



APE des Grands-Cèdres

MEETING CALLED BY: APE Ecole de Grand Cedres	TYPE OF MEETING: Monthly	PLEASE READ: Stephanie Coulson	FACILITATOR: Marie Pascal
TIMEKEEPER: Tatiana Tordoya	NOTE TAKER: Tatiana Tordoya	PLEASE BRING: n/a	APE EXECUTIVES 2024-2025: President: Olivier Naud Vice-President: Stephanie Coulson Treasurer: Karli Gibson Secretary: Tatiana Tordoya

APE Meeting Minutes– February 4th, 2025

Present:	Stephanie Belle Coulson
Courtney Rushfeldt	Karli Gibson
Jeannie Doig	Tatiana Tordoya
Crystal Taylor	Ève-Lyne Gauthier
Vanessa Gagnon	Marie-Pascale Addison
Hakon Askerhaug	
Kristine McNally	Excused: Olivier Naud

1. Review and adopt minutes from the January meeting. First motion Hakon, second motion Jeannie.
2. Review and adopt the agenda for this meeting. First motion Courtney.
3. Principal's Report – Marie-Pascale
 - 1) Health & Safety

· A reminder to wear appropriate clothes now that it is getting cold and there's snow or wet rain.

· We will have an earthquake emergency drill on Friday.

· Snow days and school closures are based on the cancelation of school buses from the company. On Monday, I received a message from First Student and SD70. Based on this information, our district SD93 informs me to close the school.

2) Events last month and ongoing:

A. Basketball Gr 6/7 season started after the holidays. Practices are Mondays & games on Wednesdays which will end with the Jamboree on Friday March 7. Thank you to M. Xavier and all the participating students for their efforts and hard training.

B. Aide aux devoirs/Homework Club are offered on Wednesdays after school.

C. Our Strong Start Program is growing (Now 32 children are signed up)

D. We had our first meeting TMMJ, initiation to kindergarten session. As of now, we have 7 new students entering K in September, bringing the school number to 58, as 6 students in Gr 7 will be leaving to the high school.

3) Future Events

A. Meeting with parents for the Montreal trip is Wednesday Feb 5.at 5pm.

B. TMMJ 2nd Meeting is also scheduled on Feb 5 at 5:30pm.

C. Interim Progress Report will go home on Wednesday February 12.

D. Theme Day on Friday February 14th for Valentine Day. Card system is already in place, and students are welcome to wear pink, red & heart theme wear. The Gr 6/7 are organizing a bake sale for their Montreal trip. Panago Pizza hot lunch.

E. Family Day on February 17 (ÉGC & FD are closed).

F. Our Gr 6/7 are leaving to Montreal Friday Feb 21 and returning on the 28th. The students staying behind will join Mme Andréanne in the Gr 4/5 class for the week. Food for chaperones covered by the Mtl trip account What are your thoughts for a top off visa card for incidentals?

G. Professional Development Day on February 21th (School & FD are closed)

H. L'École des Grands-cèdres sports jerseys for Les Cougars. The school launched a family competition to design the logo. Deadline was Feb 3. We will postpone the deadline to Friday Feb. 7.

I. Melissa Klemencic from Alberni Athletics Soccer Club donated a box of TinBits small soccer balls AND a bag of TinBits jerseys.

J. The school purchased an Outdoor Wall Mounted basketball (See below)

K. Teachers want to thank the APÉ for their Classroom Budget (\$50 to 100\$/Teacher). They weren't sure about the term Teacher Incentive, but now it's clear to them that it's like "le Budget de classe", and they will collect receipts and submit them to Karli once they reach either \$50 or \$100.

L. I will be absent Feb 10 and again Feb 19-20 for training, but still reachable by email and text messages.

M. The school received financing for a mosaic project with an artist from Quebec, Mathieu Bergeron, who will be coming to organize this event <https://atelierphebus.com/galerie-des-ecoles>

N. The next APÉ meeting will be Tuesday March 4th at 7:30pm on Zoom.

4. Treasurer's Report by Karli Gibson

École des Grands-cèdres
APE Treasurer's Report – February 4, 2025

Starting Balance (January 5, 2024):

Gaming Account	\$	0
Main Account	\$	14,720.21
Garden Account	\$	7,135.74
Cash in Hand	\$	28.20

TOTAL **\$ 21,884.15**

Current Balance: February 1

Gaming Account	\$	0
Main Account	\$	12,821.40
Garden Account	\$	1,936.71
Cash in Hand	\$	28.20

