



APE des Grands-Cèdres
Minutes December 1 2021

Board Directors APE des Grands-Cèdres 2021-2022

President: Brian Callender

Vice-President: Stephanie Belle Coulson

Treasure: Eric Bondy

Secretary: Tatiana Tordoya

Members Present:

Brian Callender

Stephanie Coulson

Tatiana Tordoya

Janine Dame

Marie-Pascale Addison

Marion Crawford

Absent with apology: Eric Bondy

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Brian – President.

1. Principal's Report – Marie Pascale

In the spirit of reconciliation, I would like to acknowledge that our school is located on the traditional territory of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Nation.

1) Last month's Highlight.

- A. **November 10th**: Special Guest Soldier Karie-Anne Rhéaume from Comox Air Force Base came to commemorate Remembrance Day. As you may have known, there was a gas leak explosion on the Comox base about a week ago, and fortunately the injuries were minor.
- B. **FRESH TO YOU FUNDRAISER**: The produce arrived today and are all stored in the warehouse/storage space of the school. There are 3 pallets and they can be kept there for a few days as it is cool, but parents are already asking when they can come and pick up.
- C. **The FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment)** results came in and our 3 Gr 4 students who participated did really well in Literacy & Numeracy.
- D. **We have found an English teacher** to replace Ms. Heidi, and she is starting next week. We will have her send an introduction letter to parents.
- E. **As for PE**, M. Jonathan who is a certified teacher has accepted the position and he is teaching PE in Gr 1 to 7. Mme Sophie is teaching PE in Kindergarten.
- F. **The school photos** were sent home today, just on time for the holidays!
- G. **The report cards on MyEdBC** were also sent home today.
- H. **We have a cultural event on Friday December 3: M. David Bouchard is coming for the day to present workshops in our classrooms. M. Bouchard is a Metis storyteller and musician.**

2) Events this month will include:

8 déc	Portfolio presentations & parent-teacher-student conferences <u>(NO SCHOOL)</u>
10&13 déc	Early dismissals and parent-teacher-student conferences in the afternoons.
14 déc	<i>Winter Wonderland</i> (Students only, sorry!) 9h15-10h15-ÉGC bus transportation
16 déc	Journée du Cirque à l'ÉGC/Circus Day
17 déc	Last General Assembly of 2021 Christmas Theme

- 3) FreshGrade, the electronic portfolios are ready for parents consultation.
- 4) **December 8 (No school)** will be presentation of the portfolios and parent-teacher conferences. In addition to Dec 8, there will be 2 early dismissal days (Dec 10 & 13) for the very same: students portfolio presentations and parent-teacher meetings (Online or in presence and by appointment only- Teachers will send details to sign up for appointments).
- 5) **Dance recital** will be recorded on December 15th as we can't invite a group of parents into the school. **Dance dress code for all the groups is black bottom (pants or tights) and one-color solid top (doesn't matter which color).**

- 6) **Hot lunches can definitely start in January at ÉGC** (Prepared and served by a Food Safe certified person).
- 7) **The Quebec trip is on hold for now, as CSF is not allowing any traveling outside of BC.** Only nature field trips locally are allowed at this time. We are submitting a request for the Winter Wonderland skating outing for approval (Planned for December 17th).
- 8) **Strong Start Program**
L'ÉGC is still looking for an early year certified French speaking educator! We have a candidate from France who is interested, but she is without a work permit at this time. CSF HR is reaching out to her to see if she can obtain a work visa.
- 9) Le club de français/café français/table de discussion pour les parents.
- 10) Garden cleanup (1,364.17\$ left into the account) is postponed until weather permits.
- 11) The APÉ & outdoor benches. We will continue our search.
- 12) Mount Washington Ski Trip is being organized. Trip date: February 17th. Will need one bus paid by parents. More info soon!

2. Treasurer's Report

Ready by Eric as new Treasurer,

- ❖ The poinsettia fundraiser grossed \$7026.00
- ❖ And the supplier costs were \$5205.26
- ❖ The new balance in the chequing account is \$11403.47
- ❖ Gaming account service charges bring the new balance to \$4386.09
- ❖ Cash on hand, no change \$349.55
- ❖ Garden club funds are \$1364.17

3. Christmas Painting class

Nobody available to lead the class.

4. Lunch club

Suggested by Marion Crawford

If the kids can be encouraged by adding game boards or some extra physical activities at lunch time.

5. Tabled from previous meetings

- a. Movie night committee – On hold due to Covid
 - Still on hold, doesn't seem to be a good way to do this with Covid at the moment
- b. Possible socially distant car wash on hold due to Covid, (next Spring)
 - Also on hold
- c. Addition of Benches and covered area to playground – we are still looking for options (new or second hand)
- d. Hot Lunches, hopefully back in January. We might need to organize a Parent Committee.
- e. Fundraising – T-shirts, hoodies, hats.
 - Hoodies have been ordered.
- f. Coombs Country Candy fundraiser. Elizabeth got the school into this amazing fundraiser. All the transactions will be electronically. Place orders until December 15. Order online at [SHOPCANDY.CA](https://shopcandy.ca), use promo code: Ecole.
- g. Note on fundraising – we always welcome any and all fundraisers. The person who spearheads the fundraiser gets to decide what the funds get allotted to/spent on. Please bring any and all ideas!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next meeting is January 5 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Invite will be sent out closer to the time.

Merci!