

Collège Béliveau Parent Advisory Council

Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2024

Minutes

***As quorum was not reached at the outset of this meeting, the meeting could only proceed in an unofficial capacity, without any voting decisions being carried out.**

PRESENT: Eryn Barthel, Diann Dunbar, Jennifer Lamoureux, Jennifer Wade, Diana VanderAa, Jennifer Oldfield, Jeff Anderson, Andrea Kolody, Damien Lemoine, M. Marcon-Lajeunesse, Mme Tingley, Mme Thys, Mme Gill, Mme Lapointe, M. Gagne

REGRETS: Crystal Strong, Kelly Grijalva, Nicole Graham-Tetrault, Shannon Palahitski

- **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. and the school's Land Acknowledgement was read by Eryn Barthel.
- **STUDENT REPORT** – None.
- **TEACHERS' REPORT** – The six Grade 9 Foyer teachers in attendance presented an update on the Grade 9 Foyer program. They highlighted the following:
 - Explanation of the Foyer program to help transition students into Grade 9
 - Supports provided for students, ensuring level of comfort, feeling of belonging
 - Continuation of student/teacher advisor system
 - Provides for integrated learning with combined subjects
 - Mme. Kolody noted planning is underway to revamp the Grade 9 parent info night, with the next one to take place February 19, 2025.
- **ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA** – None.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Minutes from the September 17, 2024, meeting were approved by Diann Dunbar and seconded by Jennifer Lamoureux.
- **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – None.
- **SPECIAL GUEST** –Jeff Anderson, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update from the Louis Riel School Division. The construction of the K-8 French immersion school in Sage Creek is ahead of schedule with occupancy anticipated for July 2025 and opening to student in September 2025. LRSD is waiting for an announcement from the Province approving proposed building improvements to College Beliveau and Windsor Park Collegiate in order to determine if the proposed switch between the two schools will proceed by September 2025. A summary of the proposed building improvements to the two schools was provided.
- **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A new PAC Social Media Committee has been proposed to be managed by a volunteer parent. This proposal will be brought forward for discussion to the next PAC meeting (unless it is motioned and carried out by electronic vote).
 - A \$1500 RBC volunteer grant has been given to PAC for the Peak of the Market

fundraising pick up date. College Beliveau was notified of the grant advised that PAC would like to offer it to the school if they are need of any particular supplies, materials, or funding for activities that are not currently able to be funded through the school. It was noted that it could be divided into smaller segments if there were multiple competing priorities for using the total grant amount. Mme. Kolody noted she would bring this to the school for discussion and notify PAC by January 2025 as to what the funds could be used for. The funds will be received by the end of November 2024.

- College Beliveau will be co-hosting the varsity volleyball provincials November 30 to December 2. In discussion with M. Brunel, PAC has proposed operating a canteen during the days/evenings when the competition is being held. Funds raised would be in support of College Beliveau physical education programs (for example, equipment). The canteen would be always run by volunteer students with at least one PAC volunteer adult in attendance.

- **CORRESPONDENCE and ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning would like to recognize exceptional teachers and school administrators in our community. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/>

- **COMMITTEE/LIASION UPDATES OR REPORTS**
 - **Parent Volunteer Committee** – None.
 - **Fundraising Committee**
 - Fundraising report: Pizza Lunches: September 27th: \$768.50, October 18th: \$780.60, November 19th: \$593.05. PAC proposed another pizza fundraiser on Thursday December 19, 2024. Mme. Kolody will check with the newly contracted cafeteria to ensure there are no conflicts.
 - The Dominos pizza fundraiser will be held February 3-9, 2025. Families can use a coupon code and each order will receive a donation towards the fundraiser.
 - Balance of \$7492.05 which includes the Peak of the Market cheque for \$1,517.50.
 - **Staff Appreciation Committee** – None.

- **CHAIR’S REPORT** – None.

