

École Viscount Alexander
Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL) Monthly Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2015
7:00 pm – ÉVA Library

As approved by ACSL meeting of March 9, 2015

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
Special Guests					
Brewster, Geoff			Physical Education and Health Consultant		

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 guest, Mr. Geoff Brewster, Physical Education and Health Consultant who is attending our Parent Council meeting as part of the Pembina Trails School Division Leadership Development Program</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> ii. <i>Motion to approve agenda as changed –Marcia Fonseca moved to approve the agenda as changed, Barb Cahoon seconded, all in favour – yes, approved</i> b. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Motion to approve – Marcia Fonseca moved to approve the minutes, Tanya Weslak seconded, all in favour – yes, approved</i> ii. <i>A clarification was made to the November 10, 2014 minutes in which under the Principal's Report, it was Shannon Tipping who gave the presentation on the Human Rights Project</i> 	
<p>2. Matters Arising (Old Business)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PTSD Budget Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>There is a draft of the budget. Neil will further discuss under the Chair's Report.</i> ii. <i>Neil has submitted the ÉVA ACSL budget survey responses indicating what we agreed to be our budgetary priorities</i> 	

3. Regular Reports

a. Good News Sharing

- i. *Barb Cahoon mentioned how wonderful the Band-a-Thon was and also commented on the Stain Glass Project and how excited her child was with making the stain glass. It was a very good investment on behalf of the ÉVA ACSL.*
- ii. *Chantal Proulx also commented on how terrific the Band-a-Thon was and how impressed she was with such student professionalism. Chantal also mentioned that a couple of the Grade 8 classes made cookies as part of the Month of Kindness. The cookies were enjoyed by all the grades.*
- iii. *Tanya Weslak mentioned how nice it was to see so many Viscount students volunteering at the École Crane Carnival and also commented on how much her daughter enjoyed having more hands on time in making the stain glass.*

b. Chair's Report

- i. **Parent Council Website** – Neil has updated the SGTC page with the last set of SGTC minutes and the picture of Chris Lepa accepting the Manitoba Infrastructure Grant money from James Allum, MLA for Fort Garry-Riverwood at the ÉVA ACSL meeting in January 2015
- ii. **Stain Glass Mosaic Project** – A letter was received thanking the ÉVA ACSL for their contribution and support towards the Stain Glass Mosaic Project. Three large mosaic windows were created for the front entranceway. The beautiful signs were on display at the ÉVA ACSL monthly meeting.
- iii. **PTSD Budget Consultation** – There is a board meeting coming up and in addition to the draft budget, there are some regulation changes with regards to field trips and off site regulations. Neil has asked Shannon if there are any impacts that need to be considered. Shannon will take a look and get back to ÉVA ACSL.
- iv. **Manitoba Association of Parent Councils** – There are two annual events held each year, the Chairpersons' Breakfast and the Annual General Meeting. The 2015 MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference will be held on May 1 and 2, 2015 at the Victoria Inn Hotel. Two delegates typically can attend. It is a great networking experience with keynote speakers, workshop clinicians and other presenters.

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)*
 - **Winnipeg Wind Ensemble** – A beautiful letter was received from Jacqueline Dawson to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the Grade 8 Concert Band on their performance at Jubilee Place held on Nov 23, 2014
 - **Mathletics** - ÉVA ACSL would enjoy a presentation on Mathletics and its benefits

d. Treasurer's Report

i. **Account Balances:**

Account	Treasurer Balance	Bank Balance	Difference
<i>PAC sub-account</i>	\$8,840.88		
<i>Milk sub-account</i>	\$10,660.21		
Total	\$19,501.09	\$21,433.83	(\$1,932.74)

- *Pizza money for the second half of the year has come in and one pizza payment has gone out*

- *SGTC has asked PAC to bridge a financial gap to help pay for a SGTC bill for the tree planting until the remaining grant money comes in*

e. School Ground Transformation (SGT Committee)

i. **SGTC Account Balances:**

Account	Treasurer Balance
SGTC	\$3.08
PSTD (In Trust)	-
Grant(s) (In Trust)	\$10,120.80
Grant(s) (Pending)	-
Total	\$10,123.88

