

APE des Grands-cedres

Minutes 3 Mars 2021

Members present:

Erin Koszegi
Brian Callendar
Anna Lamboitte
Marion Crawford
Angela Harvey

Steph Coulson
Marie-Pascale Addison
Crystal Taylor
Liz Platz
Dana & Daniel Paulino

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm

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

Adoption of agenda for this meeting. Changing order to have Financial Report before Principals Report. Motion to adopt from Crystal and seconded by Steph. Adopted.

1. 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 \$6958.93 for use

-Blueberry fundraiser raised 1440.47

-Clarity on deciding where funds go. Person running the fundraiser gets to decide.

Blueberry proceeds went to garden club, Purdy's is going to general APE fund, Vanessa's plant fundraiser is going towards building or buying some sort of outdoor shelter for the playground area. Liz's pizza fundraiser in May will buy more outdoor play toys and a staff appreciation luncheon.

2. Principal's Report – Marie-Pascale

a. **Health and Safety**

- a. Hand washing practice is happening many times a day, upon arrival, before snack time, after recess, before lunch, after lunch break. The hand sanitizer is also used during P.E. and before leaving the school. We have students who have very sensitive skin and we have had discussions with parents about sending special mild soap and cream to alleviate skin reactions.
- b. All the lanyards were distributed throughout the school, and we have extra ones if students need them. Our students 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. The school ordered clear masks for teachers to help students with pronunciation exercises.

b. Events last month and upcoming:

- a. L'ÉGC has welcomed Mme Amélie Bétus on March 1 in Gr 6/7 to replace Mme Andréanne who will be on a one-year maternity leave. Mme Bétus is originally from France. She moved to Canada in 2014 and pursued her Canadian Teaching degree while working at the university in PEI. Since then, she has become Canadian and acquired many years of experience. We are very lucky to have Mme Amélie and the students also seem very happy.
- b. The Principal of ADSS Rob Suther came to visit our Gr 6/7 to present the gr 8 transistion. Students had many questions and it was very informative. The next meeting will be online with the course choice. I would like to remind all parents that pursuing the French immersion program leads to a double diploma Dogwood & Cournouiller, allowing students to choose a French speaking university, and giving them more professional opportunities later on.
- c. Homework Club is every Wednesday after school and has been very popular. We have 14 students divided into 2 learning groups.
- d. The next emergency drill will be on March 5 for a fire drill involving the entire building. We already warned students and staff because the alarms will go off and we don't want to frighten the children especially during the pandemic.
- e. On February 25th, the school took part in the Pink Shirt Day event, and there were class activities on inclusion meant to bring awareness on bullying.
- f. The school's third assembly was on February 26th and the theme was crazy hair day. Students' January and February birthdays were celebrated, Students from each class who surpassed themselves received a certificate, the French Champions were also honored and were entitled to a Scholastics book order (10\$ value), class projects were presented, and the morning recess was longer and featured games and music in the gym for grades 4 to 7, and outside activities for the K-3 section.
- g. The next assembly will be late April.
- h. L'ÉGC is pursuing cultural activities with CSF partners and the next events will include:
 - Workshops starting after the March break to start seeding the Nutritower. Each class will have 8 plant pots to seed.
 - 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 events on the CSF website.
 - Later in April and May, we are expecting museum visits; story tellers; environmental workshops; and art classes.
- a. The FSA (Foundation School Assessments) for Gr 4 & 7 are completed, and we will receive results before June.

- b. 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 30th.
 - c. Grade 4 students will be participating in the PIRLS exam in April. The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (**PIRLS**) is an international comparative assessment that measures student learning in reading. Fourth-grade students complete a reading assessment and questionnaire that addresses students' attitudes towards reading and their reading habits.
 - d. Easter Holiday will be April 2nd to 5th -School is closed.
 - e. April is a busy month with report cards:
 April 7th= Portfolio Presentations all day (No school)
 April 14th= Students Report Cards (Normal day)
 April 16th & 19th = Half Days (School ends at 11:40, and busses leave around 11:50).
 Portfolio Presentations in the afternoons.
 - f. March Break Dates= March 8-19th.
 - g. Posters for registration are available to post in various places. I have given posters to parents today. I have two for Erin Koszegi and I was hoping to hand them over tomorrow morning.
- c. **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.
 - d. **Mme Arianne received an email from Vanessa Gagnon :** Vanessa to run spring planter fundraiser (From last month's APÉ minutes) ???
 - e. **ÉGC Long-term:** I suggest the APÉ President sends a letter to the CSF School Board after the Spring Break to obtain feedback on how things are moving. I can draft the letter for the executives
 - f. Currently 10 registered for K, making it likely a straight K class for next year. 11 Grade 1s. Possibly 1 Grade 8 student for next year
- 3. Liz Platz – Virtual Talent Show
 - a. Talent show update
 - b. Send out with kids on Friday
 - c. Videos due by April 9, full instructions coming in the letter from Liz
 - d. Families full involvement is great
 - e. Keeping in line with covid safe guidelines – no playdates etc to make submissions, keep to family bubble
 - f. Liz will put together the video for may for everyone to enjoy
 - g. Up to 3 minutes long for videos
 - h. Follow up with Liz to be sure she received your email

4. Community Building –
 - a. Erin: Students are leaving the school, wondering how best to support our families and foster a more community environment
 - b. Families in general are struggling with disconnection
 - c. Marie-Pascale: Fire affected the full welcoming feeling of the school, everything is gone...the small kitchen, all of it is gone. No connection feeling
Things do feel disconnected
Covid keeps people apart, strange feeling overall
 - d. When the weather improves we want to do more, more time outside
 - e. None of the usual events are happening, that doesn't help us to feel connected
 - f. There is extra help around – enough teacher aides, homework club
 - g. Possible car boot sale instead of garage sale
 - h. Possible welcoming committee for the new families – decorate cars, on the welcome day for new k families
 - i. Drive in style for grad
 - j. Promo video – why is our school special, what do we love about our school
 - i. Nice way to connect everyone and foster that sense of community
5. Carwash fundraiser idea
 - a. Socially distanced
 - b. We have a hose and tap with water
 - c. Possibly partner with gas station or somewhere more accessible
 - d. Let's see what the covid restrictions are
 - i. Table to next month
6. Gaming funds – needs to be spent within 3 years, so by September 1000
 - there are restrictions for the gaming funds
 - Table to next meeting
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm
- 8.

Next APE Meeting is APRIL 7 at 6:30pm via Zoom
Mme Marie-Pascale will send out a Zoom invite closer to the time.