

Minutes of the EVA ACSL Meeting – Monday, April 14, 2014

(Final – as approved at May 12 meeting)

Attendees: Neil Arnason, Mélanie Barnabé, Annette Bonneteau, Barb Cahoon, Mike Deneka, Marcia Fonseca, Chris Lepa, Vanessa Nowostowski, Shannon Tipping, Peter Ward, Tanya Weslak.

Regrets: Jason Avison, Tatiana Gericke, Sheila Mitchell-Dueck, Robyn Olfert, Carol Steel.

1. Introductions

- a. Approval of Agenda – Band report moved to beginning so that VN could get away to her rehearsal. MD moved agenda as modified, AB seconded, carried
- b. Approval of minutes –MF moved, CL seconded – carried.

2. Matters arising

a. **Staff appreciation:** dates have been set for Mon. April 29 to Friday May 2. There will be treats and presents for staff every day. Sheila Mitchell-Dueck is co-ordinating this; she was provided with the emails of all those who indicated on their volunteer sheet that they would help with Staff Appreciation (about 25 names). She will canvas the volunteers to see someone is willing to take this on next year as this is her last year. Sheila will need a budget for supplies...last year \$500 was budgeted but less than half of this was spent.

b. **Milk Spirit Week:** AB is co-ordinating this; there are activities and prizes (Manitoba dairy farmers puts out an activity book each year and registers schools who wish to receive materials such as literature and prizes). AB would like to offer “Whatchamacallit” ice cream treats from Sargeant Sundae on the last day (cost is about \$0.95 each...they are Revel type treats); if we order 300 or more, they come in a portable freezer. AB will need a budget for this and other free milk during the week.

Motion: That ACSL provide a budget of \$500 from the PAC account for staff appreciation and a budget of \$500 from the milk account for Milk Spirit Week. Moved MB, seconded CL; approved.

3. Regular Reports:

a. Good News Sharing

- Mini Folklorama in Mme Hill/Girouard’s grade 6 class was a hit with students.
- Ski trip for grades 7 and 8s was well organised and a big success.

b. Chair’s report

a. NA was unable to attend SGTC on March. 18; next meeting is tomorrow (April 15) at 7:30

b. NA reviewed program for upcoming MAPC annual meeting (Apr. 25 and 26) including bear pit session with the new Minister of Education, the Hon. James Allum (also our local MLA), and keynote speaker Dr. Karyn Gordon (parenting expert and author), but it is unlikely we will have a representative attend.

c. **Principal’s Report** - a detailed Principal’s report was handed out and reviewed (see Appendix).

In addition, ST circulated a press release from Lifetouch and the Canadian Centre for Child

Protection. Lifetouch provides child find cards with every fall photograph that they take. These cards are given out in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection (www.protectchildren.ca), a charitable organisation dedicated to the personal safety of children and the reduction of child victimization. The centre has launched a free app for iPhone and Android devices called FindMEid (www.findmeid.ca) that provides the same functionality as the cards but digitally, including step by step instructions on what to do if your child goes missing.

d. **Treasurer's report**

The treasurer, CL, reviewed the current accounts: the balance in the PAC a/c is \$5104. The balance in the milk a/c is \$5449.

e. **School Grounds Transformation**

CL reported –

* playground equipment (basketball hoops, etc.) has arrived and will be installed when weather permits.

* plans for area around old play structure were discussed...safety modifications and ground layer improvement. The surrounding area will be landscaped, perhaps including a large climbing rock

f. **Music Program**

VN provided a written report (see appendix) which was reviewed at the meeting.

g. **Lunch Programme**

TG was unable to attend but sent the following written report:

*Mme Tipping and I were very busy over the last month interviewing applicants for the remaining vacant lunch supervisor positions. I am happy to report that we hired two new lunch supervisors last month: Firdous Shaik, who is supervising in Mme Bevan/Mme McMahon's Grade 5 class; and Evan Proulx, who is supervising the Grade 7/8 area, along with Doreen Merasty and myself. We are very pleased to have both supervisors working with us.

*Regrettably, we also bid farewell to Molly Duguid, one of our Grade 5 supervisors, as she accepted an EA position within the division. Mme Tipping and I are currently interviewing applicants to fill this vacant position and will hopefully have a new supervisor in place by the end of this week. We will, at that point, be fully staffed with one supervisor in each Grade 5 and 6 classroom, as well as at least four (including myself) supervisors in the Grade 7/8 area, affording me the opportunity to move back and forth between all lunch areas and provide support to each supervisor, as needed.