- *The rest of the grant money should be coming in within the next two weeks*
- *60% of the SGTC bills have been paid off, remaining 40% will be paid off once the remaining grant money comes in*
- *There will be \$2,500 of alumni money coming in that will be used towards a bench*
- *Brainstormed some ideas on where to use any extra monies. Soccer nets, a few more trees, etc.*
- *Would like to target the first or second week in May to hold a celebration of the School Grounds Transformation including dignitaries, school community, surrounding community and all who helped with the project throughout the years*

f. Band Report

i. *A detailed February Band Newsletter was distributed for review (see Appendix B attached at the end of these minutes)*

- **Solo and Ensemble Festival** – *The grade 7 students did very well at the Solo and Ensemble Festival and were quite engaged with their clinicians*
- **Band-a-Thon** – *The Band-a-Thon was another successful event with 107 students participating at one point. There was plenty of great food to eat including a spaghetti supper and pancake breakfast with over 40 parent volunteers. Students worked with specialists on their instruments and participated in team building activities. \$2,600 was raised that will go towards paying for the clinicians along with setting aside some of the funds for scholarships for band camp.*
- **Atelier Jazz** – *Atelier Jazz performed for the grade 5 & 6's at St. Avila on Jan 29th*
- **Upcoming in February**
 - Grade 6 Exploratory Band Program will kick off*
 - Grade 5 & 6's will be going to a WSO concert on Feb 18th*
 - Grade 8's will be playing at the Optimist Festival on Feb 24th*
 - Morning Jazz and Grade 7's will perform at the Open House on Feb 25th*

g. Lunch Program

- Anita is back to having full lunch program staffing levels*
- The pilot of a canteen will not be come to fruition this year*
- A reminder that the Lunch Program is run by the Parent Council however it is a joint responsibility with the school principal*
- There are a few families that have yet to pay lunch fees. An approach on how to collect will be decided upon.*

h. Pizza Program

i. *The Pizza Program has been started up for the second half of the school year with the first pizza day on January 26. There will be the same number of pizza days (10) as in winter/spring 2014 and orders are slightly higher than last year.*

i. Milk Program

i. *The Milk Program is going well*

ii. *Still in need of a volunteer to run the Milk Program in the upcoming school year*

4. New Business

a. PAC Events – Pancake Day, Open House, Staff Appreciation

i. **Pancake Day** – *Pancake Day will be on February 20th as part of the Festival du Voyageur celebration week. There is no conflict with the Optimist Festival this year however Vanessa would still prefer to start serving the Grade 8's first as it is their last day to prepare for the Optimist Festival.*

- *Motion to approve a \$400 budget for Pancake Day – Melanie Barnabe moved to approve the budget of \$400, Chris Lepa seconded, all in favour – yes, approved*
- *It takes approximately 17 volunteers to serve pancakes, oranges and milk between 7:30 am and 10:30 am.*

ii. **ÉVA Open House** – *Normally ÉVA ACSL has a table set up to greet people as they come in to the Open House serving juice, cookies and fruit. We need a couple of people to help set up the tables and food. Neil will organize.*

- *Vanessa will make cookies with the Grade 6's to serve at the ÉVA Parent Council table. Mme Mercier will also make cookies with the Grade 7 & 8's.*
- *Shannon asked if anybody would be willing to speak at the Open House on behalf of the ÉVA ACSL. Neil mentioned that Pete may be interested and Barb also expressed an interest if she is available.*
- *Motion to approve a \$200 budget for the ÉVA Open House – Chris Lepa moved to approve the budget of \$200, Melanie Barnabe seconded, all in favour – yes, approved*

iii. **Staff Appreciation** – *Staff Appreciation is usually run in conjunction with the Milk Spirit Week. The budget was approximately \$500 – 600 last year. Neil will seek a volunteer who would be interested in heading up the staff appreciation event. Possibly Lynn Aveson.*

