

École Viscount Alexander
Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL) Monthly Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2015 7:00 pm – ÉVA Library
[as approved at May 11 ACSL meeting]

ATTENDANCE					
Member	Present	Regrets	Member	Present	Regrets
Arnason, Neil	X		Nowostawski, Vanessa	X	
Barnabé, Mélanie	X		Proulx, Chantal		X
Bonneteau, Annette		X	Tipping, Shannon	X	
Brenan, Carla		X	Torz, Shelley		X
Cahoon, Barb	X		Ward, Peter	X	
Fonseca, Marcia	X		Weslak, Tanya	X	
Lepa, Chris	X		Widla, Kris	X	
Lucas, Brad	X				
Lucas, Janet	X				
Special Guests					
Active Transportation and Safety Plan for EVA			Jaime Lacoste and Dr. Jeannette Montufar, Dept. of Civil Eng., U of M Anders Swanson (Green Action)		

AGENDA & MINUTES
<p>1. Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Neil Arnason called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm</i> ○ <i>Round table introductions of attendees including an introduction of our special guests, Jaime Lacoste and Dr. Jeanette Montufar who will be giving a presentation on the Active Transportation and Safety Plan for EVA and Anders Swanson from Green Action</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Neil Arnason proposed agenda changes to accommodate people who need to leave earlier tonight, proposal was accepted</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motion to approve agenda as changed – Vanessa Nowostawski moved to approve the agenda as changed, Kris Widla seconded, all in favour – yes, approved</i> b. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Motion to approve – Kris Widla moved to approve the minutes from March 9, 2015, Tanya Weslak seconded, all in favour – yes, approved</i>
<p>2. Special Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Active Transportation and Safety Plan for EVA (Jaime Lacoste and Dr. Jeanette Montufar, Dept. of Civil Eng., U of M, Anders Swanson, Green Action) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>In the fall of 2014, the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba, the Green Action Centre and the City of Winnipeg embarked on a ground breaking project to create Active School Travel Engineering Plans for 17 schools in Winnipeg (7 schools were in the Pembina Trails School Division). The aim of the project was to promote active modes of transportation such as walking and cycling to school by increasing safety around schools through both engineering and non-engineering measures. The following key points were discussed:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Active School Travel Engineering Plan development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → <i>Project involved over 5,000 students, 17 teams</i>

- Lots of interaction with parents of the different schools (university students learned how to interact with the public and transportation engineering)
 - Active transportation (walking, biking, roller blading, human power to get around) has become increasingly important in recent years – the city is car centric (developed that way) and not currently designed for active transportation
 - Want to have equitable and fair modes of transportation
 - Plan looks at infrastructure around schools through the lens of engineering
 - Steps as part of the plan are to conduct a travel survey, hold an open house, complete a road safety review and provide a final report
- ii. Jeanette asked that we break in to three groups to review the school area map and discuss areas of concern from a safety perspective (infrastructure, traffic, how easy to cross the street, paths to the school, winter and non-winter months). This initiated great discussion generating a variety of safety concerns that will reviewed by Jaime and Jeanette.

3. Regular Reports

a. Good News Sharing

- i. Marcia – It has been a terrific school year, wish time would pass slowly between now and June for these final months of school
- ii. Melanie – Was impressed with the preparation for Grade 8 open campus that entailed a practice day with walking to and from four different destinations (school to x, x to school) to collect the timings of how long it would take to go to and from the school during the lunch hour
- iii. Chris Lepa - It's Spring

b. Chair's Report

- i. **Appeal for the Milk Coordinator Position** – an appeal has gone out to fill the Milk Coordinator position. A couple of people have approached Neil (none through the appeal). One person might be interested if there is help with the position and another person is interested however would only be able to do it for one year
- ii. **Staff Appreciation** – PAC discussed if the first week of May would be suitable for the staff appreciation week. The school agreed it would be. Neil will send out an appeal for staff appreciation volunteers shortly. Lynn Avison has agreed to co-ordinate.
 - Motion to approve a \$1,000 Staff Appreciation and Milk Spirit Week budget (\$500 from PAC sub-account, \$500 from Milk sub-account) – Tanya Weslak moved to approve the \$1,000 budget, Kris Widla seconded, all in favour – yes, approved
- iii. **MB Association of Parent Councils** has their annual general meeting coming up, if anybody would like to go as a delegate, Neil has to get the registration in shortly
 - Motion to approve sending Kris Widla to the MB Association of Parent Councils Annual General Meeting – Neil Arnason moved to approve appointing Kris Widla as our delegate for the 2015 MAPC AGM and approves the amount of \$110 to pay for Kris's registration, Melanie Barnabe seconded, all in favour – yes, approved
- iv. **Revisions to the Non-Discrimination Policy**– Neil highlighted the PTSD Non-Discrimination Policy is to be amended by addition of the following paragraph.
 "In compliance with The Public Schools Amendment Act (Safe and Inclusive Schools), schools will accommodate students who want to establish activities or clubs that promote or support gender equity, antiracism, awareness and respect for people who are disabled by barriers, or the awareness and respect for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Student groups who wish to use the name "gay-straight alliance" will be accommodated." Comments were invited from parent councils before the April Board

