

APE des Grands-cedres

Minutes 3 Fevrier 2021

Members present:

Erin Koszegi
Brian Callendar
Anna Lamboitte
Marion Crawford

Steph Coulson
Marie-Pascale Addison
Gavin Hastings
Liz Platz

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm

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

Adoption of agenda for this meeting. Addition to the agenda – Fundraising initiative by Vanessa and brought up by Steph. Motion to adopt from Liz and seconded by Steph. Adopted.

1. Principal's report – Marie-Pascale Addison

a. Welcome to all parents.

I would like to recognize our local community:

In the spirit of reconciliation, we recognize that our school is located on the traditional territory of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Nation.

b. Health and Safety

- a. Hand washing practice is still going strong. The foyer area is clear of smell, the walls have been refurbished during the Christmas holidays and the flooring will be done after the insurance is settled.
- b. Lanyards were distributed in K/1 and the rest for grades 2 to 7 are expected soon. Students are regularly wearing face masks and we strongly encourage face masks on the bus for all students.
- c. We continue to follow health and safety requirements from the Provincial Ministries. Staff has to fill out a daily symptom verification online form. Adults also use masks when in proximity with the students.

c. Events last month and upcoming:

- a. Homework Club started mid-January every Wednesday after school and has been very popular. We divided the groups in two, the K-3 are in the library with Mme Hannah Lou and I have the 4-7 grades in my office.
- b. The next emergency drill will be on February 11th for an earthquake practice.
- c. Valentine's Day will be Friday February 12th and the students will have in class card exchange and activities.

- d. There will be a school general assembly on February 26 – Two separate groups- Celebrating birthdays, students’ achievements, class projects, and French champions.
 - e. L’ÉGC is planning cultural activities with new and existing CSF partners related to the following themes: Cultural Diversity & Inclusion; Environment & Climate; Sports & Wellbeing; Artistic Expression; and First Nation Culture.
 - We started the Mindfulness program for grades 2 to 7 and it is twice a week until March break.
 - Students in 4/5 are reporting on their school and Port Alberni to other schools around the world through a CSF partnership called **Par le Monde**
 - We received a Nutritower kit from last year’s micro funding, and every class will be seeding and planting after the March break.
 - Our school has been selected to honor the CSF 25 year-anniversary through a music project and an art project involving students grades 4 to 7. Once completed, I will send links to parents to view final products on the CSF website.
 - These workshops are online and live with the CSF partners. We are expecting museum visits; story tellers; environmental workshops; and art classes.
 - a. Reward system for all our students who consistently speak French at all times by giving extra recess time on the last day of the month. The number of students who have been sent to my office for a little pep talk has diminished drastically! Students who were sent to my office in December and early January are now my French Ambassadors and seem very proud of their title. We are hearing French on the playground more than before.
 - b. Family Day on Monday February 15th. Holiday- School closed.
 - c. PD Day on Friday February 19th. ÉGC will be closed.
 - d. March Break Dates= March 8-19th.
 - e. New APS hire: Mme Chloé Gayraud, TA in Mme Sophie’s 2/3 class.
 - f. Mme Andréanne will be on Maternity leave after March break and will be replaced by Mme Amélie Bétus who will be joining us March 1.
 - g. Posters for registration will be available to post in various places.
- d. **Quebec Trip:** I reached out to the organizers in Quebec, and I will keep you posted on the details at our next meeting. He is starting to organize the program in February.
 - e. **ÉGC Long-term:** Exploring 2 options for moving our school. The package I prepared is now being reviewed by the Ministry of Education and CSF, along with a real estate attorney here in Port Alberni. We will hopefully hear more information from the district soon. I heard from different sources that the APÉ really need to push and keep things moving forward. ÉGC is not the only school in this position in BC, therefore I would suggest writing a letter to the DG right after March break to obtain feedback. Although I have been asking at my weekly meeting with my assistant DG how things are moving, it is mostly the APÉ that can make a difference. FYI, the APÉ in Victoria at the école Beausoleil may be suing District 61 because they are being kicked out of their school to

allow SD61 classrooms, and the only space they have been offered consists of portable classrooms.

- f. **Communications:** Is the weekly Newsletter better formatted?
- g. Discussion on Valentine's Day – was an upcoming point on the meeting agenda
 - All kids can distribute paper valentines to the kids in their class, one valentine per child from each family, for each member of the class so that no one is left out
 - Each family will get a class list to make it easy
- 2. Treasurer's Report – Angela Harvey (read by Brian)
 - a. **Main account** - balance is \$5766.55
 - b. **Cash Balance** – Balance is \$419.55
 - c. **Gaming account** – Balance is \$3113.59
 - i. Total of \$5462.06 for use
- 3. Bottle Depot update
 - a. Brian has tags that you can put on your bags, he will give them to the school for distribution
 - b. Another option is to print off tags at the bottle depot. Our account can be located either using the school phone number or our account number: 106142
- 4. Liz Platz – Virtual Talent Show
 - a. Liz can help our school put one together
 - b. Newsletter before spring break, students would need to practice at home. Parents can record them, 2mins and under. All in French, or 80%. Really creative, how to bake a cake, how to do a backflip, etc. Parents would send videos to Liz and she will compile. School then has a talent day when they can watch the video together and celebrate their talents
 - c. Deadline around mid to late April, video to come out in May around mothers day
- 5. Liz Platz – Pizza Fundraiser doing again in Late May just before summer
 - a. Want to put funds towards a staff luncheon at the end of year – Steph has volunteered to have Rim Rock do the catering for this
Extra funds to go towards outside play stuff
- 6. Purdy's fundraiser – Steph to run this year for before Easter, will get set up ASAP
- 7. Vanessa to run spring planter fundraiser as well, more info to come asap
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Next APE Meeting is March 3rd at 6:30pm via Zoom
Mme Marie-Pascale will send out a Zoom invite closer to the time.