5. Meeting Adjournment

Shelley Torz moved to adjourn the ÉVA ACSL February 9, 2015 monthly meeting, Tanya Weslak seconded, all in favour – yes, meeting adjourned

APPENDIX

A. Principal's PAC Report for February, 2015

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

B. February Band Newsletter



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Principal's Report
February 9, 2015

Band-a-thon: Grade 7 and 8 band students participated in their band-a-thon at the end of January. Students worked in sectionals and full band rehearsals on the Friday evening before enjoying some cooperative games in the gym. They then had a sleepover and continued their musical practices on Saturday morning until 11:30 a.m. Thank you to all the parents and staff that assisted with this activity. Money raised will be used for students to participate in summer band workshops.

Transition: Transition for the new students entering Viscount started in the month of January for the feeder schools and will continue in the month of February. Activities included:

- A survey to École Crane, École St. Avila and École Bonnycastle parents in January to identify their questions regarding transition. This information was then collated and used to prepare presentations for each of the Parent Council presentations.
- A visit to École Crane Parent Council on January 26th
- Bonnycastle parents meeting to review the transition plan and visit École Viscount Alexander on January 27th
- Jazz Ensemble, along with Mme Nowostawski and Mme Proulx met with Grade 6 students at École St. Avila on January 29th.
- Mme Tipping/Mme Proulx will be visiting École Crane and École Bonnycastle in February to meet the Grade 4 students at each school as guest readers during "I Love to Read" week.
- Grade 8 students will be visiting Vincent Massey for a school tour on February 24th in the afternoon
- Staff from Vincent Massey School will be starting to visit Grade 8 students in February. Some of the visits will be during their "Salle d'étude" so students can ask specific questions. They have already started to accumulate and organize questions for the visit.
- **Open House:** Our Open House for new families is scheduled for February 25th. The outline will be similar to last year with all families meeting in the gym, presentation from students, outline of programs and then a tour of the school by students incorporating an activity. We have asked Canadian Parents for French to have a table set up for families; Grade 7 students will be playing their instruments in the halls during the school tours. Would a representative of the Advisory Council for School Leadership like to speak for a few minutes during the formal presentation? Will a table be organized with cookies, etc., as per last year as this was a wonderful addition to the evening?

Festival du Voyageur: To highlight the French cultural event, there will be a school spirit week with students dressing up like a voyageur.

- Tuesday - tuque day
- Wednesday- ceinture fléchée (sashes)day
- Thursday- costume du voyageur day
- Friday - wear your family colour

Staff is currently organizing fun Festival activities in the afternoon of February 20th in the school families. We are hoping that the parent breakfast could be part of our activities in the morning as a station for students?

Art/Band Upcoming Event: February 24th – In the morning, the Grade 8 band students will be attending the Optimist Festival and the Grade 8 art students will be attending a Crock-A-Doodle workshop where students will be working with creating a pottery piece and a glass fuse magnet activity. Both groups will then be taken to Vincent Massey at 1:30 pm for their school tour. They will walk back to school together with the staff.

Tri-Conferences: Our tri-conferences will be held on Tuesday, April 21st and on Thursday, April 23rd evenings from 3:45 – 8:00 pm. Our report cards will be available online as of Friday March 27th.

Ski trip: There are over 100 students that have registered for the ski trip on March 5th and 6th. Staff have started to meet with students about the safety aspects of the trip. Staff have planned to meet with students at least two times per week during the lunch hour to review the expectations, safety features and procedures while on the ski trip. Students that are unable to make the meetings do need to review the information or they will not be able to attend. For those students that do not attend the March 5/6 ski trip, there will be alternate activities for them at school on these days.

Stained Glass Windows by Grade 5 Students: Ursula Neufeld worked with our Grade 5 students in January to create mosaic stained glass windows with Welcome-Bienvenue-a global representation of students to place in our windows. They are almost completed and will hopefully be installed in the near future at the Waterford entrance. Thank you to the Parent Council for the assistance with financing the materials for this project. The Artist in the School fee was financed through our school budget.

Basketball Teams: Our basketball teams have been doing very well with their divisional games. Thank you to the parents and staff that assist with these activities.