meeting.

c. Principals' Report

- i. A detailed Principal's report was handed out and reviewed by Shannon Tipping (see Appendix A attached at the end of these minutes)
- Divisional projections are down, therefore staffing projections are down (will be losing some staff members)
 - Shannon shared videos on Pink Day and the creation of the human rights tiles

d. Treasurer's Report

i. Account Balances:

Account	Treasurer Balance	Bank Balance	Difference
PAC sub-account	\$8,530.67		
Milk sub-account	\$7,948.21		
Total	\$16,478.88	\$19,314.74	(\$2,835.86)

- Difference is due to some recently issued cheques not yet cashed
- Rough estimate is to have about \$8,000 remaining in the PAC and Milk sub-accounts
 - Suggest to receive more proposals on how to spend the money (target to have proposals by annual general meeting, proposal should include what you really need for financial funding, breakdown of funding request and benefits of the project) – Neil will put together a form in May for proposals
 - Need to consider transportation costs for end of June activities

e. School Ground Transformation (SGT Committee)

i. SGTC Account Balances:

Account	Treasurer Balance
SGTC	\$382.37
PSTD (In Trust)	\$2,935.00
Grant(s) (In Trust)	\$12,080.54
Grant(s) (Pending)	-
Total	\$15,397.91

- SGTC will be moving forward with the May 6th ceremony date. Coordinating with tree planting (to have trees planted, replace trees that didn't winter well or need pruning) prior to the ceremony date. Chris has contacted and invited all three grant people
- Soccer goals – waiting on confirmation
 - Should have \$1,500 left in SGTC account after all bills are paid – need two sets of nets, see if school division will pay for 50% and SGTC pays for other 50% - if school division agrees, Chris would like to order the soccer nets sooner than later. Might need to draw \$1,500 from PAC if needed (from surplus funds)
- It has been suggested to use the alumni money towards ordering the benches over the summer months

f. Band Report

- i. *A detailed April Band Newsletter was distributed for review (see Appendix B attached at the end of these minutes)*
- *Brandon Jazz Festival was a huge success with a wonderful two days spent*
 - *Six students auditioned for the Honour Band*
 - *Grade 5's have been introduced to the African drums*
 - *Grade 6's continue with exploratory band*
 - *Grade 7's will be performing at the Level One Festival on April 15th*
 - *Bowl with the Band will be Saturday, April 25th*
 - *The final Band Concert will be held on May 28th at 7:00 pm at the Vincent Massey gym. The Grade 5 & 6 choirs will be performing along with all band ensembles. Free ice cream sundaes for all students and audience members will follow.*

g. Lunch Program

- i. *Open campus – lots of questions of how it works but all seems to be going smoothly*
- ii. *Fully staffed at the moment, might be some shortages in May / June with university letting out*
- iii. *Need to plan for next year , resourcing levels*

h. Pizza Program

- i. *All good however could use an extra couple of people to help on pizza days (need two people to volunteer, in need of a second person)*

i. Milk Program

- i. *All good, nothing new to report*

4. New Business

a. TBA

- i. *Question from Peter Ward – Would Shannon be able to provide an update on how the fuel clean up is going? Shannon will look in to this.*

5. Meeting Adjournment

Marcia Fonseca moved to adjourn the ÉVA ACSL April 13, 2015 monthly meeting, Barb Cahoon seconded, all in favour – yes, meeting adjourned

APPENDIX

A. Principal's PAC Report for April, 2015

<http://parentcouncilÉVA.weebly.com/parent-council.html>

B. April Band Newsletter

April Band
Newsletter 2015.pdf



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Principal's Report April 13, 2015

Next Year Planning:

Staffing: Each year the school is provided with staffing projections based on the projected enrolment for next year. The staffing formulas outline the amount of time for each position. Next year it has been projected that we will be losing 1.5 teachers due to projected numbers. Currently, based on divisional projections, there are two classes projected at Grades 5 and 6 and three classes at Grades 7 and 8.

