

Minutes of the EVA ACSL Annual General Meeting, June 17, 2013

Attendees: Neil Arnason, Annette Bonneteau, Barbara Cahoon, Marcia Fonseca, Chris Lepa, Kevin Olfert, Karine Rioux (principal), Judy Stevens (staff rep.)

Regrets: Pete Ward

1. Approval of Agenda: motion to approve: CS, 2nd: AB; approved
2. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2012: motion to approve: MF; 2nd: CL; carried
3. Annual Reports:
 - a) **Chairperson's Report (NA):**

NA welcomed attendees to the AGM and reviewed the main services, activities and concerns of the parent council.

Services that we provided this year include: the lunch monitor programme, the milk programme, and pizza days.

Activities that we contributed to by providing food, volunteer workers, etc. include meet the teacher evening (September), Festival de Voyageur week pancake breakfast (Friday, February 22), Open House (Thursday, February 28), Staff Appreciation Week (April) Community Event/Carnival (Thur, May 30). The chair expressed thanks for all the parent volunteers who run or came out to help with these. In particular, some of the "old hands" such as Carol Steel and Sheila Mitchell-Dueck were very helpful in explaining how to prepare for and run these activities and NA has made notes that he will post to the parent council web site so that their expertise is recorded for future years.

The main topics of concern addressed this year were i) digital literacy and BYOD (bring your own device) and their impact on students and learning, and ii) the evolution and delivery of mathematics education. Several meetings throughout the year were largely devoted to interesting presentations and lively discussions on these issues, and the chair thanked Karine and her staff for their contribution to these proceedings.

The chair noted that he and his co-chair PW represented ACSL at school events such as special assemblies, awards ceremonies, open house, and at PTSD Board meetings and consultations (budget consultations and bylaw revisions). We were not able to attend or find a representative to send to either of the MAPC (Manitoba Association of Parent Councils) meetings this year.

NA noted some things that will need to be addressed in the next school year: i) there should be a volunteer form for both PAC and school activities, prepared in time for "Meet the Teacher" night in September or sent out as a mail out to all families. The hope is that every family will get the form and return it so that we have a larger pool of volunteers to draw from in the coming year. ii) co-ordinate what fundraising is done when and by whom (chiefly by SGTC, the music program, and the student council); iii) BYOD issues will continue to be a concern and PAC will press for completion/publication of the digital literacy planning document started by KR and staff this year

- b) **Principal's Report (KR):** The principal directed attention to the Community Report which is available on the school website
(<http://www.pembinatrails.ca/viscountalexander/Community%20Report%202013-2014.pdf>)

She reviewed its contents, including this year's school plan priorities and progress towards achieving them. It also contains summaries of the results of the engagements survey ("Tell Them from Me"), results on provincial standard assessments on literacy and numeracy levels, and the main findings of the Technology Use Survey.

The principle discussed the role of the school resource officer (member of the Winnipeg Police assigned to school liaison).

The principle noted that there had been a lot of positive feedback from students on the carnival; there was an overwhelming sentiment that it should be put on again next year.

Karine expressed her thanks to ACSL and SGTC for their support and co-operation throughout the time she has been principal of EVA.

c) **Financial Report (CL):**

Balance in general account at the end of the year (June 17): \$3432.11; in the milk account: \$5,384.24; SGTC accounts are in SGTC report below. The treasurer files an annual report on sources of income to (?); from that report, our net income from the various programs and fundraisers (both PAC and SGTC) was as follows:

1. Peak of the Market Fundraiser (SGTC)	\$1660.00
2. Pizza programme (PAC)	2853.30
3. Sobey's Gift Card (SGTC)	926.50
4. Christmas Raffle event (SGTC)	1120.55
5. Milk programme (PAC)	3373.05
6. Lacoste Sales event (SGTC)	1143.58
7. Donation from PTSD	350.00

A full report is available from Chris Lepa at lepes@mymts.net. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: CL; 2nd; MF; carried.

d) **SGTC (CL):**

Willow island is ready to go-but paperwork (permits etc.) needs to be done CL and Carol Steel are attending to this. Trees will be planted in the fall. Next year will see work start on Phase 3 which will involve planning and installation of sports and recreation equipment. Balances for SGTC moneys are (to June 17): SGTC general account at BM: \$7387.35; PTSD trust account: \$12,613.96; Grants awarded (in trust): \$37,500; for a total of \$57,501.31

e) **Pizza (KO):**

Highlights: we have gone to placing orders twice a year. We went from pizza day every 2 weeks to every 3 weeks but if there is some help with staffing we could go back to every 2 weeks. Need someone there on Thursdays to receive and check orders, keep order in the pizza room and train students on proper food handling and organising.

f) **Milk Programme (AB):**

Program went well this year. Form is on the web.

g) Lunch Programme (CL):

Rachel Donner is resigning at the end of this year after many years as lunch monitor co-ordinator. Thanks were expressed for a stellar job. It was moved (NA) and seconded (AB) that the chair be given a budget of \$50 to purchase a gift for her.

4. New Business

a) Election of ACSL Executive:

- a.** motion to affirm NA and PW in their existing positions as co-chairs for next year by AB; 2nd CL; carried.
- b.** motion to appoint CL as treasurer for next year by MF; 2nd KO; carried
- c.** motion to affirm MF, BC as members at large by CS; 2nd NA; carried.

Secretary needed...will try to find one in the fall.

5. Adjournment and next meeting:

Next meeting, June 9, 2014; motion to adjourn by CL; carried.