



ÉCOLE ST. GERMAIN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

PAC Meeting minutes – February 2, 2022

Attended: Shauna Lussier, April Peterson, Jamie Care, Meghan Care, Janelle Chambers, Aaren Williams, Lisa Holmes, Paulette Sabourin, Leah Macdonald, Crissy Ranellucci, Cam Johnson, Karin Holmes, Charlene Allard, Mandy Falk, Krista Pickering, Danielle McRae, Nicole Hacault, Marcia McKenzie, Lisa Hettrick

Absent: Adam Woollard, Amanda Smeets, Apryl Nadeau, Cathleen Hues, Cathy Robert-Swain, Colleen Letkeman, Darya Prokapalo, Eva Trachtenberg, Jose Corominas, Karen Adam, Kevin Raitt, Kim Sawatzky, Krysta Richard, Lindsay Woollard, Matthew Awang, Seyi Dairo

Call to order: 7:04

Motion to approve the agenda: Motion made by Karin Holmes, 2nd Shauna Lussier, PASSED

Motion to approval December 2021 minutes: Motion made by Janelle Chambers, 2nd by Karin Holmes. PASSED

Treasurer's Report

- Not much has changed besides interest. Money has been ear-marked for Staff Appreciation as well as the Library book donation that was approved last meeting.
- There are 15 uncashed cheques from the Munch-a-lunch reimbursement last spring. 2 families have decided to donate to PAC. If families inquire about their funds then a new cheque will be issued at that time.

Administrator's Report:

- Remote learning went well for 1 week. Parents were easily able to communicate with teachers and receive work. There were initially 225 students that were to attend and it was challenging to accommodate, but the student numbers went down to 100. This was easier to manage and the school appreciates parents that helped to reduce this number. Major changes that have been implemented by staff were achieving distance in the rooms to the greatest degree. Teachers moved things around and spread kids out. The lunch time has been the biggest change with kids being able to be distanced 2 meters apart when masks are off by using other spaces in the school for lunch.
- There has been a lot of communication from the division and the school to the parent community. Cam acknowledged that it is a lot and can be confusing. Send an email or call if you need clarification. They are

operating under the assumption that more information is better. One of the biggest changes is the LRSD dashboard. Manitoba Health is not communicating with the school and the school is now monitoring the student absences. The school will reach out to the Superintendent if there is an issue in our school and then Public Health will be contacted.

📺 The budget for the LRSD is under review. There is a thought exchange and also links to register to attend the town hall and consultation on February 22nd. The parent community's input is wanted.

📺 PD Day - February 4th. There will be 2 sessions led by LRSD. First session - Intro to anti-racist education. Second session will be Practical approaches to anti-racial education. EA's will be in a Black History Month Education session on how to incorporate activities into the school.

📺 February 15th - Kindergarten information evening -it will be virtual again this year across the division. Families should go to the website and send their contact details to get the invite for the session.

📺 Read-a-thon activities will happen right after Spring Break.

📺 Festival du Voyageur activities - Virtual concert for Festival. A committee of teachers are putting together ideas for the week.

Question to Admin: When does the Grade 5 Farewell committee meet? - Paulette will send out an email to ask for parents who want to volunteer to be on the committee within the next few weeks. The School is hoping for the farewell to be more personal if restrictions are lifted.

Committees/Events

📺 Website renewal - Every year we pay to keep our domain. \$436 is the annual cost and it is a business rate. Plug-ins are used to access ordering forms that are used for our fundraising forms. The plug-ins are only available with a business rate. Having this feature is excellent for fundraising and setting up links for e-transfers. It will also allow our Munch-a-lunch links to be easily accessed for parents when we are able to set up this program again.

-Motion to pay the yearly Domain costs. Motion from Krista Pickering and seconded by Aaren Williams. PASSED

📺 Pizza fundraiser: 180 orders that raised \$900. Was easy and well received. Will reach out to see if they might have another date in this school year and to ask to secure a date or two for next school year.

📺 Rotating Classroom Library: No update. Once things have been finalized then the library staff will reach out to PAC.

📺 Staff appreciation: Kim Dunford has asked the staff and a prepared lunch was well received last year. A week in March (14 - 18th) before Spring Break as teachers will be busy this month with reports.. March 18th is a Professional Development Day. Shauna will reach out to Cafe USB and Stella's to get costs. Motion for \$1000 to put towards the lunch and also other acknowledgements during the week.

-Motion from Lisa Holmes, Seconded from April Peterson. PASSED.

New Business

📄 Lacoste Gift Card fundraiser - April will reach out to see how early we can start this fundraiser.

Question: Are there any additional Covid testing kits for families?

-There are kits that are available for staff, but not for families. There isn't a plan to give out any more test kits. They were used to try to prevent the spread coming back from the holidays.

The school has a good supply of medical masks and they are being restocked when needed.

Next Meeting - March 2nd, 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:58 pm.