

APE des Grands-Cedres
Minutes 15 Septembre 2021

Members Present:

Brian Callendar

Stephanie Belle Coulson

Marie-Pascale Addison

Judith Minorgan

Hakon Askerhaug & Tatiana Tordoya

Jerome Perron & Alison Day

Dana Surry & Daniel Paulino

Gavin Hastings

Crystal Taylor

Eric Body & Zem Tran

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Brian – President.

Adoption of meeting minutes from June as read. Motion to adopt Daniel, second by Crystal. Adopted.

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

1. Principal's Report – Marie Pascale

1) Introduce myself & New teachers at ÉGC (Mme ève-Lyne (K/M); Mme Émilie (1/2); M. Xavier (3/4); and Mme Amélie (5/6/7). Mme Sophie (PE Kindergarten, Francisation & Orthopédagogie/Support); Mme Heidi Anderson (P.E. Gr 1 to 7 & English). We also have 2 EAs Mme Chantal & M. Jonathan; Mme Annick our school secretary.

2) ÉGC numbers = 59 students enrolled

M= 12

1/2 = 16 (10 Gr 1 & 6 Gr 2)

3/4 = 19 (11 Gr 3 & 8 Gr 4)

5/6/7 = 12 (3 Gr 5; 4 Gr 6 & 5 Gr 7)

- 3) **Back to School went really well this year.** Sending school plan to families ahead of time; getting bus route organized; having a first half day without Kindergarten, all contributed to the smooth transition last week. K started full-time today. Routines are being established and students gathered for their first assembly yesterday as we introduced the entire staff and discussed the rules inside the school, outside on the playground, at dismissal, and on the bus. I am asking all pick-up parents to greet their child safely and to avoid having them run to you across the parking lot. We also stress the importance of staying seated on the bus at all times.
- 4) Covid Safety Plan has been updated to reflect back to school Ministry of Health and of Education policies and is posted on school website: <https://grandscedres.csf.bc.ca/> (Covid Tab). Hand washing still happening regularly: after washroom & recess, and before eating. No more learning groups. The entire school eats at same time and has recess at the same time. More bonding is happening, and modelisation where younger students learn from older students and vice versa.
- 5) **ÉGC started its dance lessons today** and it appears that the instructor Miss Olivia is doing an incredible job and that the classes are very well planned. Christmas show is planned around dance recital.
- 6) **Events this month** will include:
 - a) **Terry Fox run** and fund raising is planned for Friday September 24th in the afternoon, and we will invite parents to attend and take photos. More info will be sent home the latest on Friday September 17th. In case of pouring rain, the run will be inside the gym at different times and unfortunately without parents. Students can bring money that will be donated to the Terry Fox foundation. There is a jar at the front office.
 - b) **Orange Shirt Day on Friday October 1, as Thursday September 30 is a holiday and school is closed.** For this occasion, we are currently organizing presentation and with a special guest. More information will be sent home.
- 7) **Hot lunches can be served at ÉGC** if they are prepared and served by a Food Safe certified person.
 - Steph Coulson will explore with Rim Rock restaurant to see if providing hot lunches once a month from the restaurant is a viable and affordable option. Having food safe etc and covid seems too much to be taken on at this point.
 - o Will bring any info to the next meeting
 - Will have theme days for the kids on hot lunch days.
- 8) **Reminder school is closed Monday September 20.**
- 9) **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.
- 10) **Strong Start Program**

L'ÉGC is still looking for an early year certified French speaking educator!
I have advertised in Alberni Valley Job Listing, and the job is also posted on Make a Future (BC Apply to Education Platform). I have posters and pamphlets in my office; however, it may not be the best to advertise without being able to provide the service...
- 11) Aide aux devoirs/Homework Club will probably start September 29th. The school is receiving the budget for the program on Sept 16th, job will be posted for a week, and will be able to make announcement to parents after this. First 20 enrollments.
- 12) Fresh to You fundraiser will resume this year. More info from our secretary next week.
- 13) The APÉ is looking for benches, and we will all keep an open eye.

2. Treasurer's Report –
 - a. Ready by Steph as Angie has resigned her position
 - i. Main account - balance is \$12 244.20
 - ii. Cash Balance – Balance is \$849.55
 - iii. Gaming account – Balance is \$3101.09
 1. Total of \$6031.30 for use
3. Elections:
 - a. Crystal nominates Eric to Treasurer
 - i. Seconded by Gavin
 - ii. All in favour
 - iii. Eric is new Treasurer!
 - b. Crystal nominates Tatiana to Secretary
 - i. Seconded by Dana
 - ii. All in favour
 - iii. Tatiana is new Secretary!
4. Tabled from previous meetings:
 - a. Movie night committee – On hold until September at least, 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, revisit in September
 - i. Also on hold
 - c. Addition of Benches and covered area to playground – more permanent space
 - i. Will keep an eye out, possibly a craigslist or FB marketplace deal will come up with something more industrial
 - d. Fundraising – T-shirts, hoodies, hats. Joint with Cloud City?
 - i. Steph will check in with Janine to see if she's interested in doing this.
Alternately could work with JAL if Janine doesn't want to this year
 - e. 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 October 6th at 6:30pm on Zoom. Invite will be sent out closer to the time.

Merci!