

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT & NOTES

## APÉ Meeting

### 7 janvier 2025



**Present at the meeting:** Olivier Naud, Stephanie Belle Coulson, Karli Gibson, Stephanie A. Coulson & Marie-Pascale Addison.

**Excused:** Tatiana Tordoya Askerhaug

#### **Welcome to all parents.**

I would like to acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Hupačasath and Tseshaht communities and Nuuchah-Nulth First Nations, on which we are learning, working and meeting today.

#### **1) Health & Safety**

- A reminder to wear appropriate clothes now that it is getting cold.
- A health reminder that l'ÉGC is a NUT FREE school. We have severe life-threatening allergies in most of our classes.
- Maintenance request sent to Jericho to place drainage around the playground is still a project that the church is intending to do.

#### **2) Events last month**

- A. Our Gr 4/5 basketball team ended with the Jamboree on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> (Thank you to M. Xavier and all the participating students for their efforts and hard training)
- B. December calendar included Winter Wonderland ice skating, the Christmas recital, and the general assembly for Nov & Dec.
- C. **Strong Start Program (26 students)**

#### **3) Future Events**

- A. Aide aux devoirs/Homework Club will be starting again tomorrow.
- B. Basketball Gr 6/7 is also starting tomorrow (We have 2 younger players). Practices will be Mondays & games on Wednesdays.
- C. Professional Development Day on January 20<sup>th</sup> (School closed)
- D. The dues to Experiences Canada (\$3,500 for 14 passengers) have been paid.
- E. **The next APÉ meeting will be Tuesday February 4th on Zoom.**
- F. École des Grands-cèdres sports jerseys for Les Cougars. The school is launching a family competition to design the logo. Deadline Feb 3.

**Questions for the Executives:**

- 1. Will there be a Classroom Budget from the APÉ (i.e 100\$/Teacher)? With receipts, the APÉ agrees on \$100/ teacher and the school will match the amount. Ortho & P.E. teachers will get \$50 and \$50.**
- 2. Montréal trip, we need to budget an extra 500\$ for the 2 teachers (250\$/Each). The parents' contribution will pay the extra \$500.**

**The APÉ's concerns:**

- a.** The politic debates in D2 and D4 escalate in unkind comments in the class and during recess. When discussing politics, it should be inclusive, respectful and open-minded. Teachers need to be careful not to sway students into beliefs. They must teach students the language to use and the skills to understand different views. Avoiding words of hatred or making comments to mold students into someone else's mindset.
- b.** Please ensure parents can follow up with the words of the week in D2, by getting the students to write the words in their agenda, instead of sending a link to go and search the words on a platform.
- c.** There is still \$1,000 missing for the Montreal students visiting in May. Parents who have not yet participated in any fundraising could do another Tag Day. Try QF & Liquor store next time.
- d.** APÉ wants to know about the basketball hoop outside. Principal will follow up.
- e.** Principal will contact Jal Design for model and pricing
- f.** The garden budget can be used for classes, said Karli. Mme Andr anne already mentioned a class project with D4. Principal will encourage the teachers to contact Karli at the next staff meeting.