

École Varennes Parent Committee Meeting

June 5, 2023
Meeting Notes

This land is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Ininewak, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and homeland of the Red River Métis Nation. We acknowledge the harms, of both the past and present, that were and are inflicted on Indigenous peoples in Canada by a colonial, exploitative worldview and we, as the Parent Committee, dedicate ourselves to move forward in collaboration with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation.

Attendance:

In Person: Amy Warriner, Jennifer Boudreau-Allan, Charlene Sacher, Devin Johnston, Robert Marin, Meghan Dobbs, Eileen Mueller, Kaylyn Williamson

Call to order 6:50PM

Adoption of minutes (5 min) Meghan motion to pass April 24, 2023 minutes, Robert to second, passed.

Business arising from minutes (5 min)

Educator Appreciation Committee (Charlene and Kate) (2 minutes):

- Staff Appreciation Week – Very well received; thank you to the community. Lots of positive feedback from the staff.

Possible Constitutional Changes (15 minutes):

- Possible name change – this would take effect on Article 1 of our constitution – this would need to be amended at the September AGM. Suggested names: Ecole Varennes School Community Councils (is done in SK and ON), Ecole Varennes Home and School Committee, Home-School Partnership Committee.
 - Group discussed and the name that most are comfortable with is Ecole Varennes Parent and Caregiver Advisory Committee. To be voted on at September PCAC meeting.
- Increase engagement – perhaps staff/students to present and we can really target each grade band each meeting (all still invited); change of time (maybe do over supper- share cost of meals); reduce the number of meetings (AGM in September and then maybe only 4-5 minutes throughout the year, reports shared on “off-months”) – this would need to be decided before the end of the year as we would need to change the constitution Article 10.B.2 – these amendments need to be made now and then presented and voted on at AGM. Potentially have potluck meetings over dinner October (to be decided at the AGM) and June meetings.
 - Reviewed the constitution; agreed to reduce to 5 meetings per year.
- Changes to meetings for 2023 – use September meetings to brainstorm ideas,

discuss; decide budget and fundraisers for 2023 in the October meetings, set up a fundraising committee and run it in the background.

- o Decided to provide dinner for the September AGM (with babysitting) at 6PM outside and have the meeting inside.

Reports

Chair (5 min) –

Family appreciation night – May 31

Attending the School Board meeting

Discussed heat in the school. How the community can assist with contacting the government to lobby for the new school. Perhaps have the EV PCAC write to each of the candidates.

- Charlene will put together a list of all of the contact information for the candidates and representatives from different levels of government and write a sample letter for parents to use.

Treasurer (5 min)

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Item	Expected Cost	Actual Cost
Truth and Reconciliation Books	\$800	\$539.08
CJS Scholarship	\$500	
Retirement Gifts	\$200	
Staff Appreciation	\$500	
Grade 8 Farewell – USB sticks	\$150	
Field Trips (2 bus/grade grouping)	\$3675	
Gardening	\$200	
Pizza lunch for kindergarten/grade 1 families	\$400	\$411.15
Outdoor space	\$300	
PCAC windup	\$200	
Recess Equipment	\$500	\$509.71
Teacher Wishlist for outdoor learning	\$800	\$693.37

Babysitting	\$325	\$200
Purposeful Nights/School Presentations (Babysitting)	\$300	\$207.26
Free Pizza Lunch	\$500	\$691.03

Current Balance
\$5,852.74

Notes:

- Report updated to May 5, 2023.
- Retirement gift - \$40 for Mme Ditter, Amy to ask Mme Ditter what she is interested in. Charlene will pick something up for her.
- Grade 8 farewell; Charlene motion to increase the grade 8 budget from \$50 to \$200, Devin seconded, motion passed.
- Field Trips – almost everyone has done their field trips, a few remain.
- Community Garden – SSIP grant will pay for the supplies needed.
- Babysitting +\$25.

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Administration (10 min)

Administrators Report June, 2023

Thank you to the PCAC for the amazing treats for Staff Appreciation Week!!

June 4th, our GSA and families joined the LRSD for the Pride Parade

Family Appreciation night was a huge success, over 200 people attended.

Good luck to Mme Ditter who is retiring, Mme Stephanie Gagnon who is going to EJR, Mme Djahida Tir who is going to École VanB., and Mme Janelle Landry who is undertaking new adventures.

National Indigenous Peoples' Day June 21, games, tipi, stories, crafts and lunch

Staffing:

6 classes of K/1:

Susan Benning, Aida Benyahia, Cheyanna Wai,

Joelle Lambert, Janelle Gagnon, Julie Desrochers

3 classes of grade 2 :

Kathleen Westra, Micheline Kirouac, Sylvie Leochko

4 classes of grade 3/4:

Denise Muller-Bulger, Lynne Macri, Nazia Yemboul, Gabrielle Mainella

3 classes of grade 5/6:

Nicole Ziemanski, Erica Marin, Codie Price

2 classes of grade 7/8:

Amadou Thioub, Elise Robson

Student Services:

Melanie Boily, Nerissa Brownridge, Aimée Vandale, Jean Hardman

Librarian :

Suzanne Simpson

Library Tech:

Neo Diehl

Music:

Allison Boettcher

Physical Education:

Mat Fiola, Jean Hardman, Brendan Reichardt

Family Centre:

Shawna Crane and Laura Sullivan

Community Liaison:

Narendra Kaur

Secretaries:

Stephanie Lacasse-Rioux, Danielle Hince

Admin:

Amy Warriner and Jennifer Boudreau-Allan

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300 people on family night.

Fundraising (10 min)

Mabel's Labels – update (Eileen)

- Stickers – EM to order the stickers as per the order. Change quantity to 500 stickers. Will hand out in September with a "Welcome to school from the PCAC" note and a Mabel's label's advertising sheet. EM to find something and send to Amy for print up.
 - Charlene motion to put \$350 towards purchasing the water bottle stickers for Welcome to EV, Devin to second, motion passed.

- Funds update – EM to set invitation reminders in calendar and send to Amy to include reminders for Mabel's labels for Aug 24; November 30th; February 28th
- EM to follow up to find out where the Cheque went for the \$50.26.

Peak of the Market –

- Dates: Delivery date is November 30th; access to enter orders/shop online ends November 20th. This means that our start date would be October 9th (technically October 7th, but that is a Saturday – we could send the information/order forms home with students the week of October 2nd and put a notice in the October 6th weekly email. EM to provide the order form and additional information once I receive it.
- Would need 3-4 adult volunteers to assist with unloading the veggies when delivered. To be discussed at September meeting.
- Grades 7/8 can assist with unloading and organizing.
- Rob and Meghan volunteered to deliver orders to those who don't have access to vehicles.

Other fundraising Ideas

New Business (10 min)

Upcoming Events

Next PCAC Meeting:

- September 25, 2023 @ 6PM

Adjournment (1 min) 8:25 pm

Next meeting: AGM and first meeting