



ÉCOLE ST. GERMAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

PAC Meeting minutes – November 3, 2021

Attended: Sandy Nemeth, Jeff Anderson, Neil Vadeboncoeur, Cam Johnson, Paulette Sabourin, Lisa Holmes, Karin Holmes, Amanda Smeets, April Peterson, Mandy Falk, Leah Macdonald, Shauna Lussier, Marcia McKenzie, Jamie Care, Meghan Care, Aaren Williams, Matthew Awang, Krysta Richard, Janelle Chambers, Kim Sawatzky, Charlene Allard, Nicole Hacault, Cristina Ranellucci, Lisa Hettrick

Regrets: Kim Dunford, Kim Adair-Gagnon, Kevin Raitt

Absent: Seyi Dairo, Danielle McRae, Adam Woollard, Lindsay Woollard, Marianne Robles, Fan Yang, Jose Corominas, April Nadeau, Cathy Robert-Swain, Karen Adam, Krista Pickering, Darya Prokapalo, Eva Trachtenberg, Colleen Letkeman

Call to order: 7:04 p.m.

Approval of November agenda - Motion made by Shauna Lussier, 2nd by Amanda Smeets, PASSED

Approval of September Meeting minutes - Motion made by Jamie Care, and 2nd by Amanda Smeets, PASSED

LRSD Board Update

- LRSD Board Members introduced
- Sandy Nemeth, LRSD School Board trustee:
 - Thank you for advocacy efforts to help defeat Bill 64. Long summer and we appreciate your support and being a great communicator with our community. A huge effort and LRSD has had tremendous support from all over the division. You have done a great thing for your community and the province of Manitoba.
 - Boards work for 2021-22. Focused on our multi year strategic plan. Lots of discussions about gathering data collection to best service our community. We value your engagement with surveys. Louis Johnson is Chair and Sandy Nemeth is Vice Chair. The Board is working as a larger group versus smaller committees. This is a big change for LRSD. It has been working well. Marna Kenny, Secretary-Treasurer retired from the board at the end of October.

- 2022-23 budget meetings have already started. Master list of parent councils within the division of Parent Councils so that councils can work together within the division.
- Neil Vadeboncoeur, Trustee & Liaise Assistant Superintendent for LRSD, French Immersion schools:
 - The school Board is very engaged, and the pandemic is top of mind and ensuring that students and families are safe.
- Jeff Anderson, LRSD Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services:
 - Thankful for your support of Bill 64. He can easily be reached via social media.

Treasurer's Report

- Not much has happened in the PAC account. Money was not spent during the month of October.

Administrator's Report

- IPad carts are not needed anymore. Laptop carts have been repurposed for the iPads.
- Landscaping costs will need PAC funds and a plan with a landscaper will happen in the spring. Total costs will be available, and money will be spent in the spring.
- The school would like to build classroom libraries as some books are outdated and books are needed to link to the curriculum and enrich the classroom. Teachers will be consulted with their "wish" lists.
- Grades 4 & 5 survey going out, (our school survey) closed in the last few days and information will be reviewed about bullying, engagement, to form a guide for what students need.
- School priorities:
 - Early Literacy and looking at the resources that are being used to create a literacy action plan. Grade level teachers have some common prep times which will help with this action plan.
 - Focusing on filling in the gaps for school readiness as some students are needing extra support as they adjust back to school this year. The pandemic has had an impact on language development in the younger grades at ESG.
 - Focusing on kids' mental health and belonging
 - Meeting students where they are and helping them engage and grow

- Helping kids with conflict resolution and creating teachable moments.
- Belonging and leadership are also a focus as students have not had opportunities to engage with larger groups and Grade 5 students are ready to have some roles in the school.
- Class photos: Lifetouch will come back in the spring. We will be creative to find another way if they cannot do group photos due to distancing.
- Spirit Week went well, and the kids had a lot of fun
- Remembrance Day Ceremony - morning of November 10th – A team of teachers are working to put something together and students will be the voices for the presentation. Students in all classes will be doing activities and discussions surrounding Remembrance Day.
- Report Cards give context to what a report is. They are a snapshot in time. This year has been about getting back into routines and feeling that you belong in school and getting students to reconnect. This has been a lot of focus for the first 6 weeks of school. Parent teacher conferences are still in discussion as to how they will happen, but the school will likely go with virtual conferences for this term. A plan to have in person conferences for the next reporting term. If a parent needs to have a longer discussion, then an in-person meeting can be arranged. The goal is that we hope to be able to have more parents be able to come into the school in the future.
- Thank you to Nicole Hacault for coming into the school to film a video for parents to see a snapshot about how the school is set up this year and during this pandemic.
- School patrol letters have already gone out for Grade 5 and a police officer will train the kids in smaller groups. It will be a morning and after school job. Hopefully we can roll this out soon for them. PAC will help support treats for these students.
- ESG apparel to purchase will go out tomorrow. Orders due by November 15th

Questions for Administration:

- School recess equipment - are there any requests from teachers?
 - Answer: Likely some additional balls and Winter equipment will be needed.
- Does the school have a need for a premium YouTube subscription to not have ads as ads cannot be controlled.
 - Answer: Will ask the teacher and get back to the PAC.

School Fundraisers:

- Dominos - This fundraiser will be in the New Year and there will be two ordering options across the city for a week. For each promo used the school receives \$5. Promoting through social media and school email will make this successful for our school.

- Gift cards - Coop, physical cards. Need to purchase \$2500, we have always been able to get to this amount., Sobey's - minimum of \$500. This gift card fundraiser has always gone well for our fundraising. April will communicate and set up dates and Jaime will create a form and delivery in December. Karin will also help. By the end of November would be great. Looking back to 2019-2020 - we fundraised \$9400 dollars that school year. A large chunk of this was the Sobey's/Coop gift cards. Total debits was \$33,000, \$9,000 for Coop. 10% from Sobey's.
- Outdoor Run – Ecole Sage Creek did a fall run that was a fundraiser. It was great for community spirit. Something to consider getting the school and local community out together.
- Lacoste - mid march instead of May as it conflicted with Mother's Day fundraisers for daycare and people also wanted to buy their flowers, but didn't have the gift cards in early May.

New Business:

- School Sign update: Let's be more creative and instead have a piece of artwork. Slide out and post kids' artwork, plexiglass to protect. Classes are assigned months. If we needed it for a message, then we can also do that as an insert.
- Sandy Nemeth – LRSD fundraisers & community initiatives:
 - Reil-Evate - Endowment fund created in 2019 at LRSD in partnership with the Winnipeg Foundation. Bursaries have been provided to each high school in LRSD.
 - Funding change fundraiser always has great support from St. Boniface and St. Vital and all the funds raised go to the endowment fund. The money always stays in the geography of the Louis Riel School Division.
 - Community initiative. - Rise and Shine program. Feeding families in St. Vital. Huge need for schools in our area.
- ESG PAC Donations:
 - We donated to a local school in need last year. We should consider donating to another donation to another school in our community this December.
 - Hampers will be going forward this year. More details to come.

Next meeting - December 1, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.