

École St. Germain Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 – 7:00 pm, ESG Library
Meeting Minutes

Attending: Mme Amy Haworth, M Dave Charney, Charlene Allard, Jamie Care, Sharon Coughlan, Susanne Dandenault, Sara Dickson, Nicole Hohner, Diane L'arrivee, April Peterson, Stephanie Clement and Kevin Raitt

Regrets: Alanna Brown, Meghan Care, Kim Dunford, Apryl Nadeau, Trevor Nadeau, Audra Peters, Darya Prokapalo and Kim Sawers

Absent: Dana Forsyth, Krista Kutcher-Poole, Crystal Meisner, Marcia Neufeld, Mandy Safronetz, Joni Tesoro, Matthew Wiebe, Adam Woollard and Lindsay Wollard

Guest: Christian Michalik

1. Call to Order: 7:04 pm

2. Approval of November 2017 Agenda: motioned by Sharon Coughlan, seconded by Kevin Raitt.
PASSED

3. Approval of October 2017 Minutes: motioned by April Peterson, seconded by Diane L'arrivee.
PASSED

4. Welcome all members and guests

5. Assistant Superintendent Christian Michalik: CM spoke about:

- the 2018-2019 budget - meeting that is being held on November 14th for community input.
- Board's focus on maintaining smaller class sizes (20 students for K-3 classes, 25 students for Grades 4-8) and he expressed concern about the Province considering larger class sizes.
- Board's focus on keeping class choices for middle school students and the hope to achieve full day universal kindergarten as they feel it would be a worthwhile investment.
- the government has expressed concern about the Board's ability to raise the needed funds and that there has been a re-thinking of public education by the government.
- \$2M has been set aside from LRSD for improvements to CJS and that they will be going to public tender and by January will have a contractor.
 - classrooms are financed through the Province and that LRSD is still making the case for the expansion of CJS to the Province.
 - encouraged our efforts to meet with other PAC groups and to act as one voice to appeal to MLA's in government. He suggested inviting MLA's to dialogue with the parent groups and to come prepared to ask questions of the government representatives.
 - informal conversations with bureaucrats indicate that the government is looking at the overcrowding issue at CJS and are working on a solution.
 - still need \$1.2 million and the Board wants to start renovations at CJS and will focus on the community commons, expanded foyer and student services.
 - make a case to government for second story classroom space and making sure that classroom size is not used as a solution to the overcrowding problem. He commented that there has been talk of an announcement from the government on this issue.
 - LRSD can already show the overcrowding problem at CJS as the students are already in the school system.

- it was a missed opportunity by the government to not study smaller class size when class sizes were mandated by the Province.

6. Correspondence: none

7. Treasurer's Report – October 2017 Financial Statement – See Appendix A

8. Unfinished Business

a) Mount St. Germain – CIGP funds: Waiting to receive 50% of total cost of berm.

b) Greening Project: There was discussion about buying 10 new cement planters which is estimated to cost \$2,000-\$3,000. There is the possibility to use funds from the playground enhancement fund. Tabled until Spring.

c) CJS Lobbying efforts (Sharon & April): Sharon reported that she is organizing a November meeting date which will include 1-2 representatives from each of the PAC's of the affected schools. After this initial meeting, the plan is to schedule another meeting which will include school trustees and MLA's.

d) QSP: Tabled

e) Book Fair – week of November 20: Susanne reported that volunteers will be needed and a sign-up genius will be sent out. The book fair has a western theme and materials are scheduled to arrive on November 15th. It was reported that a separate email to parents about the book fair will be sent out. "Wish lists" for teachers will again be posted and there will be a selfie corner that will use the green screen.