Visits from Schools – May 8/15: The afternoon of May 8 we will be inviting students from École Crane and École Bonnycastle to visit the school and continue the transition process. Grade 7 students from Ecole St. Avila will be invited to come to the school on May 15.

Registration Forms: Registration forms have been sent home and we ask families to complete them and return them to school as soon as possible. This information is important for our planning for next year.

Class Formation: A letter outlining the class formation process was also distributed. There are a number of factors that are reviewed in order to ensure balanced classes for students. Parental requests are always considered but depending on the other factors will determine if the requests are possible. We have requested that a member of our Support Services Team (SST) attend the École Bonnycastle, Ecole Crane and Ecole St. Avila discussions around the creation of class lists. The SST has also contacted all schools to discuss transition to learn about the students that will be attending École Viscount Alexander next year.

Human Rights Tile Project: Most students completed their tile projects just prior to the break. We took an afternoon to work in our school family groups. Each student, after working on a rough draft and discussions around their rights, visually represented their chosen right by creating a tile. Some are out on the tables for those interested. Our school, along with schools in the Vincent Massey Family of Schools, will be going to Investors Groups Field on the morning of May 20. Permission slips will be going home for this event. The expectation is that all students will attend and have the opportunity to lay their tile down on the Human Rights Symbol. There will be a public gallery once the symbol is completed on May 21 in the evening. Further information will be sent home in the near future.

Circles of Security: The parent evening held at Ecole Crane on April 7, outlining Circles of Security information, was very well attended. Thank you to all parents that participated in this initiative.

Concours d'art oratoire: Grade 6 and 7 students are participating this evening in the divisional Concours d'art oratoire. We wish them well in the competition!

International Pink Day: We celebrated International Pink Day on April 8 where standing up respect was highlighted. Marie Geelen and Gale Walker were here to work with students around respect. With Grade 7 students, she discussed the importance of leadership and their role next year as leaders in the school. With Grades 5 and 6 students she spoke about being upstanders! These were great discussions to have on April 8. Our Pink day was showcased later in the week at our school assembly whereby students had an opportunity to see a beautiful slide show put together by Mme Quigley. Thank-you to the numerous students and staff members who came dressed in pink!

Level One Band Festival/Art Studio Workshop: April 15 Grade 7 band students will be participating in the Level One Band Festival. At the same time, Grade 7 art students will be visiting Crock-a-Doodle Art Studio to create art pieces using glazing and glass fusing techniques.

Conferences: April 21 and 23 will be our tri-conferences. The conference scheduler is now open for families to reserve their time with the teachers. A letter outlining the format of the conferences at each grade level was sent home last week. Some grade levels have decided to incorporate a celebration of learning format which means that students will be going around learning activities with their parents demonstrating their learning or showing them sample of their work.

Jump Rope for Heart: M. Adam had double Physical Education classes with the Grade 5 and 6 students on March 16 as a culminating activity for the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. Our school received skipping ropes as part of this initiative and our students raised just over \$4000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Wow!

Hands-on Techno: Grade 5 students will be visiting Winnipeg Technical College on the morning of April 17. This is a divisional initiative to introduce students to explore various future options.

Open Campus: Grade 8 students started Open Campus today. A note went home last week and students had the opportunity to practice going to and from various venues on Friday. This was to help students learn the distances and times required for each destination so that they are able to return to school on time. The letter and information that went home was also reviewed and revised based on input from Anita, Lunch Coordinator.

Yearbook: We have started to create our 2014-2015 school yearbook. The cost will be the same as last year which was \$16.00. This is the exact cost of creation of the yearbook as well as the shipping. We hope that it captures a lot of the school memories from this year.

June Activity Days: June of this year, we have organized various activities for students to experience activities that they may not normally experience at school. This program is offered at other middle years schools and has taken staff a lot of time to organize so we hope that all students can participate. We have sent home this early so that parents can be part of the decision making process with students and then the information can be returned to school, collated and the final registration information sent to students in May. These activities will be held from Monday – Wednesday of the final week of June. Thursday of that same week will be for class/grade level activities as Friday will be Fun Mountain for students that wish to participate. The following two day week will be Monday – Farewell/End of the Year assembly.