Pink Day in April: Information went home in January for t-shirt orders for the International Pink Day in April. We will all be wearing our t-shirts in support of respecting others on April 8th the “Day of Pink”.

Intramurals: Mr. Spiers and Mr. Adam are working with Grade 8 students to organize intramurals for the lunch hour.

Provincial Assessments: Grade 7 and 8 students will be participating in provincial assessments in February. The results will be submitted to the province on February 27. Parents will be receiving reports about their child’s results following the submission to the province.

Class Projections: We have received our estimated divisional projections for next school year. These were shared at the meeting.

Human Rights Project: We had our kick-off assembly for our Human Rights Project in January. During student “class titulaire” in the month of January until April, students will be working in their family groups working on the Human Rights Project. The assembly incorporated our Student Council talking about various children’s rights. On February 11th students will continue their discussions and start to create an outline/draft of their tile. We will be organizing a half day tile creation day in March/April once students had an opportunity to continue their discussions in class, along with creating a draft of their tile idea. Any parents that would like to join us for the creation day, please let us know as we have a few extra tiles. All students within the division will be placing their tiles at the stadium on May 20/21.

Booster Juice Fundraiser for Grade 7 Quebec Trip: As per our end-of-the year activities, there are group of Grade 7 students that have organized a trip to Quebec. They have organized a Booster Juice fundraiser for students/families willing to participate each month to assist with raising funds for this event. The dates have been organized as to not interfere with the pizza days. Additional fundraising activities will not necessarily involve all students at school.

Mathletics: As outlined in January, our school purchased Mathletics' accounts for students as during a free trial we had positive feedback from students, staff and parents. The cost was \$3,360.00 that was financed using our library budget. If ACSL would be willing to share the costs, we could purchase additional books for our library.

Jump Rope for Heart: Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating in a Jump Rope for Heart activity that will have its introduction during a jump rope demonstration team presentation on February 17th. Additional information will follow. Mr. Adam is heading up this initiative.

Art Show: Our student art work will be displayed at the divisional office from February 2-27.

Upcoming Important Dates:

February 2-27 Students Art Displayed at the Pembina Trails School Division Board Office – 180 Henlow
February 16 Louis Riel Day (No School)
February 20 Festival du Voyageur pm
February 24 Grade 8 Optimist Band Festival; Grade 8 Art Students to pottery excursion; Grade 8 visit to Vincent Massey for transition in the afternoon
February 25 École Viscount Alexander Open House for new families 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
March 5-6 Ski Trip
March 13 Report Card Writing Day – No School
March 27 Reports Go Home
April 8 Pink Day – Wear your pink shirts



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February Band Newsletter February 2nd, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Solo and Ensemble Festival

Congratulations to all of the grade 7 students who participated in the solo and ensemble festival in January. The students prepared pieces in small ensembles and as soloists and performed for an adjudicator. Following their performances, they worked with their adjudicator and received feedback on how to improve. Thank you to M. Slashinsky, M. Bissonnette, and Mme. Jill, and Mme. Goltz for helping to chaperone.

Band-a-Thon

Congratulations to all of the band students who participated in the Band-a-Thon sleep-over. The students had the opportunity to work with specialists on their instruments and in full band rehearsal with a guest conductor. Thank you to all of the friends and family members who supported the students. The final total will be included in the March Band Newsletter. These funds will be used toward scholarships, buses, clinicians, and registrations for festivals. If your child has not yet brought in his/her form, even if he/she did not collect any pledges, please ask them to bring it in as soon as possible. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers who donated their time to help make this event possible.

Junior Jazz Band

Junior Jazz Band has started for all grade 7 students who are interested in starting to learn about jazz. The rehearsals take place Tuesday and Thursday at lunch in the band room.

Atelier Jazz Performs at St. Avila

Congratulations to Atelier Jazz on their performance at St. Avila on January 29. The ensemble performed four tunes and former students who attended St. Avila presented on the different aspects of EVA.

VMC visits EVA!