*In addition, the lunch supervisors and I were able to provide some input with respect to establishing rules for the Grade 8 open campus season, which began today. We will remain in constant communication with Mme Tipping through the end of the year to address any open campus issues and concerns as the need arises.

h. **Pizza Program**

No report. NA commented that it was going smoothly.

i. **Milk Program**

AB – going well, nothing to report.

4. **New Business.**

a. Canadian Parents for French sent a membership renewal reminder and request for donations to support their activities including the Councours d’Art Oratoire. If we renew for 3 years, there is a 50% discount (\$75 instead of \$150). Donations can be made to the national or provincial organisation: **Motion:** That EVA ACSL renew for 3 years (\$75) and donate \$50 to provincial organisation. Moved: MB, seconded MF, approved.

b. NA brought to the council’s attention the programs at South Winnipeg Family Information Centre (SWFIC...which is located in the lower level of Fort Garry United Church across the street) including a babysitting course. ST pointed out that a full day in-school babysitting course will be offered to the grade 6 classes in mid-June. The Home Alone Safety program was also discussed.

Motion to adjourn: CL, carried.

Appended: Principal’s PAC Report, April 2014
April Band Newsletter



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Principal's Report April 14, 2014

Divisional Budget Highlights: Highlights for the divisional budget 2014-2015 have been placed into a video. The video was shared at the meeting on April 14. The link is found below:

<http://www.pembinatrails.ca/Features/2014/March/budgetpresent.html>

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.

New Vice-Principal Position: École Viscount Alexander has been allocated a new position for staff next year which will be a part-time Vice Principal. Mme Chantal Proulx, currently Vice-Principal at École St. Avila, has been appointed to start with us in August. We are currently working with the division to locate an office space.

Visits from Schools – May 9: The afternoon of May 9 we will be inviting students from École St. Avila, École Crane and École Bonnycastle to visit the school and continue the transition process. We will be having a musical group Hoja performing at 2 pm so we are hoping that the students can join us at this time.

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 St. Avila and École Crane 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.

Principal for the Day: Congratulations to Darian C., Grade 7 student that won the Spelling Bee on Friday! Darian has won Principal of the Day. We will be meeting in the near future to discuss what he would like to do for the day.

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 Thursday. 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 Tatiana, Lunch Coordinator.

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra: Grades 5 and 6 classes will be attending the performance of Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra on April 23 at 1 pm.

University of Manitoba Brass Quintet Performance: Grade 5 and 6 students had a performance from the brass quintet on April 9.

Quebec Cinema – April 24 : Grade 7 students are planning an excursion to the Quebec Cinema.

Healthy Schools Grant: Mme Girouard was successful in receiving \$800 for our school. With these funds, Grade 6 students will be participating in 8 sessions of yoga with a certified instructor, Mrs. Michelle Dueck. Students will be starting this initiative on April 16 and this will continue until June 4.

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. Teachers have been notified that both Vincent Massey and École St. Avila farewells are on the 20th and they should avoid these dates. 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.

Professional Development Day: April 25 there will be no classes. Teachers 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.

Chess Club: Mme Pepler started the chess club at lunch in preparation for the divisional chess tournament on May 9. Due to the warm weather, she hasn't had a lot of participants as everyone has wanted to go outside.

Badminton/Marathon Running Club: Mr. Spiers has organized badminton teams for Grade 7 and 8. They are already participating in divisional games. Mme Marriott 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 Mantioba Marathon on June 15).

Student Council Initiatives

- **Selling Rafiki Chains** – Students in Grade 7 are selling Rafiki chains as part of a divisional leadership initiative to assist student education project in other countries. The proceeds from these chains will go to schools in India.
- **Earth Day** – April 22. Student Council is in the process of organizing activities for Earth Day. One initiative they are discussing is organizing a community clean-up.
- **We are Silent Day** – April 17 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: This past Saturday several band students and their families met at Dakota Bowling Lanes for a fun, friendly bowling afternoon. Thank you to Mme Nowostawski for organizing this event.

Mosaic Art Tile project: Mme Dombek had Mr. Gordon Campbell work with students to sketch their tile projects. Mr. Dimitri Komar came to work with them in late March. The students have created the tiles and grouted them. The benches will soon be assembled and in the halls. Thank you once again to the Parent Council for their support. Mme Dombek is completing an Art Smart grant for next year to continue with tiling projects in the school.

Pizza Day: Pizza days this month will be on April 17 and then on May 1 and 15.

Upcoming Dates:

May 21 – Spring Band Concert

May 28 – Grade 6 Band Instrument Try-Out Night



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April Band Newsletter

April 11th, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Brandon Jazz Festival

Congratulations to the Jazz Band students who participated in the Brandon Jazz Festival March 20-21. The students performed and worked with jazz professionals as well as attended performances of other schools and professional ensembles including the Brandon University Jazz Band and the Finnish vocal group, Rajaton.

