

# APE des Grands-cedres

## Minutes 7 Avril 2021

Members present:

Erin Koszegi  
Brian Callendar  
Crystal Taylor  
Gavin Hastings

Steph Coulson  
Marie-Pascale Addison  
Angela Harvey  
Joanne Priestland

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Adoption of meeting minutes as read from last month. Erin moved to adopt & seconded by Crystal. Adopted.

Adoption of agenda for this meeting. Motion to adopt from Gavin and seconded by Crystal. Adopted.

1. Principal's Report – Marie-Pascale

**a. Health and Safety**

- a. Hand washing practice is still going strong to reduce the risk of contamination.
- b. We are following the ministry's new recommendation and students starting in Gr 4 are wearing face masks regularly and we continue to encourage face masks on the bus for all students.
- c. The latest health and safety requirements from the Provincial Ministries have been posted in French and English on our school website under Covid 19. Staff are filling out a daily symptom verification online form and are wearing their masks all the time.

**b. Events last month and upcoming:**

- a. Grade 1 students participated in a letter exchange with another Gr 1 CSF school in Vancouver. A copy of our Gr 1 letters were posted on the Tableau d'Honneur located in the main office.
- b. L'ÉGC is participating in the CSF 25 years celebrations through a fine arts project. It is a mural that will be presented sometimes in May. Furthermore, another group of students is rehearsing for a choir recital online that will be performed the week of April 22. We will make these projects available to parents when they are ready to post.
- c. On March 31, the Principal of ADSS Rob Souther hosted a Zoom visit with our Gr 7 to help them select their Gr 8 elective courses.
- d. Homework Club on Wednesday after school is still very popular.

- e. The next emergency drill will be on April 13 for an earthquake practice.
- f. The school's fourth assembly will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for theme ideas. On the same day, we will have longer recess to celebrate using French consistently at school.
- g. L'ÉGC is pursuing its cultural activities with CSF partners and the next events will include:
  - Transferring the seeding trays onto the Nutritower. Each class has 8 plant pots to seed. The choices of seeds were lettuce, basil, cucumber, kale, and swiss chard.
  - During the month of April, we will have a French speaking Metis storyteller on April 23 for all grades. Grades 4 to 7 will also be meeting a Francophone comic book author named Freg. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, students will have a virtual art class in French with the group Artshine from Ontario. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Gr 4-7 students will take an interactive virtual tour of the Museum Pointe-à-Callière in Montreal.
- a. The Student Learning Survey will be administered in Gr 4 to 7 classes and I will send information and link for the parents' survey as well. The last day to complete the survey is April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Grade 4 students will be participating in the PIRLS exam this month. The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (**PIRLS**) is an international comparative assessment that measures student learning in reading.
- c. April is a busy month with report cards:
  - April 7<sup>th</sup>= Today, we started students Portfolio Presentations
  - April 14<sup>th</sup>= Students Report Cards (Normal day)
  - April 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> = Half Days (School ends at 11:40, and busses leave around 11:50). Portfolio Presentations in the afternoons.
- d. The next Professional Development Day is Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the next holiday is Monday May 25 (Queen Victoria).
- e. Posters for registration are available to post in various places. If any other parent wish to post one, we still have some with Mme Arianne.

**c. School Calendar 21-22:**

The good news is that the March Break (March 14-26) is in line with SD70. The only request that teachers have is to swap the presentation of electronic portfolios with report cards in December and in April. However, I need the APÉ's approval as well before making the change.

Re calendar for next year – teachers would like to change it so you get the report cards, then one week later have the portfolio presentation as well as have the parent – teacher interview, need approval to make this change. Unanimous vote that this makes sense.

- d. Quebec Trip:** I reached out to the organizers in Quebec, and I will keep you posted on the details at our next meeting. If the BC government announced that the population will be vaccinated by July 21, this gives hope for organizing the Quebec trip after all. I really need parents' feedback before going down that path.

- e. Quebec trip – will need parents feedback about whether or not they want us to go ahead with planning this, due to current covid climate. Will parents want their kids to go next winter?
- f. **ÉGC Long-term:** Today’s meeting with CSF Director of Capital Planning and Jericho Road Church. First meeting to introduce everyone and to hear out Jericho’s intentions.
- g. Future planning for the school  
 Hoping to secure the sale of our current building, would be ideal for us. Would love to open our daycare/before & after school care as well as preschool  
 Would keep current tenants, would slowly take some more space over in the building. Keep the sense of community in the building. Would be able to make all the space workable for everyone  
 There is some space upstairs that isn’t being used, would be good for our English class which was affected by the fire Kindergarten registration – up to 11 now! Very likely it will be a straight K class, would for sure be a straight K if we got a few more kids.  
 At this point its likely to be a K, 1-2, 3-4, 5,6,7. Nothing in stone currently, will need to see how the numbers shape up closer to September  
  
 Theme day suggestions – Dapper day (dress up in your best day), Superhero Day, Famous Person day, Rainbow Day.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Angela Harvey
- a. **Main account** - balance is \$7553.92
  - b. **Cash Balance** – Balance is \$131.55
  - c. **Gaming account** – Balance is \$3108.59
    - i. Total of \$6956.43 for use
- Grant money needs to be spent by September 2021, possibly to put towards the outdoor shelter area, 1000 of it needs to be spent by September. Would fall under the category of school enhancements.  
 -Purdys cheque incoming – 450  
 -Buy liz flowers as a thank you for talent show work
3. Liz Platz – Virtual Talent Show
- a. Entries due Monday April 12.
  - b. Will run a pizza fundraiser at the end of may to secure funds for the staff luncheon and outside equipment
4. Garden club update- Janine
- a. Work bee on Friday to clean up, must sign up on Doodle link to keep in covid safe guidelines

5. Parent raised issue – Paper report cards
  - a. Strong feeling to hand out paper report cards to the kids, rather than have everything online, instills a sense of pride in the kids
    - i. Unanimous agreement that this makes sense and is simple for the school to do. Will make it happen!
6. Parent raised issue – Meeting minutes aren't accessible enough
  - a. Will be posted on the website, posted on the facebook page and sent out by Marie-Pascale in her Sunday newsletter
  - b. Was also discussion of reinstating a monthly school newsletter, perhaps organized by the older students. Will discuss further at a later time
7. Tabled items from previous meetings
  - a. Formation of Quebec fundraising group – touched on earlier, will need to see how parents feel about a 2022 trip
    - i. Postponed for the moment, usual fundraising ongoing
  - b. Movie night committee – still postponed due to covid
  - c. Socially distanced carwash. – tabled till September
  - d. Planning for grade 7 send off
    - Yearbook will come for them
    - Could do a gathering outside, socially distant
    - Grade 7 tshirts, we did last year, should do again this year
    - Possible drive in movie, did it last year and it was a hit
  - e. June 30 – staff appreciation luncheon, from rim rock, staff will chose their meals and will be delivered. Day without kids so the teachers can really enjoy & relax
8. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

**Next APE Meeting is MAY 5 at 6:30pm via Zoom**  
**Mme Marie-Pascale will send out a Zoom invite closer to the time.**