

École St. Germain Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday December 4, 7:30pm, ESG Library

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Mme Amy Haworth, M. Alain Nault, Cindy Baerr, Sharon Coughlan, Susanne Dandenault, Jodi Dick, Nicole Hohner, Alison Huppe, Tracy Igonia, Michelle Lagadi, Audra Peters, Jan Thiessen, Lisa Brown, Dana Forsyth, John Goodspeed.

Regrets: Inga Sif Kristjansdottir, Jaquelin Martinez, Nicole Medland, Marcia Neufeld, Bev Padeanu, Meaghen Shangreaux, Suzanne Suzio Melonie Cleutinx, Lorelei Douglas Aimie Panteluk, Denise Pope, Mare Richardson, Heike Sobkow.

Guests: Lynn Fajardo

1. **Call to Order:** 7:42 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** motioned by Susanne Dadenault, seconded by Sharon Coughlan. PASSED

3. **Approval of Minutes for October 2013:** motioned by Tracy Igonia, seconded by Alison Huppe. PASSED

4. **Welcome all members and guests** – Mme Fajardo

5. **Treasurer's Report** – We purchased a new microwave. The knitting club received supplies. The account balance is \$6,319.57. See Appendix A for more details.

6. Committee Reports:

- **Education Committee** – No updates.
- **Environment Committee** – No updates.
- **Fundraising Committee** – Nothing new at this point. If anybody would like to help with Show and Save cards or Sobeys Gift Cards please let Alison or Tracy know.

7. Unfinished Business:

- Goals for 2013-2014 School Year:
 - **Ipad project** – Mme Lynn Fajardo – A handout was distributed that outlined how iPads would be beneficial to students at ESG. For

example, the iPads would be used in classrooms for projects such as: a Video Newsletter, podcasts, and motion animation. They would also be used to enhance learning French as an additional language. Mme Engbrecht would be trained and would like to use them in the music classroom. Finally, student services would like to use them to help with reading, writing, vocabulary development, phonological awareness and spelling in student services. There would be staff wide learning of the many educational aspects of the iPad as a tool for creating and enhancing learning for all students. A video was shown of students who are using them at another school already. The school would be interested in cost sharing the costs of the iPads if PAC was interested. Amy will check into how much money is in the technology budget. The cost would be roughly \$3000.00 for 5 iPads. **Motion by Susanne Dandenault to spend up to \$3000.00 for the purchase of 5 iPads for the school, seconded by Tracy Igonia. PASSED**

- **Recess toys:** Parents brought in the toys/games that were purchased for the school off of the list that was made by classrooms. There will be a sign out at the library for the recess toys.

8. New Business

- **CJS scholarship wording** – would like the wording to be amended to include all post secondary education. Decision was made to speak to CJS to change this on their website. Cindy will contact CJS to clarify this.
- **ESG Newsletter notification** – there used to be an email that was sent out to parents notifying them about the newsletter. Parents are not receiving them? Amy apologized, but was not aware of it being cancelled. Amy explained that the school is in the process of setting up a new system. This will help with getting information out to parents. Amy will look into this.
- **Book Club** - Janet Harbottle wrote a letter asking for \$200.00 for the Ecole St. Germain Book Club. This money would be used for the club to purchase books as well as food for a windup. **Motion by Sharon Coughlin to give**

**\$200.00 to the Ecole St. Germain Book Club. Seconded by Audra Peters.
PASSED**

9. Administrator's Report:

- Thank you to all families who attended the progress conferences on November 26th and 28th.
- Students in grade 7 and 8 played volleyball versus the staff last week and it was lots of fun for everyone!
- The **10- Days of Giving** campaign has started as a result of the increased engagement of our students in social justice initiatives. Students also organized coffee sales at Parent-Teacher conferences.
- Several Parents attended the LRSD consultation on November 27th at which time they were consulted on what they would like for the future of education in the LRSD and provided feedback for the budget about priority areas.
- Final Community Forum regarding South St. Vital Enrollment will be held at the LRSD Board Office on December 9th. Please register at (204) 257-7827.
- Knitting Club- there were 75 kids participating.
- The school will have its own Twitter and Facebook accounts set up in the new year.
- The Winter Concert will be held on Dec 16th and 17th
- Return to school January 6th, 2014.

10. Adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting – January 8th, 2014 at 7:00

APPENDIX A

Ecole St. Germain Parent Advisory Council			
November 2013 Financial Statement			
Account Balance at November 1, 2013			\$17,169.16
Credits:			
		Interest	\$0.98
		Total Credits	\$0.98
Debits:			
	#149	Babysitting for November 2013	-\$20.00
	#150	Patrols - Sept. & Oct.	-\$120.00
	#151	Refreshments for School Forum Mtg	-\$17.80
	#152	Microwave	-\$67.24
	#153	Refreshments for School Forum Mtg	-\$90.17
	#154	Knitting Club	-\$203.10
		Total Debits	-\$518.31
Account Balance at November 30, 2013			\$16,651.83
Plus Future Income			
		Total Future Income	\$0.00
Less Future Commitments:			
		Greening Project	-\$431.65
		Shrubs	-\$257.38
		CJS Scholarship 2013/2014	-\$500.00
		Student Leadership (patrols, etc.)	-\$920.00
		Babysitting for PAC meetings	-\$100.00
		Staff Appreciation Week	-\$400.00
		Grade 8 Farewell Dinner (\$15/student	-\$810.00
		PAC costs	-\$240.94
		Recess equipment	-\$438.88
		Lap tops	-\$5,000.00
		Gym equipment	-\$1,000.00
		Microwaves	-\$132.76
	#155	Knitting Club	-\$100.65
		Total Debits	-\$10,332.26
Total Funds Available			\$6,319.57