École Van Belleghem Parent Advisory Council

Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 Time: 6:30 pm

Present:

Michelle Bacon (Principal) Paulette Sabourin (Vice Principal) Brie Hirshberg (Co-Chair) Sarah Chan (Co-Chair) Amber Carriere (Member at Large) Karli Peters (Treasurer) Liz Montgomery (Member at Large) Kristy Neuert (Member at Large) Jenelle Gagné (Member at Large) Angie Lafantaisie (Member at Large) Shauna Krawchuk (Mbr at Large) Cheryl Gervais (Member at Large) Michelle Adolph (Member at Large)

Absent:

Kelly Pedrick (Member at Large) Lisa Hunt (Secretary) Cheryl Bayer (Member at Large) Shawna Fagundes (Member at Large) Natasha Sookermany (Member at Large)

Guests:

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1.	Call to Order
	Brie called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm
2.	Approval of Agenda
	Cheryl moved to approve the agenda. Liz seconded. All in favour
3.	Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes (February 5, 2025)
	Angie moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Cheryl seconded.
4	School Report (Michelle)
	ENROLMENT Our current enrolment is 451 students. Current class sizes are presented in the table below. Kindergarten 15 Kindergarten 15 Kindergarten 17 Grade 1 21 Grade 1 21 Grade 1 21 Grade 2/3 22 Grade 4/5 23 Grade 4/5 21 Grade 4/5 22 Grade 4/5 22 Grade 6 25 Grade 6 25 Grade 7/8 23 Grade 7/8 21 Grade 7/8 24 Grade 7/8 24
	NEWS Congratulations to the Grade 7 and 8 Girls' Basketball Team on winning the divisional banner! A big shoutout to the Boys' Team for an outstanding season!

	STAFFING UPDATES
	 We are pleased to welcome Naima Zllay to our team as an Educational Assistant (term) until the end of June 2025, replacing Mme Victoria Matheson, who is moving on to a permanent position in another division.
	 Holli Sayies, Grade 7/8 teacher, will be returning from maternity leave on April 7, 2025. We extend our gratitude to M. AJ Staniscia for his dedication during her absence and wish him all the best in his next adventure.
	 Mme Roxanne Lacroix will also be returning from maternity leave on April 7, 2025. We sincerely thank Mme Narendra Kaur for her contributions, and we wish her well as she returns to École Varennes.
	 Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that Jennifer Oldfield has been appointed as the next Principal of École Van Belleghem, effective August 2025. Mme Oldfield is currently the Vice-Principal at Collège Béliveau and brings extensive experience in education and leadership.
	UPCOMING EVENTS (Fundraisers, special activities and events)
	Madscience presentations - March 7, 2025
	Class photos - March 10, 2025
	• Professional development day- No school - March 14, 2025
	Staying Home Safe & Babysitting Course that day as well
	Mini-Basketball (Grade 5 and 6) - March 18 and 19, 2025
	 Report cards published – March 20, 2025
	Spring Conferences -March 27, 2025
	• Staff luncheon- April 11, 2025
	Grade 7 and 8 concert- April 23, 2025
	Farewell Ceremony - Scheduled for June 19, 2025
6	Treasurer Report (Karli)
	 Bank account as of March 5, 2025 (\$18,784.85) Cost of Pancake Breakfast is changed to \$824.60 \$247.94 should be added in expense for staff appreciation
7	Additional Business
	School Dance (Jenelle, Amber & Lisa)
	 DJ Garnet is booked for \$315.00 (2-3 hours of music, appropriate sound system, laser light show, host)
	 Dance tickets will be \$2.00 with paper forms sent home to families (on April 21st). Only students attending Van B (and their siblings can attend). One guardian (18+) will also need to accompany students and purchase ticket. 6pm-8pm.
	• We will not be providing paper tickets, we will track tickets orders on spreadsheet and will check in at the door. Tickets will be sold at door unless we sell out (Gym capacity is 438 people)
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	Students will receive door prize ticket and glow stick at the door.
	 Snacks for \$1- pop, juice boxes, water, chips, popcorn and candy bags
	We will makes signs/small posters to put up in the school
	 Amber puts a motion forward to approve dance budget of \$415.00 (DJ cost, door prize (x2), glo sticks). Michelle seconds. All in favour.
	Glenlea
	• 11 orders so far (totaling \$1,664)
	Shawna plans to put a table at Portfolio Night to remind families about fundraiser
	Krispy Kreme
	Paper form went home to remind families.
	• 35 orders so far (Target is 115 orders).
	Pink Shirts
	 Today was the deadline. Image chosen today by PRISM club.
	Grade 7 student- winner.
	• \$12 cost for shirt.
	Additional profits will go towards Rainbow Centre.
	• Shirts arrive April 7 th , Pink Shirt Day is April 9 th
	PAC appreciation
	Karli and Angie have offered to plan the event
	*Next meeting will be April 9 th (not April 2 nd as per the Agenda)
	*Mme Jennifer Oldfield (appointed principal of École Van Belleghem as of Aug 2025) is looking forward to attending an upcoming PAC meeting.
8	Adjournment:
	Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 pm Next meeting: April 9, 2025 @ 6:30 in EVB Library
	These minutes were recorded by Jenelle Gagné. Please report errors or omissions immediately.

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