

APE des Grands-Cedres
Minutes 3 November 2021

Members Present:

Brian Callender

Tatiana Tordoya

Eric Body

Hakon Askerhaug

Dana Surry

Daniel Paulino

Elizabeth Platz

Janine Dame

Marie-Pascale Addison

Absent with apology: Stephanie Belle Coulson

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Brian – President. Meeting started at 6:40 pm.

Adoption of meeting minutes from October as read. Motion to adopt by Dana, second by Elizabeth. Adopted.

Adoption of agenda for this meeting. Motion to adopt by Daniel, second by Dana. Adopted. No additions.

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. Thanksgiving activities

B. Big Shake Out on Oct 21

- C. Visit of a special needs counsellor on Oct 25 & 26 who has done observations and will be back week Nov 15th to assist us in creating plans to better help our students who have particular needs.
- D. General Assembly on Halloween Day.
- E. Halloween parade & haunted house (organized by students in Mme Amelie's class).
- F. FRESH TO YOU: Here's the breakdown for the Fresh to You fundraiser.
 Fundraiser order total - **\$3,435**
 Orders:
 Bundle #1 - 62
 Bundle #2 - 87
 Cheque sent to BCACF on October 29th : **\$2,109**
 Benefit to the school: **\$1,326**
- G. End of the FSA (Foundation Skills Assessment) next week (Only 3 students in Gr 4 are taking the tests; all of the others in Gr 4 & 7 received parents' waiver).
- H. Our English & PE teacher had to take an early maternity leave, and we had a wonderful candidate who applied and had a successful interview yesterday. A job offer went out this morning, and we are eager to announce (Hopefully) the name of our new Certified PE teacher who also teaches English (Mother tongue) and speaks also French well enough for PE.

2) Events this month will include:

- 10
Nov *Special Guest Soldier Karie-Anne Rhéaume from Comox Air Force Base to commemorate Remembrance Day*
 - 11
Nov *Remembrance Day (School is closed)*
 - 12
Nov *CSF Professional Day (School is closed)*
 - 15
Nov *First Nation Education Professional Day (School is closed)*
 - 16
Nov *Lockdown Drill*
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3) FreshGrade, the electronic portfolio should be ready at the end of November.

4) Report cards will go out December 1.

5) 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).

6) Dance recital will have to be recorded as we can't invite a group of parents into the school.

7) Hot lunches can definitely start in January at ÉGC (Prepared and served by a Food Safe certified person).

8) 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).

9) 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.

10) Le club de français/café français/table de discussion pour les parents.

11) Garden clean up (1,364.17\$ left into the account) is postponed until weather permits.

12) The APÉ & outdoor benches. We will continue our search.

13) 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 –

a. Ready by Eric as new Treasurer,

i. Main account - balance is \$ 9,233.21

ii. Cash Balance – Balance is \$849.55

iii. Gaming account – Balance is \$3,101.09

1. Total of \$7,328.80 for use

3. Christmas Painting class (Rollin ART Centre), Tatiana will look into the painting class fundraiser, size of the class, age range involved. Date proposed second week of December. Venue TBD
 - i. Parent/student painting class option

4. Tabled from previous meetings:
 - a. Movie night committee – On hold due to Covid
 - i. 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)
 - i. 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.
 - i. Hoodies: Janine will be in charge of the orders. Options for the colors: gray or navy. Check the information in The APE Facebook Group.
 - f. Coombs Country Candy fundraiser. Elizabeth got the school into this amazing fundraiser. All the transactions will be electronically.

 - 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 7:53pm

Next meeting is December 1st at 6:30pm on Zoom. Invite will be sent out closer to the time.

Merci!