

# APE des Grands-cedres

## Minutes May 2021

Members present:

Erin Koszegi  
Brian Callendar  
Angela Harvey  
Janine Dame

Steph Coulson  
Marie-Pascale Addison  
Marion Crawford

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

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

Adoption of agenda for this meeting. Motion to adopt from Marion and seconded by Steph. Adopted.

### 1. Principal's Report – Marie-Pascale

#### a. **Health and Safety**

- a. Students and staff are continuing to enforce Hand washing practice & Gr 4 to 7 students are wearing face masks at all times.
- b. We continue to encourage face masks on the bus for students of all ages.
- c. We would also like parents whose children are using the school bus to discuss the safety rules with their children. Students must stay in their seat and not turn around to talk to the children behind them while the bus is moving. After repeated verbal warnings, the bus driver submits a form to school, and after 3 forms, the student can not ride the bus for a week.
- d. 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.
- e. Now CSF staff is invited to register for the Pfizer vaccine.

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

- a. Each class transferred the seeding trays onto the Nutritower. The choices of seeds were lettuce, basil, cucumber, kale, and swiss chard.
- b. During the month of April, we had a French speaking Metis storyteller who adapted his story to each learning group. Students learned about First Nations' significance of Mother Earth, Father Sky, Grandmother Moon and grandfather Sun.

- c. The April 22 online choir recital was a triumph and the Music Director was deeply touched by our students' performance and professionalism. Furthermore, the ÉGC mural project celebrating 25 years of CSF will be presented this month.
  - d. On April 23, Grades 4 to 7 also met a Francophone comic book author named Freg.
  - e. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, students had a virtual art class in French with the group ARTSHINE from Ontario. Projects were called: Dice Monster & Winter Evening. The students' projects were put on display and were absolutely beautiful. The projects made every student look like a talented artist!
  - f. The school's fourth assembly was on April 30<sup>th</sup> and the rainbow theme was mistaken by some parents with the SOGI awareness program which is on May 17 in some CSF schools.
  - g. On May 5<sup>th</sup> Gr 4-7 students had an interactive virtual tour of the Museum Pointe-à-Callière in Montreal. There will be follow-up class activities.
  - h. The next emergency practice will be a fire drill on May 18.
  - i. L'ÉGC is pursuing its cultural activities with CSF partners and the next events will include:
    1. EcoNova workshops on environment on May 28
    2. Rick Hansen Foundation Ambassador Program on June 14
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- a. The next Professional Development Day is Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>, and the next holiday is Monday May 25 (Queen Victoria).
  - b. 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. We will have a Kindergarten Open House early June.
  - d. I wish to reach out to Gr 7 parents to find out how we want to proceed with graduation. The T-Shirts will be ready once we order the right sizes, and the Graduation Album will be completed.
  - e. The search is on for a qualified English teacher at ÉGC. It consists of 4 hours/week. Probably Tuesday & Thursday 2 classes back to back. If you know anyone...
  - f. Class Photos will be Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. May 7<sup>th</sup> is also Mental Health Day. Erase on our school website is a service offered by BC Ministry of Ed erase = expect respect & a safe education - Erase is all about building safe and caring school communities.

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

There is a new CSF Day to review the new curriculum scheduled for Friday November 12. This means that students will have a 4-day weekend since Thursday Nov 11 is Memorial Day. However, we already had a First Nation Pro-D Day scheduled on November 12 which we need to move. Would parents prefer having it that same weekend on the following Monday (Nov 15) in order to have a 5-day weekend? Or should we move it to November 22?

- Decision to move the pro day to Monday Nov 15 to make a 5 day weekend and line up with the SD70 calendar
- d. **Quebec Trip:** I am discussing with the organizers in Quebec. The other school Mer-et-Montagne in Campbell River will not participate next year. I sent a survey to parents and I will see what
  - e. **ÉGC Long-term:** I am hoping to have news by the end of June regarding Jericho building acquisition.
2. Treasurer's Report – Angela Harvey
    - a. **Main account** - balance is \$9 233.21
    - b. **Cash Balance** – Balance is \$849.55
    - c. **Gaming account** – Balance is \$3108.59
      - i. Total of \$9814.79 for use
      - ii. Will be using fundraising proceeds towards a sun shelter for the students, come September we will purchase some sort of shelter for rain & winter weather as well
  3. Dress Code
    - a. ADSS doesn't have one – FYI
      - i. General, no offensive sayings, etc
      - ii. There is a CSF one set out but we have the ability to adapt as needed
      - iii. Older students are making their own theme days and its more fun to make it inclusive even if its to one classroom, includes all the kids  
Makeup, costume style is for theme days  
-Janine – please remove line that states children should be dressed neat, Not the reality for everyone, recognize that families are doing their best
    - b. Ask the kids about how they feel, give them a place to understand this too
    - c. No offensive sayings, alcohol, etc
    - d. Work in progress here
  4. Update from Liz:
    - a. Virtual Talent show video is done, will be shown to students and sent to parents
    - b. Panago Pizza fundraiser soon, Liz will advise when coupons are available for sale, selling in packs of 5 or 10. Will make \$800 off this fundraiser
  5. AGM next month. Please attend if you can.
    - a. We have two vacancies opening on our executive. Erin & Angie are resigning. Vice-President & Treasurer are opening up. Now accepting nominations.
  6. 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
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

**Next APE Meeting is JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm via Zoom**  
**Mme Marie-Pascale will send out a Zoom invite closer to the time.**