

École Varennes Parent and Caregiver Committee Meeting

September 25, 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 and Caregiver Committee, dedicate ourselves to move forward in collaboration with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation.

Attendance: Charlene Sacher, Amy Warriner, Jennifer Boudreau-Allan, Eileen Mueller, Devin Johnston, Meghan Dobbs, Robert Marin, Meika Richmond, Susan McWatt Fitzgerald, Tian Su, Xinfeng Li, Maciej (Michael) Urbaczewski, Yetunde Omoteso, Jamaica Patulot-Maglalang, Abegail Quitariano, Akinyele Victoria Omolola, Oluwatoyin, Akinyemi, Jessica Lambrecht, Kevin Lambrecht, Aimee Bendera, Nicole Goethals, Jessica Lazaruk, Letitia Yurkiewich, Kaylyn Williamson, Dami Cole, Erin EisBrenner, Nyaninni James, Matthew Diubaldo, Jenna Kuchka, Jessica Gibson, Bruna Straccini, Adeyinka Amao-Kehinde, FoPasade Oderinde, Alexander Solate, Golhe Amao-Kehinde, Jodi Schellenberg, Frano Santer, Smriti Neupane Joshi, Oluwetoyin Akinyemi, Alone Prokofieva, Folasade Oderine

Call to order (1 min) 7:03 pm

Adoption of minutes (5 min) Meika motion to pass June 5, 2023 minutes, Letitia to second, passed.

Business arising from minutes (5 min)

- Name change from AGM-explanation provided to the families and community through a web story – Charlene to create.
- 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); Amy confirmed that this has been discussed with the staff and is a go.
- Was it helpful to have the PCC Meeting paired up with a Family night – feedback is that children wanted to stay after the Family night and parents found it more convenient because they were already here and there was childcare provided. We can try to the next few PCC meetings in conjunction with a Family night.

Reports

Chair (5 min) –

- Create mini-handouts for all families and hand out with the stickers that were purchased for the students on behalf of PCC
- Charlene 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. Amy to include with the weekly Friday email.

Treasurer (1 min)

- Introduction to current Treasurer Erin EisBrenner. Treasurer's Report given already this evening as part of the AGM.

Current Balance

\$5964.72

Administration (10 min)

- Welcome back, we hope all enjoyed Family night, it's good to see so many in attendance and we will try to plan to have the PCC meetings in conjunction with a Family night.
- Activities planned for the week of National Week for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Orange shirt day is planned for Friday.
 - David Robertson will be coming in to read to the school during an assembly on Wednesday.
- Terry Fox Campaign was a success.
- The divisional Report to the Community is on the website – analysis of where the division has come in the last 4 years, and the plan for the next 4 years.
- School MYSP Plan is under construction – Ecole Varennes is trying to marry the school's plan with the division's plan.
- New School plan – since it is an election year, the current government can't approve the new plans. Amy gave an overview of how parents can assist with moving towards approval by asking their candidates about their stance on the new school.
- Question about doing presentations for parents about things going on at school (like learning about Zones of Regulation, Structured Literacy etc.). Amy encouraged parents to continue to attend PCC meetings to give their feedback as to what they would like to learn more about.

Fundraising (10 min)

Mabel's Labels – update (Eileen)

- EM to follow up to find out where the Cheque went for the \$50.26. (post meeting – Danielle confirmed that the cheque was received and deposited to the PAC account on June 21, 2023)

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 to Amy.
- 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.

Hot Lunch – Meghan is going to try to do a hot lunch at least every 6 weeks. We always need volunteers the day of to assist with assembling and delivery to the classrooms.

We also discussed doing 1 hot lunch where the PCC purchases the lunch for all students.

If anyone needs assistance to participate, please contact the school as we'd like to have everyone who wants to participate to have the opportunity.

Other fundraising Ideas

New Business (10 min)

Historically the PCC has sponsored the purchase of a book on the subject of Truth and Reconciliation. Question about what the books are about – Charlene gave an overview of the various types of books that have been purchased in the past.

Charlene motion to purchase a Truth and Reconciliation book for each teacher with the cost of \$25/teacher, total budget of \$1000, Jessica Gibson to second, motion passed.

Babysitters are out of the supplies used during the PCC meetings. Charlene motion to have a budget of \$40 to replenish the craft stash & incidentals for babysitting for the PCC meetings, Jodi Shellenberg to second, motion carried.

If anyone has any extra craft type items they would like to donate, please bring them to the next meeting.

Upcoming Events

Next PCC Meeting:

- November 6, 2023
- February 26, 2024
- April 29, 2024
- June 3, 2024

Adjournment (1 min) 7:41 pm

Next meeting: Discussion of budget and fundraising for the year November 6, 2023