

**École St. Germain Parent Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday October 2nd/2013, 7:30pm, ESG Library**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Mme. Amy Haworth, M. Alain Nault, Cindy Baerr, Melonie Cleutinx, Sharon Coughlan, Susanne Dandenault, , Nicole Hohner, Alison Huppe, Tracy Igonia, Michelle Lagadi , Aimie Panteluk, Audra Peters, Meaghen Shangreaux, , Jan Thiessen.

**Regrets:** Inga Sif Kristjansdottir, Jaquelin Martinez, Nicole Medland, Bev Padeanu. Lorelei Douglas, Denise Pope, Mare Richardson, Heike Sobkow  
Suzanne Suzio

**Guests:** Marcia Neufeld, Lisa Brown, Jodi Dick, Dana Forsyth

**1. Call to Order: 7:01p.m.**

**2. Approval of Agenda:** motioned by Tracy Igonia, seconded by Audra Peters.  
PASSED

**3. Approval of Minutes for September 2013:** motioned by Susanne Dandenault , seconded by Michelle Lagadi. PASSED

**4. Welcome guests:** Lisa Brown , Jodi Dick, Dana Forsyth, Marcia Neufeld.  
Motion for all guests to become members. Motion by Tracy Igonia, seconded by Sharon Coughlan. PASSED

**5. Committee Reports:**

- **Education Committee** – No updates
- **Environment Committee** – No updates.
- **Fundraising Committee** – Peak of the Market wrapped up Monday, we earned \$2985.00. QSP fundraising is still going, this will finish in the middle of October.
- **BBQ** – There were lots of people, everything went well. A few suggestions were made and will be kept in mind for next year. We made a profit of \$1500.00.

**6. Treasurer's Report** – It has been a busy month with many transactions. A note was sent home to parents explaining the fundraising goals for the 2013-2014 school year. As well, the note explained the fundraisers that we will have at ESG this school year, with an option being to donate \$30.00 in lieu of fundraising. A few families have chosen this option. **See Appendix A** for transaction details. There is a balance of \$2889.44 this month.

**7. Unfinished Business:**

- Goals for 2013-2014 school year –
  - Amy will consult with the staff on what they would like to see as goals for the 2013-2014 school.
  - Other suggestions made by parents:
    - games that are spray painted on the hard top (Spring goal?)
    - recess equipment (we are in need of things right now as there are more students in the school)
    - hill
    - toboggans
    - snow hills
    - another tether ball pole
    - presentations
    - technology

**Decisions:**

- Amy will check with the teachers and get back to us with their ideas at the next meeting.
- A motion was by Alison Huppe, seconded by Audra Peters to spend up to \$400.00 for recess equipment. PASSED Michelle Lagadi will buy the equipment when the list is made.

## 8. New business:

- Selected parent to give review of September 23 meeting about overcrowding: Susanne Dandenault shared information about the meeting.

Susanned Dandenault shared that:

- Meeting was well done. School enrollment projections for the next five years were given.
- There were 5 ideas that were presented, but they ensured that new solutions will still be considered.

The 5 solutions were:

1. Change Highbury to a French Immersion school.
2. Change McDowell to a French Immersion school
3. Change D.W. Penner to a French Immersion school.
4. Victor Wyatt to become a 5-8 school
5. Reconfigure all south end schools to grades K-4, 5-8.

Discussions were had around all of these solutions at table groups. The timing of this change was discussed. See below:

- October –November will be school based meetings
- December will be another large group meeting.
- January will be the Superintendent's recommendations to the board.
- March-June – Implementation of the transition for the solution to address student enrollment challenges in South St.Vital.
- September 2014- Put into action long term solution for South St.Vital schools