On Wednesday, February 18 at 10:10 am, the grade 9 band from VMC will be visiting EVA. They will perform their Optimist selections for us and the grade 8 band will do the same for them. The grade 5 and 6 students will also attend the performance.

Live at Massey Hall

All jazz students are encouraged to attend Live at Massey Hall. It is a relaxed and fun environment for students of all ages to practice their improvisation skills. The next jam session is Friday, February 20 at Massey from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Concert Band Optimist Festival-Grade 8 Students only

The grade 8 band students will be participating in the Optimist Festival on **Tuesday, February 24 at 11:20 am**. This annual festival is hosted by the Manitoba Band Association at the Convention Centre. Participating bands are given the opportunity to perform for internationally renowned clinicians and, following their performance, work with one of the clinicians. We will also receive a recording of our performance. A permission slip has been sent out. Parents and family are welcome to attend our performance and workshop. Admission for parents is \$2.00. Upon our return, the students will be dropped off at VMC for a presentation and then will be walking back to EVA.

Atelier Jazz Makes Cookies!-February 24

In preparation for EVA's Open House, the members of Atelier Jazz will be making cookies on the evening of February 24. We will meet in the Home Ec. Room from 7 pm-9 pm to bake cookies for our guests of the Open House.

Open House-Grade 7 Band and Morning Jazz

It has become tradition that our students perform at the Open House to provide incoming students with an idea of what band is all about at EVA. Morning Jazz will be providing background music as parents walk into the gym from 5:30 pm-6 pm. While the families are touring the school, the grade 7 students will provide background music in the hallways in small groups of 3-5. The students will sign up for 15 minute time slots.

Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band Audition

All the best to the 15+ students who are auditioning for the Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band. If selected, these students will rehearse for three days with a guest conductor and perform a concert with the Intermediate Honour Band. A reminder to all applicants that the auditions are due on **Monday, March 9**.

Brandon Jazz Festival-Morning and Atelier Jazz Only

Morning Jazz and Atelier will be participating in the Brandon Jazz Festival March 19-20. The final amount that is due and students are asked to bring in the final amount as soon as possible. A detailed itinerary, supply list, and final instructions will be handed out near the end of February.

Band Parent Committee

Thank you to the parents who have donated their time to help us organize the various events and fundraising activities. There will not be a meeting in February due to the many events that will be going on.

Bowl with the Band!

Once a year, we like to organize a fun afternoon of bowling for our band students and their families. For only \$12 per person, each participant receives unlimited bowling for two hours, pop, pizza, and shoe rental. This year, Bowl with the Band will take place on Saturday, April 25 from 1 pm-3 pm at Dakota Lanes. More information will be sent out in March. Mark your calendars!

MBA Summer Band Camp Opportunities

Starting to make plans for your summer vacation? Please consider sending your child to a summer band camp hosted by the Manitoba Band Association. Participants receive one-on-one instruction with a specialist on their instrument, full band rehearsal, jazz experience, recreational activities, and perform a concert for one week in August. As someone who has participated as both a camper and an instructor, I can speak firsthand at how great this camp is. One of the camps is at Vincent Massey and therefore in our area. Funds raised by the Band-A-Thon are used to present scholarships to students at the final band concert to assist cover the costs. For more information, please contact Mme. Nowostawski or check out the MBA website at www.mbband.org.

Important Dates 2014-2015

February 18 at 10:10 am	Grade 9 band and Grade 8 bands perform at EVA
February 20	Live at Massey Hall (at Vincent Massey)
February 24 at 11:20 am	Optimist Festival-Grade 8 only
February 24 7 pm-9 pm	Atelier Jazz makes cookies
February 25	EVA Open House-Morning Jazz and Grade 7 Band
March 9	Provincial Honour Band Audition CD Due
March 19-20	Brandon Jazz Festival
April 13-17	Level One Festival-Grade 7-Date and Time TBA
April 25	Bowl with the Band!
April 30-May 2	Junior Provincial Honour Band
May 28	Spring Band Concert-New Date
June 11	Jazz Cabaret
June 18	Jazz Band Community Tour-Atelier and Morning Jazz