



APE des Grands-Cèdres
September 14th, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Board of Directors APE des Grands-Cèdres 2022 - 2023

President: Brian Callender

Vice-President: Stephanie Belle Coulson

Treasure: Eric Bondy

Secretary: Tatiana Tordoya

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Brian Callender.

Members present:

Brian Callender

Tatiana Tordoya Askerhaug

Ève-Lyne Gauthier

Marie-Pascale Addison

Dana Surry Paulino

Jeannie Doig

Kristine McNally

Marcus McNally

Excused: Stephanie Belle Coulson, Eric Bondy

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The agenda was adopted by:

1st by Dana

2nd by Kristin

1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to all parents.

We would like to acknowledge that the land on which our school is located is on the traditional territory of the Hupačasath and Tseshaht First Nations, and part of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth community.

1) Introduce myself & (New) teachers at ÉGC (Mme ève-Lyne (K/1); M. Michael (2/3); Mme Vanessa (4/5); and Mme Andréanne (6/7). M. Xavier (Francisation & Classe resource/Support & Counseling). Mr. Daniel Spallone is our new English Teacher (Gr 4 to 7). We also have 3 EAs Mme Chantal & Mme Sylvie who is also our Ambassadrice du français, and Mme Cara. Mme Annick our Administrative Assistant AND our Strong Start/Early Years Educator Mme Maria Laura. We are hoping to hire a new PE teacher for our Gr 1 to 3 very soon (Principal is teaching with Mme Cara as replacement). PE for gr 4 to 7 is taught by both Mmes Vanessa and Mme Andréanne.

2) ÉGC numbers = 57 students enrolled

D01= M/1= 13 (6 Kinder & 7 Gr 1)

D02 = Gr 2/3 = 21 (10 Gr 2 & 11 Gr 3)

D03= Gr 4/5 = 14 (6 Gr 3 & 8 Gr 4)

D04= 6/7 = 9 (6 Gr 6 & 3 Gr 7)

3) Back to School went really well this year.

- NEW cleaning company
- NO tears
- K started full-time today.

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- Routines are being established and students gathered for their first assembly this morning 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 always staying seated on the bus.
- New Mandate from CSF regarding the buses (Under 1 hour bus ride for all students, which means fewer stops. No buses for students living under 1km from school).
- Reviewed today in a general assembly outside the rules and regulations regarding safety and code of conduct inside and outside the school.
- A reminder to parents to send their children with a raincoat and rain boots or waterproof boots. We won't allow students in K to Gr 3 to run around without rain pants and boots because of the muddy grass.
- We have also asked every student to bring a change of clothes from K to Gr 7.

4) EVENTS COMING UP

- 15-Sept: Terry Fox Run at 1:00pm (Change from 1:30pm) Run & Fund Raising planned for Friday September 15th in the afternoon at 1pm, and we will invite parents to attend and take part in the run with us at last year's baseball field. Students can bring money that will be donated to the Terry Fox foundation. There is a jar at the front office. And parents can also donate through the Terry Fox website where l'ÉGC has registered. This year's objective is to raise 500\$
- 22-Sept: Staff Professional Day on Truth & Reconciliation (**NO SCHOOL**)
- 29-Sept: Orange Shirt Day (Special guest TBA)



5) Hot lunches will be served at l'ÉGC and we would like our Hot Lunch Team to organize the first hot lunch for Halloween on Tuesday October 31. Program Chef for the Future by [Sylvain Rollin from Wesco Foods](#)

6) Reminder school is closed Monday October 2nd, as it is a statutory holiday (Truth & Reconciliation)

7) Strong Start Program

L'ÉGC officially started its Strong Start Program on Tuesday September 12th!!!

Please announce it on the APÉ FB page. Days and hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 until 11:30. All children with guardian can attend. Registration is a must; however, families don't need to attend full time or be francophone.

8) Aide aux devoirs/Homework Club will probably start September 27th. The school is receiving the budget for the program on Sept 15th, job will be posted for a week, and will be able to make announcement to parents after this. First 20 enrollments.

9) Fresh to You fundraiser will resume this year. More info from Mme Annick coming soon.

10) Sports with SD70 will involve Grades 4 to 7 from ÉGC. Teachers involved are Mme Andréanne & Mme Vanessa.

11) Open house afternoon 16h30-17h30 Sept 21. APÉ représentation?

12) Scholastics orders with French catalogs/brochures (Mme Annick) were not successful at all last year. The amount of work involved with the book fair did not pay off (Made just under 300\$).



- 13) Vandalism on the playground over the summer & winter chains stolen from the buses last night. Jericho is also putting a real fence along the parking sidewalk & playing area.

2. Treasurer's report

Treasure wasn't present, we didn't have a report in the meeting.

3. Tabled items in the meeting

*PE status: It'll be taught by the teachers. No PE for G1/G2. Mrs. Marie and Mrs. Cara teach PE currently. The school still looking for a part time position to be filled.

*New cleaning company, school is happy!

*Hot lunch starts October 31st

*Meal preparation program, food donated (every Friday)

*Homework lunch starts September 27, Mrs. Eve-Lyn will volunteer

*Fresh to you fundraiser

*Scholastics orders NO success! Attention to their parents to make this initiative a success.

*School was vandalized. If we see people with vandalized behavior, please report it to the police, and give the information when, and what time, so the police can generate a file about this issue.

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4. Tabled from previous meeting

- Movie night: fall season
- Garden committee
- Hot lunch committee
- Gazebo committee
- 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
- To promote local business, we ask you if you can donate a prize for the next meeting (max value \$25).
- Merci!