

Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 21st, 2025

Minutes

PRESENT: Eryn Barthel, Diann Dunbar, Jenn Campbell, Andrea Kolody, Jennifer Oldfield, Nicole Tetrault, Rachele Coutts, Shawna Lapointe, Damien Lemoine, Shelby Staples

REGRETS: Crystal Strong, Kelly Grijalva, Shannon Palahitski, Jennifer Wade, Diana VanderAa

- **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm and the school's land acknowledgement was read by Eryn Barthel.

- **TEACHER'S REPORT** - Mme Lapointe and Mme Coutts came to explain about the University Français course available to any grade 12 students. University French course is 6 credit hour course in conjunction with Université de Saint-Boniface. Students can earn up to 6 university credits in only 1 semester in high school and credits are likely transferable to all Canadian universities. This course allows students to be exempt from the intro French class in university. You also need to be enrolled in French 40S in order to take this advanced course. It is taught in conjunction with a professor from USB. It is a great option for students planning on continuing in post-secondary education, as it will count towards a humanities course. Your mark in this course will either be a pass/fail for the high school transcript.

- **STUDENT REPORT** - Shelby S. A current grade 12 student who came to share about her experiences in the University Français course, which she is currently taking. The course is quite difficult but she knows that it will help with her going to USB next year as it takes one course off her list and saves her the tuition fees that would have been associated with a first year French course in university (approx. \$1000) She likes that it doesn't count towards her high school marks. She plans on going into nursing next year and said her sister, who has already graduated and took this course, said it was beneficial to her and recommended that Shelby take it.

- **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA** – None

- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Minutes from November 20, 2024, were approved by Diann Dunbar and seconded by Jenn Campbell.

- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – None

- **NEW BUSINESS** - we have had a parent volunteer, Nicole Hartleb, offer to take over the social media accounts. She has since found out that her student will now be going to the new sage creek school for grade 8. Everyone is okay that she still run the social media for the year that her daughter will be at Sage creek until she comes back to Beliveau for grade 9. We will just check our bylaws and see if there's anything that says she is unable to do so. Will follow up later.

- **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

- **COMMITTEE/LIASON UPDATES OR REPORTS**

- ***Parent Volunteer Committee**

- none

- ***Fundraising Committee**

- Next pizza day was decided to be on February 21st/25.

- The committee will be notified to organize, and admin will notify cafeteria of the date so they don't offer a hot lunch special that day.

- ***Staff Appreciation Committee**

- Looking at the week of March 24th. Asked admin if Friday, March 28th would be a good date to do our lunch for the staff. Nicole motioned that we spend \$500 again for the lunch, Jenn C seconded.

- All approved. Eryn will be reaching out to someone who had previously expressed interest in helping with this to see if they would like to be in charge of the lunch. Discussed the possibility of "Les Filles Cuisine" potentially catering the lunch for the staff.

- **CHAIR'S REPORT** - Eryn informed us that she applied for a second grant through her work (RBC) and was told she was successful and \$1500 will be paid out in March. (The grants are \$1500 from the Peak of the Market fundraiser in October and an additional \$1500 from the

upcoming déjeuner des crepes in February.) With a total of \$3000 now to spend, admin asked the staff to send in their “wish lists”. After a lot of discussion and feedback, we have decided the following: We would cover the request for wheelchairs for the Phys ed dept (\$800-\$1000 for 2 semesters) \$200 of that money will come from the profit from the canteen organized at provincials and the remaining \$600-800 from the #1 RBC grant. We have also requested an up-to-date budget from M. Marcon-Lajeunesse, and PAC will cover the cost up to \$2500 to purchase the aquatic ecosystem requested for the science department. (\$700-900 from remainder of grant #1 , \$1500 from grant #2 and up to \$300 from PAC fundraising account). Nicole motioned this is how we spend the grant money. Diann seconded. Motion carried.

- Jenn C then motioned that the money earned from the February pizza day be used to fund the request of M. Waters “Artists in the schools” program. Nicole seconded. Motion carried.

- **TREASURER’S REPORT** - Current balance in our account is \$4622.52 and we are on track to cover all of our promised expenses. Financials presented as follows, prepared by Nicole Tetrault.

- **ADMINISTRATION’S REPORT** - the admin report was delivered by Andrea Kolody, as follows:

News

- Thanks to Mme Thys, Mme Zara and their LifeWorks classes for organizing our 12 Days of Generosity food drive before the break and was a huge success. We were able to put together several hampers for members of the Collège Béliveau community.

- Our Academic Excellence evening took place on December 4th in our school library and was very well attended.

- Thanks to our BIPOC student committee led by Mme Gill, Mme Thys, Mme Hezzi and Mme Scramstad for organizing and running a cultural food sale in December. They were able to do a first run of our new POS system, and the sales went very well!

- Our grades 7-12 band concert took place on December 11th. Thanks to M. Grenier for all of the time spent practicing with each grade level – both separately and together – and for inviting our band students from École Howden to join in as well! The jazz medley of

Charlie Brown holiday songs was a highlight!

- Thanks to M. Waters for organizing our latest Open Mic in the library before the break over the lunch hour. They are always well attended and have been a great way for our students to showcase their talents.
- Staff and students had a great time at Friday Night Live performances on the 20th of December. Thanks to M. Marcoux and the leadership students for organizing this activity.
- The opening of the school cafeteria has been a great success! Les Filles Cuisine have been wonderful to work with!
- We are excited about our upcoming grade 7/8 ski trip – our first one with those grades in several years. Our grade 11 and 12 students are also heading skiing in February.
- Our grade nine team has been working incredibly hard at revamping our grade 9 information night, which will take place on February 19th. The evening is being planned as both information and celebration of everything we do here.

Upcoming events

- January 21st - 23rd – Provincial Math assessments
- January 28th – Last day of the first semester
- February 3rd – First day of the second semester
- February 14th – Report cards posted online
- **PARENT QUESTIONS** - none
- **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting ended at 7:31 pm, moved by Eryn Barthel, seconded by Jenn Campbell.

NEXT MEETING DATE - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

FUTURE MEETINGS: March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th.

*Meeting minutes prepared by Jennifer Campbell. Any errors or omissions, please email collegebeliveaupac@gmail.com