

École Varennes Parent Committee Meeting

March 20, 2023

Agenda

This land is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and homeland of the 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 (absent due to illness), Devin Johnston, Robert Marin, Meghan Dobbs, Evelyn Satari

Virtual: Eileen Mueller, Kaylyn Williamson, Crista Gladstone, Rebecca Bibentyo, Jessica Lambrecht

Call to order (1 min) 6:39 pm

Adoption of minutes (5 min) Devin motion to pass February 2023 minutes, Robert to second, passed.

Business arising from minutes (5 min)

Discussion on support and purchasing of these items (we discussed possibly around the \$800 mark) – items have been ordered and will be delivered after spring break.

Pizza Fun lunch – will be delivered to the school from Little Caesars and Pizza Hotline (gluten, dairy free pizzas) on Wednesday March 22.

Reports

Chair (5 min) –

Attended Board Meetings and budget meeting – no cuts this year as surplus will be spent (this is because major cuts were made to support learning positions last year divisionally – MLL teachers, Literacy Support Teacher...)

Manitoba Association Multiage presentation was a small group where some attended virtually and some in person. Lots of positive feedback. The presentation was shared with participants and lots of great questions.

PAC appreciation and Information night April 11. I will be attending. Would someone else like to join (child care provided). Robert will look at his calendar to see if he is able to make it.

Treasurer (5 min)

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	
PAC windup	\$200	
Recess Equipment	\$500	\$509.71
Teacher Wishlist for outdoor learning	\$800	
Babysitting	\$325	\$175.00
Purposeful Nights/School Presentations (Babysitting)	\$300	\$207.26

Notes:

The following amounts have not yet been deposited:

- \$28.75 Subway lunch paid at school
- \$361.00 Subway lunch from Healthy Hunger
- \$167.38 McDonald's lunch from Healthy Hunger

Hot Lunches

Month	Income	Expenses	Net Fundraising
December – Dominos	\$464.75	\$121.56	\$343.19

January – Subway	\$393.50	\$128.41	\$256.09
February - McDonald's			

Note: \$16.29 transfer from school for February hot lunch

Current Balance

Current balance: \$6,909.41

\$6,352.28 shown on school's report

+ \$361.00 cheque from Healthy Hunger (Subway)

+ \$28.75 Subway lunch paid at school

+ \$167.38 cheque from Healthy Hunger (McDonald's)

Meghan motion to accept the Treasures report, Robert to second, motion carried.

Administration (15 min)

Administrators Report March, 2023

Review School Plan and feedback

Look at Equity Framework – Amy will share the photo of the breakdowns post the meeting.

Requesting PAC ambassadors for Portfolio evening

Portfolio evening - Help in the gym for:

- Using Parent portal
- Accessing report cards
- CLW

Welcome new staff

- Nicole Ziemainski, 5/6e
- Neo Diehl, Library Tech
- Suzanne Simpson, Teacher librarian

School Concerts:

The concerts will be held on **April 12th at 1pm and 7pm** and **April 13th 1pm and 7pm.**

Wednesday April 12:

M/1- Mme Aimée, Mme Julie and Mme Wai's classes

2/3- Mme Janelle and Mme Narendra's classes

4- Mme Macri's class

5/6- Mme Price's class

Thursday April 13

M/1- Mme Benning, Mme Jill, and Mme Aida's classes

2/3- Mme Westra and Mme Gagnon's Classes

4- Mme Muller-Bulger's classes

5/6 -Mme Ziemainski et Mme Dylana's class

New Business (30 min)

In attempt to increase engagement – possibly trying some hybrid meetings.

T-shirts for students for 20th anniversary of LRSD

-cost of shirts \$10.45 each including 1 tax, so approx. \$4,180.00 for all shirts. The quote is good for 30 days but the vendor indicated that they did not foresee the price increasing substantially towards the fall.

-Cricut \$500 plus cost of vinyl to press on

We will table until next meeting and discuss what types of fundraising has been done previously & if the PAC will be able to cover the full cost, partial cost or if we offer the discounted shirts for purchase. Devin to review financial reports from-pre-covid to give us an idea of what the PAC budgets looked like in the past.

Fundraisers

- Dominos –Charlene to connect with Tannis Irwin at Dominos t.irwin@dpz.ca – family fundraiser set for week of March 20-26 – please advertise and share widely
- Mabel's Labels – Minimal work involved. The school would get 20% of whatever is ordered and attributed to the school's fundraiser. Appears to run in perpetuity and cheques are sent directly to the school monthly. Free flyers (to be put into Kindergarten welcome packs) They have a pre-fab blurb and link that can be placed in the school's weekly email & on the school's social media pages with a link to the site. Eileen to take care of signing up and sending the blurbs & link to Amy. Cheques to be made out to Ecole Varennes parent advisory committee.

Educator Appreciation Committee:

Chili lunch – Kate - willing to organize for April

Upcoming Events

- April 24th, 2023
- May – no meeting
- June 5th, 2023

Adjournment (1 min) 7:07 pm

Next meeting: April 24, 2023 @ 6:30 PM in École Varennes library