

École St. Germain Parent Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday February 5/2014, 7:00pm, ESG Library

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Mme. Amy Haworth, Cindy Baerr, Melonie Cleutinx, Sharon Coughlan, Susanne Dandenault, Jodi Dick, Lorelei Douglas, Dana Forsyth, Nicole Hohner, Alison Huppe, Jaquelin Martinez, Bev Padeanu, Audra Peters, Denise Pope, Heike Sobkow, Jan Thiessen.

Regrets: M. Alain Nault, Lisa Brown, Tracy Igonia, Inga Sif Kristjansdottir, Michelle Lagadi, Nicole Medland, Marcia Neufeld, Aimie Panteluk, Mare Richardson, Meaghen Shangreaux, Suzanne Suzio.

Guests: Shannon Morin and Nicole Mischuk.

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm

2. Approval of Agenda: motioned by Melanie Cleutinx, seconded by Suzanne Dandenault. PASSED

3. Approval of Minutes for January 2014: motioned by Alison Huppe, seconded by Jodi Dick. PASSED

4. Welcome all members and guests – Welcome guests Shannon Morin and Nicole Mischuk.

5. Treasurer's Report – See Appendix A for details.

6. Committee Reports –

- Education Committee - no updates.
- Environment Committee – still have money for greening project. Will evaluate if mulch and/or shrubs will be required in the spring.
- Fundraising Committee – Show-n-Save and Sobeys gift cards coming.

7. Administrator's Report –

- Upcoming dates:
 - Feb. 10th- Public Budget meeting at LRSD board office. Please RSVP Pat Trottier pat.trottier@lrzd.net
 - Feb. 13 and 14 - Grade 7 Ski trip to Assissippi
 - Festival du voyageur Feb. 18 to 21:
 - Feb. 12- Musical group
 - Feb. 18- Gym games
 - Feb. 20- Pancake breakfast
 - Feb. 21 - Grade 8 Optimist Festival
 - Feb. 25 - Early dismissal
 - Mar. 3- CJS registration return to ESG
 - Mar. 5- Kindergarten information evening (parent volunteer?)
 - Operation donation: March 3 to 7 (details to follow)

- This month's highlights:
 - IPADS have arrived and the grade 7 class will be using them to film a project.
 - ESG wear will be available for sizing and orders at the March Parent-Teacher interviews.
 - We have been in touch with Lifetouch to order student photos for the walls.
- Transition update:
 - Congratulations to Alain Nault and Mme Joanne Lofto who have been appointed principal and vice-principal respectively to École George McDowell for September 2014.
 - Congratulations to Dave Charney who has been hired as Vice-Principal of École St. Germain for September 2014.

8. Unfinished Business –

- Goals for 2013-2014 school year - were discussed.
 - At the last ESG PAC meeting, the possibility of a spring farewell fundraiser event was discussed. Amy advised that Alain has looked into transition plans for PAC. A new process will be put in place and ESG PAC will be involved.
 - Administration is looking at ideas to bring Ecole Julie Riel and Ecole St Germain students together in some sort of gathering.
- New PAC Executives – most ESG PAC Executive Committee will be resigning, as their children will be moving to Ecole George McDowell.
 - Jodi put her name forward for Treasurer.
 - Suzanne put her name forward for Chair.
 - Sharon put her name forward for Vice Chair.
 - PAC members are encouraged to consider positions. Jan will send an email to call for nominations. Anyone who is interested, please contact Jan or Cindy.
 - New PAC Executive vote will take place at June PAC meeting.

9. New Business

- Staff Appreciation Week – Melonie volunteered to organize and needs volunteers. Food and prize donations will also be required. Jodi, Audra, Suzanne, Bev and Heike put their names forward. Contact Melonie if interested. Jan will send out an email asking for volunteers.
- January 30, 2014 meeting – ESG/EGM transition was discussed.
 - Biggest concerns are related to childcare and busing. LRSD is looking at solutions but no definitive plans are in place yet.
 - School bell times need to be finalized.
 - City of Winnipeg is being consulted to explore charter buses.
 - LRSD is running simulation to determine optimal solution. It is a very complex.

- LRSD is considering whether more before / after school age spaces can be made available.
- LRSD is working toward April for decision on bell times.
- Transition updates will be emailed to mass distribution list, posted on website and in the school monthly newsletter. Updates will include daycare, transportation and next steps. If parents have specific questions, contact Alain Nault.
- LRSD is brainstorming regarding allocation of resources such as library, gym, technology, etc. It is recognized that PACs have contributed substantially to the schools. A group will consider the resources and possible allocation to schools. PAC will play a consultative role in the process. Will ensure that schools and kids have the resources they need.
- Alain and Amy are happy to answer any questions
- It was noted that the City has not been clearing the path from ESG and EGM. Problematic to use the path. Parents are encouraged to call 311.

10. Next meeting – March 12, 2014 at 7:00 and meeting adjournment 8:11 pm.

Appendix A

Ecole St. Germain Parent Advisory Council			
January 2014 Financial Statement			
Account Balance at January 1, 2014			\$15,905.17
Credits:		Interest	\$0.92
		Total Credits	\$0.92
Debits:	#162	Babysitting January 2014	-\$20.00
	#163	Patrols - December 2013	-\$30.00
		Total Debits	-\$50.00
Account Balance at January 31, 2014			\$15,856.09
	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.)	-\$830.00
		Babysitting for PAC meetings	-\$70.00
		Staff Appreciation Week	-\$400.00
		Grade 8 Farewell Dinner (\$15/student	-\$810.00
		PAC costs	-\$240.94
		iPads	-\$3,000.00
		Lap tops	-\$5,000.00
		Gym equipment	-\$1,000.00
		Microwaves	-\$132.76
		Book Club	-\$200.00
		Chess club	-\$200.00
		Total Debits	-\$13,072.73
Total Funds Available			\$2,783.36