\$ 14,786.31

Deposits and Withdrawals Since Last Meeting:

Gaming Account

Starting Balance	\$	0
Current Balance	\$	0

Main Account

Starting Balance	\$	14,717.15
*January 6	Purdy's Fundraiser (Vanessa)	+\$ 583.93
*January 7	Experiences Canada	-\$ 2,750.00
January 9	Vice Versa	+\$ 2,000.00
January 9	Vice Versa reimbursement to EGC	-\$ 2,000.00
January 21	Teacher Incentive – Eve-Lyne	-\$ 100.00
January 23	Elite Dance Academy – December lessons	-\$ 800.00
*January 31	TAG Day (Claudia/Crystal)	+\$ 710.32
*February 1	Bottle Account Transfer (Claudia)	+\$ 460.00
Current Balance	\$	12,821.40
Less funds allocated to teacher supplies	-\$	400.00
*Less new funds allocated to Quebec exchange	-\$	1,754.25
*Less Previous funds allocated to Quebec exchange	-\$	6,485.07
Remaining Balance for Main Account	\$	4,182.08

Garden Account

Starting Balance	\$	7,135.74
January 6	Purdy's Fundraiser (Vanessa)	+\$ 366.46
January 17	SharKare – planting supplies	-\$ 185.08
January 18	Home Hardware – 2 wheelbarrows	-\$ 179.18
January 18	Home Hardware – gate latch	-\$ 17.91
January 20	West Coast Seeds	-\$ 171.83
January 21	Home Depot – storage shed	-\$ 564.76
January 24	Planta Greenhouses	-\$ 3,488.80
January 24	Lazar Dezign - manure	-\$ 262.50
January 24	Gas – Dave manure pick-up	-\$ 24.55
January 24	Gas – Eve-Lyne manure pick-up g	-\$ 35.33
January 24	KalTire - new wheelbarrow tire	-\$ 62.01
January 25	Beaver Creek Home Centre – posts/slabs	-\$ 230.09
January 25	Beaver Creek Market – posts	-\$ 66.99
January 25	SharKare – cattle panels	-\$ 176.96
January 31	SharKare – soil	-\$ 31.48
January 31	BC Home Centre – t-post caps and pots	-\$ 68.02
Current Balance	\$	1,936.71

Cash in Hand

Starting Balance	\$	28.20
Current Balance	\$	28.20

News:

- Basketball hoop?
- Mascot logo
- Shirts, hoodies, jerseys with new mascot/logo?

Fundraising:

- Karli – West Coast Seeds Fundraiser – Finishes February 10 – please get your orders in.
 - Handing out flyers during Seedy Saturday at Echo Centre this weekend
- Ashleigh – Panago fundraiser in Spring
- Karli – looked into cookie dough fundraiser – make \$6-\$7/tub, but didn't seem to be enough interest

Quebec Exchange:

Quebec exchange costs will be approximately \$11,500 (\$3,500 to travel to Quebec and \$8,000 to host).

As of February 1 \$10,989.32 was paid or raised
+ \$ 500.00 donation to school
+ \$ 250.00 payment to school
\$11,739.32 Total (+\$239.32 over our goal of \$11,500)
- \$ 2,750.00 paid to Experiences Canada
\$ 8,239.32 remaining in General Account

School Garden

- Had a meeting and several work bees in January – we got a lot of work done
 - New storage shed is here
 - Greenhouse has arrived – we just need to assemble it
 - Karli applied for "Give 2k Your Way" for the school garden through Domtar
 - Will (Karli) applied for a \$500 Action Project Funding from Learning for a Sustainable Future: <https://lsf-1st.ca/programs/action-project-funding/>
 - Apply for: <https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant/> \$3500 grant. Opens February 5.
 - Reached out to Compost BC (Victoria) to see if they would be able to offer any workshops in Port Alberni: <https://compost.bc.ca/>
5. Fundraisers and plans for the year/updates: Hot lunch for the winter season. We will start on Valentine's Day with pizza day.
 6. Quebec trip updates: Meeting committee on Wednesday Feb 5, 2025
 7. Logo for the jerseys/Logo contest? delayed one more week due to the closure of the school for the snow. We need to get the logo a.s.a.p. for getting the jersey for the basketball competition.
 8. Substitute teacher/protocol, the teacher must have a plan for the substitute teacher (3 days in advance plan for the class), personnel must be French speaker even though are not qualified.
 9. Lunchtime in recess? Kids have enough time, and they are monitors. Personnel verify the time is optimized but kids get distracted at times and they don't finish their food.