9. Committees/Events

a) Gift Cards (TBA) – February: Tabled

b) Show & Save – March (Joni/Kim): Tabled

c) Movie Night – Thursday, March 15: Tabled

d) Staff Appreciation – May: Tabled

10. New Business

a) Volunteers ESG Wear table for Student Conferences: Amy reported that the school will be selling ESG wear at the student conferences. Items will be available in sizes from youth to adult and orders will be delivered before Christmas. A request for volunteers will be sent out.

b) Website story on last year's school plan/new initiatives: See website for school planning report article.

c) The 7 Sacred Teachings: Dave reported that this is an ongoing project that is being worked on at the school.

d) ESG Craft/Vendor Show: Susanne reported that an idea was put forward for holding a craft/vendor show. Amy stated that there would be a need to pay a custodian for this type of event.

e) **ESG Garage Sale:** Susanne reported that there was interest expressed about having a garage sale. It was explained that the school community would supply items for the sale and then the items would be priced low so that kids could come shop for gifts for their families. There was concern expressed about adding additional events that require volunteers since there is difficulty getting volunteers already. It was noted that items for the sale would not be able to be stored at the school.

f) **LRSD Public Consultation on November 14, 6:30 pm**

- **Student Citizenship (all Day):** Event for high school students which highlights the importance of student voice.
- **Vision/Mission and 2017-2018 Budget (evening):** Susanne will be attending but it would be beneficial if others could attend.

11. Administrator's Report:

- Concert: EGM and CJS band, guitar and ESG choir December 20, 2017 at CJS
- Report Cards go home November 20
- Parent teacher conferences November 21 and 23
 - Need some volunteers to man a table for ESG wear at Parent-Teacher conferences (orders will be delivered before Christmas)
 - Cereal Drive
 - Need parents to help display lost and found articles
- SCIP grant approved for Festival 2000\$ (no funding next year)
- Seven Sacred Teachings
 - Ojibwé language in Kindergarten (Mme Best's classes)
- School planning report (see website)
- Remembrance Day ceremony- Parents in uniform are invited please RSVP November 10 at 10:30 am

MOTION: To provide up to \$300 to the knitting club for supplies. Motioned by Jamie Care and seconded by Diane L'arrivee. **PASSED**

MOTION: To provide up to \$500 for the purchase of toques for the patrols. Motioned by Sharon Coughlan and seconded by April Peterson. **PASSED**

MOTION: To provide up to \$400 for the purchase of toboggans. Motioned by Kevin Raitt and seconded by Jamie Care. **PASSED**

12. Next Meetings: December 6, January 10 and February 7

13. Adjournment: 8:27pm.

Appendix A – October 2017 Financial Report

ECOLE ST. GERMAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL				
OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
ACCOUNT BALANCE AT OCTOBER 1, 2017				\$ 18,315.15
CREDITS				
		Interest	\$0.64	
		Peak of the Market	\$22.00	
		Donations in lieu of Fundraising	\$310.00	
		TOTAL CREDITS		\$332.64
DEBITS				
	#445	Richard Mason (Peak of the Market)	\$3,747.00	
	#446	Apyrl Nadeau (Open House Refreshments)	\$30.45	
	#447	Susanne Dandenault (Babysitting for PAC)	\$10.00	
	#448	Richard Mason (Sod for Berm - Final Payment)	\$5,500.00	
		TOTAL DEBITS		\$9,287.45
ACCOUNT BALANCE AT OCTOBER 31, 2017				\$ 9,360.34
LESS FUTURE COMMITMENTS / MOTIONS				
		Student Leadership (patrols, etc.)	-\$491.25	
		Babysitting for PAC meetings	-\$150.00	
		Staff Appreciation Week	-\$400.00	
		PAC costs	-\$219.55	
		ESG Scholarship	-\$500.00	
		Playground Enhancements	\$0.00	
	#430	Jodi Dick (Babysitting for PAC)	-\$10.00	
		TOTAL FUTURE COMMITMENTS		-\$1,770.80
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE				\$7,589.54
CURRENT MOTIONS / NOTES				
Total cost of berm = \$11,707.50 - waiting for grant payment of 50% of total				