

# APE des Grands-cèdres

## Minutes 2 Decembre 2020

Members present:

Marie-Pascale Addison  
Stephanie Belle Coulson  
Crystal Taylor  
Erin Koszegi  
Elizabeth Platz

Brian Callendar  
Gavin Hastings  
Tasha Frechette  
Angela Harvey  
Marion Crawford

1. Zoom meeting 669 6847 4606 called to order at 6:34pm. Welcome & adoption of November 2020 minutes as read by Brian.
2. Additions to the meeting agenda – none. Adoption of meeting agenda. Motioned by Liz and seconded by Gavin
3. Principal's report – Marie-Pascale Addison

### **Health and Safety**

- a. Last Friday's fire was minor and confined. The sprinklers worked very well and most of the damage has been caused by water. As a result, the foyer area was flooded and a team has been drying the floor and walls since Friday morning. Unfortunately, the entire flooring needs to be removed and replaced.
- b. I was able to find another classroom for English just across Mme Arianne's window in Klitsa Tutoring. The business is doing a lot more home tutoring, and therefore is able to free up a classroom for us to start using next week. The door connects directly onto our corridor

### **Events last month** included:

- a. Museum of Peace of Nov 10<sup>th</sup>
- b. Wild Safe Rangers Program on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> (In French)
- c. Lockdown Nov 18<sup>th</sup>
- d. Gr 6 & 7 Science Expo Nov 26 which was presented in Gr 4/5

### **Events coming up this month:**

- a. Presentations of student learning Dec 2, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoons. Parents and Bus drivers are aware that there will be 12 pm dismissals on those days.
- b. Christmas Recital will be recorded on December 7<sup>th</sup> and will be available on One drive. We are asking parents to read carefully the information regarding dress code for Monday (Black bottom and different colored top, according to division. I will be sending an email home with the details.
- c. Report Cards on December 9<sup>th</sup> My Ed BC & hard copy sent with students
- d. Fire Drill on 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- e. Last day of school before the break is December 18<sup>th</sup> and it will be a full day.

### **Community Reach Out:**

- a. Mr. Gavin has worked on the path and laid the wood chips. He is planning to come back and clean it up. We are very fortunate to have him as it was a BIG job for one sometimes two people! Thank you to Mr. Gavin, Mr. Chris Harper, and Stephanie Belle Coulson Family for buying material.
- b. The school has a couple of names now of occasional employees to do one-hour lunch supervisions or help a teacher. I am continuing to interview candidates for the EA position.

### **ÉGC Long-term:**

- a. Exploring 2 options for moving our school. Will hear more information after December 8<sup>th</sup> and will be able to confirm at the next APÉ meeting.

### **Communications:**

- b. Is the weekly Newsletter useful? Is it being read by most parents? Is there a better way I could use to communicate information?
  - i. Discussion on the subject of communication:
    - Things have been challenging lately it seems
    - Some teachers reach out weekly to parents and some do not.
    - Feedback that parents would find it helpful to hear from teachers each week to keep on top of events
    - Suggestion that in weekly principal email the important and upcoming dates could be bold to make it more stand out

4. Treasurer's Report – Angela Harvey (Absent tonight, read by Steph Coulson)
  - a. **Main account** - balance is \$7482.09
  - b. **Cash Balance** – Balance is \$389.55
  - c. **Gaming account** – Balance is \$3116.09
    - i. Total of \$6402.60 for use
    - ii. +2289.49 from plant fundraiser
5. Parent raised issue – Covid protocols in school
  - a. Yes, students wear masks on the bus, masks are provided if they don't have one
  - b. Lots of children choose to wear masks all day
  - c. Keeping space between the two cohorts
  - d. Within the cohorts, there is not the strict social distancing, as put out by the provincial rules
  - e. No communication between grades within the school walls
  - f. More outdoor activities
  - g. 4-7 eat snacks outside
    - i. That doesn't really work for the younger kids
  - h. For snacktime, kids wash their hands, have snack, sanitize hands and then play outside,
    - i. They are separate during the day, for sure
  - j. Following protocols as strictly as possible
  - k. Choir is held class by class, not as a large group and they are well spaced apart
  - l. Things are cleaned and disinfected between classes coming in
  - m. Choir will be over on December 7

- ii. Will move onto a new program in January, perhaps art based. Or dance in the gym
  - iii. Yoga, meditation, there are lots of options within the CSF, and large budget from the CSF to make all of this happen
- n. Windows are opened regularly in the classrooms
- o. Principal is willing to request kids to wear masks
  - a. Possible mask lanyards
  - b. Will check into getting some APE can pay (Bought by ÉGC)
  - c. Motion to purchase, Steph seconded from Liz
- p. Will send out an email to suggest kids wear masks
- 6. Parent raised issue – Speaking English at school. How is that handled?
  - a. There is no blanket policy for the school. Of course being a Francophone school kids are expected to speak French as much as possible, how to do so it up to the discretion of the teachers
    - i. Last year ran the ring game, by the end of the year it became too competitive and with a more negative connotation
    - ii. Suggestion to move to entirely positive reinforcement to have the kids speaking French
      - 1. Some parents feel that handling of the speaking English at school issue could be dealt with better
    - iii. Perhaps something like filling a jar with jelly beans for always speaking French, get a theme day or a pizza party or something as a reward
    - iv. Mme Marie-Pascale will speak to teachers at the upcoming staff meeting and come up with some positive & collaborative suggestions to implement

Meeting adjourned @ 7:42pm. Motioned by Liz and seconded by Erin.

**Next APE Meeting is January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom**  
**Mme Marie-Pascale will send out a Zoom invite closer to the time.**