Grade 8 Farewell: Grade 8 teachers will be meeting with students to provide them with various farewell options. Once the students have had the opportunity to provide input into their farewell activity, teachers will then start to organize a venue, date, etc. Once the activity has been decided, information will be send home.

Lockdown/Tornado Drills: As part of our safety procedures, we need to practice our safety drills throughout the year. We have a planned lockdown/tornado drill practice for the morning of April 22. Parents will be notified before the practice.

Earth Day: We will be organizing a community clean-up on April 22 for Earth Day. Information and permission slips will be going home in order to prepare for this event. The younger grades will be staying closer to the school and the older grades will be going into the community. Mr. Bissonnette will also be organizing a litterless lunch on that day. He is encouraging all students, as he introduced at our assembly, to bring lunches with no waste materials (ie. Using containers, etc.)

Social Media Presentations: Grades 7 and 8 students have participated in discussion with our School Resource Office, Constable Minkus, regarding the appropriate use of technology. On April 14, a member from the Canadian Centre for Child Protection's national safety education program, Kids in the know, will be presenting to students on the same topic, with a focus of giving the students information and strategies they need to use technology in their relationships in healthy ways. (It was mentioned in the April Newsletter.)

Professional Development Day: April 24 there will be no classes. Teachers, Educational Assistants and Secretaries will be participating in a PD day. Our plan is to work on school plan as well as have discussions around divisional presentations on mental health.

Badminton/Marathon Running Club: Mr. Spiers has organized badminton teams for Grade 7 and 8. They are already participating in divisional games. Mme Marriott, Mme Weiriga, Mme Leclercq, M. Monin and Mme Boock have started up the running club. This is in preparation for various running activities coming up in the next few months (April 30 will be the Jog in the Park and also family registration for Manitoba Marathon on June 15). They are running after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This club is open to all students in grade 5 and 6 and there is still time to join!

Student Council Initiatives : **We are Silent Day for Free the Children** – Thursday, April 16 this is we are silent day. This is a volunteer activity and students may want to collect donations. The proceeds go to Free the Children.

Bowl with the Band: Saturday April 25th, several band students and their families will meet at Dakota Bowling Lanes for a fun, friendly bowling afternoon. Thank you to Mme Nowostawski for organizing this event.

Pizza Day: Pizza days this month will be on April 16, April 30 and May 14 and 28.

Spring Concert: Our Spring Concert that was originally scheduled for May 20 has been changed to May 28 and will be held at Vincent Massey Collegiate. The reason for the change as this will be a whole school concert with Grades 5-8. This is a very exciting initiative and will be celebrating our community with ice cream sundaes following the concert!

Upcoming Dates:

April 14 - Kids in the Know Presentation
April 15 – Level One Band Festival/Art Studio Visit
April 16 – We are Silent /Pizza Day
April 22 - Earth Day (Community Clean-up; Litterless Lunch)
April 21 and 23 – conferences in the evening 3h30 – 8h00 pm
April 24 – PD Day (no classes)
April 25 – Bowl with the Band
April 30 – Pizza Day
May 1 – School Dance
May 14 – Pizza Day
May 28 – Pizza Day/ Spring Band Concert at Vincent Massey



April Band Newsletter

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

March has proven to be another busy month with many activities for our band students. Congratulations to all of the grade 7 and 8 students who prepared an honour band audition CD. Noah Bailis, Eden Slippert, Anaïs Towers-Lussier, Jasmine Chen, and Keely Ross were accepted as members of the ensemble and Abi Dueck was accepted as an alternate player. These students will have the opportunity to rehearse with a guest conductor for three days in May and perform a concert with 70 other students from across Manitoba.

Congratulations also to the members of Morning Jazz and Atelier Jazz who performed at the Brandon Jazz Festival on March 19-20. Each ensemble performed three tunes and had an hour clinic with a jazz specialist. In addition, they also had the opportunity to attend performances by other schools as well as by the Brandon University Jazz Ensemble and Grammy award winner, Diane Schuur. Thank you to all of the students for their hard work and for their excellent representation of the school and of the Pembina Trails School Division.

On March 25, the University of Manitoba Brass Ensemble performed for many of our students. The ensemble played a variety of music from lyric music to marches.

