picton will play the violin again!
- PAC communication with families, email permissions
- T-Shirt project
- ADAM facilitated discussion groups for parents regarding anxiety, semi-monthly sessions will be hosted at ESG beginning in March, to support our families who have children experiencing anxiety
- ORFF day Feb. 10 (Grade 4)
- K registration –Parent testimonial, Volunteer? Feb 28 at 7 pm

11. Next Meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Next dates April 5th, May 3rd, June 7th.

12. Adjournment- 8:15 pm

**ECOLE ST. GERMAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

ACCOUNT BALANCE AT DECEMBER 1, 2016			\$ 22,388.73
CREDITS		Interest	\$1.41
		TOTAL CREDITS	\$1.41
DEBITS			
#323	Daniel Goertzen (Games)	\$149.75	
#401	ESG (Patrols)	\$165.00	
#402	ESG (Speakers)	\$165.02	
#403	ESG (Friendship Bench)	\$135.57	
#404	Jodi Dick (Reimburse for Toboganns)	\$310.62	
#405	Jodi Dick (Babysitting for PAC Meeting)	\$10.00	
#406	Susanne Dandenault (Scholastics)	\$140.60	
		TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,076.56
ACCOUNT BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2016			\$ 21,313.58
LESS FUTURE COMMITMENTS / MOTIONS			
	Student Leadership (patrols, etc.)	-\$80.75	
	Babysitting for PAC meetings	-\$100.00	
	Staff Appreciation Week	-\$400.00	
	PAC costs	-\$221.18	
	Playground Enhancements	-\$6,000.00	
	Greening Project	-\$500.00	
	Grade 5 - Festival Du Voyageur	-\$2,000.00	
	Ian Portius (Performer)	-\$400.00	
	Green Screen	-\$200.00	
	Ipad Mini's	-\$1,250.00	
	Knitting Club Wind Up	-\$100.00	
	Touques for Patrols	-\$300.00	
	Speakers and Mimio's	-\$334.98	
		TOTAL FUTURE COMMITMENTS	-\$11,886.91
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE			\$9,426.67
CURRENT MOTIONS / NOTES			
To provide up to \$500 towards the greening project			
To provide up to \$2000 for Grade 5 - Festival Du Voyageur			
To provide up to \$400 towards Ian Portius Performer			
To provide up to \$200 for a green screen			
To provide up to \$1250 for ipad minis			
To provide up to \$100 for Knitting Club Pizza Wind Up			
To provide up to \$300 for Touques for Patrols			
To provide up to \$500 towards Speakers and Mimios			