Atelier Jazz Performs at the Legislative Building-April 30

In celebration of Music Month, Atelier Jazz will be performing in a concert on April 30. The concert will begin at 11:30 am and will be about an hour. We will be sharing the stage with École Harrison, École Taché, and Collège Louis Riel. A permission slip will be sent out shortly.

Level One Band Festival-Grade 7 Band

The grade 7 band will participate in the Level One Band Festival on Friday, May 2, hosted by the Manitoba Band Association. The students will perform three selections and work with two clinicians on their music as well as on fundamental playing skills. The students are required to wear all black. A permission slip will be sent shortly. Parents and family members are welcome to attend our performance at 11:40 am. The cost of admission is \$2.

Band Parent Committee Meeting

The next band parent committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8 in the band room. Snacks will be served.

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Bowl with the Band!

We have 50 students and family members signed up to Bowl with the Band. The event takes place from 1 pm - 3pm at Dakota Lanes. A pizza and pop snack will be served around 2 pm. I will not be handing out tickets; instead I will provide tickets to the door prize when you arrive.

Junior Jazz

Our grade 7 students are very busy and have a lot of opportunities for them to take part in at lunch. Therefore, we have agreed to combine both bands so that we can have a consistent rehearsal time twice a week that won't conflict with sports or other activities. Junior Jazz will now rehearse Tuesday and Thursday at lunch.

Band Scholarship Application

The Manitoba Band Association offers band camps each year in the summer for students in grades 6-9. Students in attendance spend one week in August working with instrument specialists, in full band rehearsals with a guest conductor, jazz experience, and much more. Students have a chance to meet new friends from all over the city as well as perform a concert at the end of the week. These camps are a fantastic way to kick-start the school year and learn many new skills. Thanks to the students' hard work in fundraising throughout the year, scholarships are available to assist with the cost of attending. Interested students are asked to see Mme Nowostawski for an application form. The scholarships will also be presented.

Welcome to Mme Liz Riel-Student Teacher

Beginning the week of April 28, Liz Riel, a music education student from the U of M will be joining our forces. Mme Riel is currently in her fourth year and this will be her second teaching practicum. She will be with us for six weeks working observing and working with our students in sectional and full band rehearsal. Mme Riel attended Viscount Alexander and Vincent Massey as a student so it will be a neat experience for her to share her experiences with the students. Her major instrument is the euphonium. Bienvenue!

Final Concert-Wednesday, May 21 7 pm

The final performance of the year for all of the grade 7 and 8 band students will be on **Wednesday, May 21 at 7 pm**. Both grade 7 and 8 concert bands will perform as well as the two jazz bands. Special presentations will also be made. Free ice cream sundaes will be served following the concert.

Jazz Cabaret

Due to the students' enthusiasm for playing jazz, we will be hosting EVA's first ever Jazz Cabaret on **Thursday, June 12**. Junior Jazz, Morning Jazz, and Atelier Jazz will be performing an evening of jazz

beginning at 7 pm until approximately 9:15 pm. We are also looking into having a professional jazz ensemble to be our guest performers for the evening.

Jazz Band 2014-2015 School Year Auditions

The grade 7 students are encouraged to begin thinking about if they would like to audition to be part of a jazz ensemble next year. There could be up to two jazz bands: first, there is Atelier Jazz. This ensemble rehearses twice a cycle during the Atelier Periods all year round. Only traditional jazz instrumentation is accepted in this ensemble (saxophones, trumpets, trombones, drum set, piano, bass guitar, and electric guitar). If there is enough interest, Morning Jazz will continue next year. This ensemble rehearses Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 am. Any instrumentation is accepted for this ensemble. Members of both ensembles are given grades and are as much as possible provided with the same opportunities. Students who decide that they would like to play in both ensembles automatically receive 100% due to them doing over and above the workload asked. Auditions will take place in June. Audition material and more information will be provided at the beginning of June.

Jazz Community Tour

Morning and Atelier Jazz will be performing a community tour in June. They will visit our feeder schools and hopefully a nursing home or seniors' apartment block. More details will be provided in May.

ÉVA Band Events Calendar

2013-2014

April 12 1 pm-3 pm	Bowl with the Band!
April 30	Atelier Jazz performs at the Legislative Building
May 2 11:40 am	Level One Festival-Grade 7
May 8-10; 13	Junior Provincial Honour Band
May 21	Final Band Concert
June 12	Jazz Cabaret
June TBA	Jazz Band Community Tour