

École Varennes Parent and Caregiver Committee Meeting

September 26, 2024

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 and Caregiver Committee, dedicate ourselves to move forward in collaboration with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation.

Attendance:

In Person:

Call to order (1 min) 7:08 pm

Adoption of minutes (5 min) Erin motion to pass June 5, 2023 minutes, Charlene to second, passed. (page 9-11)

Business arising from minutes (5 min)

- Family Fun Evening Dates – November 14, 2024, January 30, 2025, May 22, 2025, June 12, 2025 (AGM)

Chair (1 min) – nothing to report

Treasurer (15 min)

- Report given already this evening as part of the AGM.
- Budget lines for the 2024-2025 school year

PARENT AND CAREGIVER COMMITTEE 2023 BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES		
ITEM	EXPECTED COST	ACTUAL COST
Truth and Reconciliation Resources	\$ 1,000.00	
CJS Scholarship	\$ 500.00	
Retirement Gifts	\$ 100.00	
Staff Appreciation	\$ 100.00	
Grade 8 Farewell - USB sticks	\$200	
Field Trips (Bus)	\$3000	
Gardening (Suzanne Simpson)	\$500	
Family Nights	\$800	

Recess Equipment	\$800	
Babysitting (PCC Meetings and Family Nights)	\$300	
Hot Lunch for Everyone	*\$1200	
Indigenous Artist?		
Camp Credit?		
Totals		

Administration (5 min)

Welcome back! It is so nice to hear students in the building and hallways. Our population continues to grow, and we are hopeful that families will continue to reach out to their MLA to advocate for a new building.

Terry Fox Run was September 20th.

Our first Family Night was this evening, and we were excited to start our celebrations for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Over the summer the government released a cell phone policy for schools. A couple of years ago we did a digital detox in our grade 7/8 classrooms and parents liked it so much we adopted it as a practice at that time. What are your thoughts about cell phones in school?

Of note also, teachers will continue to use their phones for taking pictures and uploading student videos into Seesaw. Adults in the building will continue to carry their cell phones for emergency situations or to support communication in response to students with individualized plans.

The school is inquiring if the PCC can provide some opportunities for students to earn \$ for camp this year? Support with hot lunch? Other ideas?

We are beginning to look at changing the equipment in the FC kitchen to be able to have a robust meal program. Some industrial appliances and renovations are required to make this a reality. Would PCC be interested in helping up as part of their annual fundraising?

Fundraising (10 min)

Mabel's Labels – update (Eileen)

Peak of the Market –

- Dates: Delivery date is November 28; access to enter orders/shop online ends November 18. This means that our start date would be October 4
- Would need 3-4 adult volunteers to assist with unloading the veggies when delivered.
- Grades 7/8 can assist with unloading and organizing.

Family Fundraiser Letter

Has been sent out. To be middle of October, 2024.

Hot Lunch

- Summary of 2023-2024 school year on page 11
- Plan for 2024-2025 school year:

Other fundraising Ideas:

- Kernels Popcorn
- Perogie

New Business (10 min)

Upcoming Events

Next PCC Meeting:

- November 14, 2024
- January 30, 2025
- May 22, 2025
- June 12, 2025 (AGM)

Adjournment (1 min) 7:41 pm

Next meeting: November 14, 2024