- **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Financials presented as follows:

	Actual to Date 23/24	Budget for 2023/24	COMMENTS
Revenue			
Farm to School (Peak of the Market)	1,118	1,500	
Vandermeer Greenhouse	-	350	
Boulevard Meats	-	450	
Siplicha	534	450	
Big Deal Box Cards	679	750	
Dominos	440	-	In the 23/24 year we will supporting the Snack Program through this
Pizza Lunch	2,073	-	This is a new initiative and will possibly be done twice.
Bank Interest	2	2	
Total Revenue	4,845	3,902	
Expenses			
Staff Appreciation	(500)	(1,500)	This will be cut down by 1/3
CB en Vitalite	(1,000)	(1,000)	This occurs every 2 years the next one is 24/25
Comedie Musicale	(1,500)	(1,500)	Factoring in the -1000 so it isn't spent in the 23/24 year
Scholarship	(600)	(600)	2 scholarships \$300
Other expenses that arise (Internet Safety)	(600)	-	Proposed to pay in the Jan Meeting Minutes - School will be paying for this
Snack Program	(600)	-	
Expenses paid back to the government for basketball court	(10,800)	(10,800)	One time payment
Total Expenses	(15,800)	(15,400)	
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(10,955)	(12,498)	

Same note as below

Beginning Balance	2,099.33	September 30 2023
Deposits		
Farm to School	1,117.50	
Siplicha	533.75	
Big Box Cards	608.57	
Dominos	440.00	
Pizza Lunch	2,073.09	
Bank Interest	0.48	
Total Deposits	4,773.39	
Withdrawals		
Government upgrade expense (Track)	-	(180,000) Track renewal
Government upgrade expense (Basketball)	-	(10,800) Basketball
Staff appreciation	475.85	
CB Vitalite	-	
Comdie Musicale	-	
Scholarship	600	\$600 scholarship chq not included here because it has not been cashed yet.
Snack program	800	Once it is cashed then I will add into this.
Other	-1	EFT service fee to Jenn for staff appreciation
Pizza and PAC dinner expenses	-1162.49	
	-1	
Total Cash Balance	3,832.38	June 4 2024
Ending Cash Balance	3,832.38	3832.39 Bank Balance
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• ADMINISTRATION'S REPORT-

The Administration Report was delivered by Andrea Kolody, as follows:

News

- Staff and students are excited that the annual dodgeball tournament has started. Thanks to M. Marcoux and the leadership students for organizing this activity. Our leadership group also organized a fun Halloween costume contest in the form of a fashion show on October 30th.
- Our Remembrance Day ceremony took place on November 7th and was presented entirely by our students. Thanks to M. Waters for organizing.
- Many clubs have started, including a new 9-12 Improv club run by Mme Zara.
- Our new grade 12 career day was well attended; the theme was life after high school, with a focus on the idea that the path is seldom a straight line. We had representation from several post-secondary institutions, including universities, apprenticeship and youth employment services. Kiosks remained open over the lunch hour for other students to go and browse. We plan to have at least one field trip to a career fair for our grade 11 students in the spring.
- Our track is officially completed, and the grass has had time to take hold! Students can now access the courtyard through the gate with their bikes rather than passing through the school.
- Report cards for grades 7 and 8 have been published in the new Parent Portal in Powerschool. High school report cards are in the divisional queue and should be published soon (today, we hope). We will send an email out to our community once they are online.
- School cash is also up and running. Our administrative secretary will be here during parent-teacher night to help parents with school fees if needed.

- Les Filles Cuisine have been contracted to run our school cafeteria, and we are hoping to see it open next week. We will share menus once we receive them.
- Our Academic Recognition Evening (Soirée de reconnaissance académique) will replace Soirée d'excellence and will be held on December 4th in our school library. All students with an overall academic average of 90% or higher in the 2023-2024 school year will receive a certificate and medal.

Upcoming events

- Tuesday, November 19th -teacher conferences for grades 7 and 8.
- Wednesday, November 20th – Parent meeting for the 2026 France trip (7pm)
- Thursday, November 21st – Parent-teacher conferences for grades 7-12
- Thursday, November 21st - Last day for course withdrawals for semester 1.
- Friday, November 22nd – Divisional PD day – No classes.
- Wednesday, December 4th – High School Academic Recognition evening.

- **PARENT QUESTIONS**

- A parent requested consideration of funding for basic curling equipment for the school's curling teams, for each of the girls' and boys' teams, consisting of a set of four strap-on sliders, four (or 8) grippers. Depending on potential funding available consideration could also be given to including four brooms and a broom bag for each team (equipment to be held and managed by the school). These supplies could be halved for the mixed doubles team of two.
- A parent asked about the feasibility of implementing e-transfers to the school to pay sports fees, for example, to avoid the high service fees imposed within the TeamSnap app for paying invoices by credit card. Mme. Kolody noted she would investigate what options may be available.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting ended at 7:46 p.m., moved by Eryn Barthel, seconded by Diann Dunbar.

NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS: January 21, 2025, February 18, 2025, March 18, 2025, April 15, 2025, May 20, 2025, June 17, 2025