On March 26, the Grade 8 Concert Band was visited by two music education students from the University of Manitoba. The students worked for 15 minutes each with the ensemble and then received feedback from their professor regarding the rehearsal techniques used.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL

Grade 7 Concert Band Performance-Wednesday, April 15 10:20 am

The Grade 7 Concert Band will be performing at the Level One Festival on April 15. The students will have the opportunity to perform three pieces and work with two adjudicators on their music as well as basic instrumental skills. All students should wear all black. A permission slip has been sent out. Family and friends are welcome to attend our performance. Admission for guests is \$2.

Bowl with the Band!-Saturday, April 25 1 pm-3 pm

All students and their families are invited to come and have some fun at our annual Bowl with the Band at Dakota Lanes. For only \$10, each participant will receive unlimited bowling for two hours, shoe rental, a pizza snack, and pop. Each team of six students requires one adult chaperone. Parents wishing to chaperone but not bowl are welcome to attend and are not required to pay. Ticket order forms have been sent out and are to be returned by **Friday, April 17**.



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BRANDON JAZZ FESTIVAL

By: Liana F.

I think I speak for everyone who participated in Brandon Jazz Festival when I say that we had a blast!! It was so incredibly much fun. We got to listen to so many kinds of jazz: vocal jazz, jazz combos & jazz bands of all levels. It was great to see people at our level perform and also see people at much higher levels where we could be inspired.

After our jazz bands performed on Friday, we went to a jazz clinic, where we improved on our pieces and learned new things.

All of this could not have been possible without Mme Nowostawski! She works so hard and puts so much effort into giving us opportunities like this and I don't think we'll ever be able to thank her enough!!

Did You Know...

Jazz was born around 1895 in New Orleans.

MEMORIES AND TESTIMONIALS FROM THE FORT GARRY SUMMER BAND CAMP:

"My favourite part of participating in the MBA Summer Band Camp was being with many other students who were as excited about making music as I am."

- Noah B.

"Band camp is super fun because you get to meet lots of new people and learn different things from your section leaders!"

- Keely R.

"I love going to band camp because you learn a lot and become a better musician."

- Callum R.

MANITOBA BAND ASSOCIATION SUMMER

Every summer, the Manitoba Band Association organizes summer band camps for students in grades 6-9, one of which takes place at Vincent Massey. Students have the opportunity for one week to work with specialists on their instruments, in full band with a guest conductor, gain small ensemble experience, and perform a concert. Last year there were 17 EVA students that attended the camp!

This year, the camp at Vincent Massey will take place August 10-14 and all grade 7 and 8 band students are encouraged to attend. Students who are interested in attending are welcome to apply for a scholarship to help them cover the cost. Scholarship forms will be available in mid-April and are to be returned no later than **Friday, May 15**. The scholarships will be presented at the final band concert.





BAND PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thank you to all of the continued support of all of the band parents. Without you, all of our activities and events would not be as successful as they are.

The next Band Parent Committee Meeting will take place on Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm in the EVA Band Room. Treats will be served!

FINAL BAND CONCERT-MAY 28 AT 7 PM

The final band concert will take place on Thursday, May 28 at 7 pm. This year, the concert will be at Vincent Massey in the gym as we will be joined by the grade 5 and 6 choir. The concert will end with a performance that includes all students from grade 5-8 and free ice cream sundaes for all students and audience members will follow. More details will be included in the May newsletter.

“Artists - musicians, painters, writers, poets - always seem to have had the most accurate perception of what is really going on around them, not the official version or the popular perception of contemporary life.”

- Billy Joel

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 10	Live at Massey Hall: 7 pm-9 pm
Wednesday, April 15	Grade 7 Concert Band participates in the Level One Festival
Thursday, April 16	Band Parent Committee Meeting
Friday, April 17	Bowl with the Band ticket order forms due
Saturday, April 25 Lanes)	Bowl with the Band! (1 pm-3 pm at Dakota
Saturday, May 2	Provincial Honour Band Concert
Friday, May 15 Due	Summer Band Camp Scholarship Applications
Thursday, May 28	Final Band Concert (7 pm)
Monday, June 15-Wednesday, June 17	2015-2016 Grade 8 Jazz Band Auditions
Thursday, June 11	Jazz Cabaret (7 pm)
Thursday, June 18	Jazz Community Tour (Morning and Atelier Jazz Only)



Questions? Concerns?
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