

## **Minutes of the EVA ACSL April 11, 2011**

**Attendees:** Leslie Adrian, Julien Allard, Rachel Donner, Cal Dueck, Michelle Dueck, Daniel Friesen, Sheryl Hague, Signy Kuch, Gail McIntosh, Sheila Mitchell-Dueck, Fred Nash, Kathleen Tomy, Peter Ward, Shirley Zaporzan

### **Introductions**

- a. **Approval of agenda:** Motion to approve minutes by GM; 2<sup>nd</sup> by SZ; carried.
- b. **Approval of March minutes:** Tabled until next meeting; action items reviewed.

### **Regular Reports**

#### **a. Good news sharing:**

- A grade 9 student with a lot of badminton experience has volunteered to help coach the badminton team;
- Kids are feeling happy, invested and involved in life at school (SZ, GM)/
- Some grade 9 boys were observed voluntarily clearing the ice and snow from the wheelchair ramp (CD, FN);
- The lunch program has settled into a good rhythm and everyone seems happy at lunch hour (LA).

#### **b. Principal's Report:**

We have received the protocol from the division for sandbagging and Mr. Spiers will organize a list of students willing and able to attend.

- We have had to create a school access policy. The school will be locked between four in the evening and eight in the morning. During the day the only unlocked doors will be in front of the office.
- We will be practicing the lockdown procedure within the school. The protocol will be reviewed with the students prior to the event.
- Metalmorphosis concert was again a spectacular performance. This was probably their last performance.
- Even though we pushed back our report card writing day we were able to send the report cards on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks you to Mme Poirier for her dedication.
- We had a very successful Concours Oratoire this year. Merci Mme Ivany for having organized this again this year.
- French Immersion in Manitoba conference was spectacular. John Ralston Saul was a tremendous speaker.
- Mr. Beaudoin will be doing another term with us till the end of the year. Mme Leclercq will replace Mme Wierenga in resource and Mr. Beaudoin will replace Mme Leclercq.
- French Immersion council will be investigating the possible of creating a French Immersion Newspaper for the Division.
- The grounds committee organized a rally with the help of Mme Marriott to discuss the survey, the building retrofit and the Sobeys fundraiser.
- As I am composing this report we are awaiting the imminent announcement of our newest Viscount community member. (NB: Emily Anne Weirenga was born Friday, April 8)

### **Activities:**

- ACSL
- FIC (French immersion Council)
- Grade eight Transition meetings
- PTAC
- Comité d'équité et de justice

#### **c) Treasurer's Report : nothing to report**

**d) Lunch Program:**

- motion to give each parent volunteer who lead a lunch club a \$20 gift card as a thank you by FN; 2<sup>nd</sup> by PW; carried. **Action:** Fred to buy \$180 in Sobeyes cards (\$20 for nine volunteers). **Action:** Sheila to give Rachel some thank-you notes. **Action:** Rachel to write and deliver thank you notes and cards to the nine parents.

- the program is expected to have a \$400 surplus at the end of the year; coordinator does not feel it is necessary to increase fees at this time.

**e) School Grounds Transformation**

- has met twice informally (SK);

- review on the how the fundraising assembly went (RD);

- there are three new members at large but the committee is in urgent need of an executive, especially a treasurer (RD, SK);

- the committee's mandate and vision are as follows:

MANDATE

The EVA School Grounds Transformation Committee will lead the transformation of the Ecole Viscount Alexander school grounds.

VISION

We aim to improve the recreational, educational and residential experience for the EVA student body and local community stakeholders by creating a multi-use green space, which promotes activity, wellness, education and provides community-wide access to a high quality and safe outdoor activity area.

- Motion to accept the SGTC as a formal committee of the ACSL by KT; 2<sup>nd</sup> by FN; carried.

- **Action:** RD to send a notice to St. Avila and Crane schools for their newsletters asking for volunteers. **Action:** RD to prepare a presentation for the grade 4s when they visit the school outlining the nature of the project and inviting them to get their parents involved.

**4. New Business:** none

**5. Old Business:**

**a. Fundraiser:**

- a fundraising opportunity offered by Peak of the Market was discussed (DF). **Action:** CD to circulate information provided by DF; NB that it also likely is available on Peak of the Market's website.

**b. Questions for the Minister of Education:**

- **Can teachers undergo a yearly performance evaluation?** (Carol Steel, via email); it is logistically impossible for the principal to undertake 28 evaluations annually; in Pembina Trails, teachers meet with their principal three times a year to discuss their professional development but it is not a formal evaluation (JA);

- evaluations take place every five years in Winnipeg 1 (GM);

- **Would the Minister consider requiring that information be collected and disseminated that would allow parents to compare the academic development of their children with the academic development of other students in the same classroom, students in the same school, and students in other schools?** (PW)

- **Can high schools be required to report student grades either with a percentage or a letter grade?**  
(SH)

**c. Staff Appreciation:**

- is being organized by MD; will take place in the first week of May; MD asked for ideas and would like to spread it out throughout the week. Ideas offered included massage therapy students to come in and give short massages to the staff, Booster Juice, appreciation wall (with comments of support and appreciation created by parents and students);

- there are 34 staff including custodial and lunch program;

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn, SH; meeting adjourned, 8:03 pm