**Meeting for the Ecole St. Germain parents will be held here on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.**

## 9. Administrator's Report:

- a. Follow up with School Start – 130 families participated. Waiting for amount that we have earned from this.
- b. Finished 2 days of class profiles. SS/Admin/teacher met and talked about students and the needs of their classrooms.
- c. Choral Celebration – October 8<sup>th</sup> at concert hall. We have 15 students participating in this.
- d. Mr. Michalik sent an email to say thank you for inviting him to our PAC meeting.
- e. March 5<sup>th</sup> there is a conflict with PAC and Kindergarten information night. Need to decide on a new meeting night. **It will be moved to March 12<sup>th</sup> at the same time; 7:30.**
- f. We Day – October 30<sup>th</sup>. We have 30 tickets that we can use, which will be provided to our students. They will be used for grades 7 and 8 students.
- g. Mr. Nault shared that following the South St. Vital community Forum - LRSD staff met and compiled the questions from each table group. There were many questions that arose. Many of the questions were similar from each table. There were lots of questions surrounding daycare, timelines, friendships. They were compiled and people are reading and looking into them.
- h. New School is being built in Sage Creek. They are inviting anyone who is interested in helping with this process to come to a discussion group at 6:30 p.m. on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in the Legacy room at LRSD. Please register on the website if you are interested in attending.

**10. Next meeting: November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.**

**11. Adjournment: 8:30 pm**

## APPENDIX A

| Ecole St. Germain Parent Advisory Council    |                          |                                       |                     |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| September 2013 Financial Statement           |                          |                                       |                     |
| Account Balance at September 1, 2013         |                          |                                       | <b>\$9,964.31</b>   |
| <b>Credits:</b>                              |                          | Interest                              | \$0.51              |
|  |                          | Donations in lieu of fundraising      | \$60.00             |
|  |                          | Donations in lieu of fundraising      | \$220.00            |
|  |                          | BBQ - pre-orders                      | \$2,461.00          |
|  |                          | BBQ - deposit after event incl.float  | \$2,476.85          |
|  |                          | <b>Total Credits</b>                  | <b>\$5,218.36</b>   |
| <b>Debits:</b>                               |                          | BBQ Float                             | -\$760.00           |
|  | #136                     | BBQ - prizes                          | -\$70.64            |
|  | #137                     | BBQ-Glitter tattoos                   | -\$192.50           |
|  | #138                     | 2012/13 CJS Scholarship               | -\$500.00           |
|  | #139                     | Refreshments for meet and greet       | -\$40.94            |
|  | #140                     | Babysitting-September                 | -\$20.00            |
|  | #141                     | BBQ - prizes                          | -\$118.34           |
|  |                          | <b>Total Debits</b>                   | <b>-\$1,702.42</b>  |
| <b>Account Balance at September 30, 2013</b> |                          |                                       | <b>\$13,480.25</b>  |
|  | Plus Future Income       |                                       |                     |
|  |                          | <b>Total Future Income</b>            | <b>\$0.00</b>       |
|  | Less Future Commitments: |                                       |                     |
|  |                          | Greening Project                      | -\$431.65           |
|  |                          | Shrubs                                | -\$257.38           |
|  |                          | CJS Scholarship 2013/2014             | -\$500.00           |
|  |                          | Student Leadership (patrols, etc.)    | -\$1,040.00         |
|  |                          | Babysitting for PAC meetings          | -\$140.00           |
|  |                          | Staff Appreciation Week               | -\$400.00           |
|  |                          | Grade 8 Farewell Dinner (\$15/student | -\$810.00           |
|  |                          | PAC costs                             | -\$240.94           |
|  |                          | Lap tops                              | -\$5,000.00         |
|  |                          | BBQ 2013/2014                         | \$0.00              |
|  | #142                     | BBQ-MTS volunteers                    | -\$100.00           |
|  | #143                     | BBQ - prizes, accessories for tattoos | -\$75.01            |
|  | #144                     | BBQ - prizes/veggie wraps (\$348.56)  | -\$871.56           |
|  | #145                     | BBQ - food                            | -\$724.27           |
|  |                          | <b>Total Debits</b>                   | <b>-\$10,590.81</b> |
| <b>Total Funds Available</b>                 |                          |                                       | <b>\$2,889.44</b>   |