

Attendees:

Shirley Zaporzan, Annette Bonneteau, Judy Stevens, Signy Kuch, Christopher Lepa, Cal Dueck, Karine Rioux, Marcia Fonseca

Regrets:

Rachel Donner, Sheila Mitchell-Dueck, Carol Steel

1. Introductions:

- a) Approval of agenda: motion to approve CL; 2nd AB; carried.
- b) Approval of January minutes: motion to approve MF; 2nd SZ; carried

2. Regular Reports:

a) Good news sharing:

- report cards went home and were observed to be more detailed and were appreciated by the parents
- KR reported there is a good vibe amongst staff and students at the school lately

b) Principal's Report (KR)

- This is an exciting time of the year worth celebrating with staff changes and student accomplishments. We would like to congratulate Kelsey Chin from Mme Hillman's class who is one of the 50 finalists in the Winnipeg Free Press Regional Spelling Bee which was in this Saturday's paper. Kelsey is the one who won ÉVA's 2012 Spelling Bee contest. We congratulate all students for having put in their efforts and to all participants.
- Certain staff members have begun new adventures. Brian Miller, one of our custodians, is now at the board office. Valérie Armstrong, one of our EAs, is now a proud foster parent once again. Mélanie Curé, another EA, is perusing her final studies to obtain her Ph D. in French Literacy.
- We are presently looking for a new custodian, assistant administrative secretary at 0.5 and teacher in grade 5 at 0.5. We welcome with pride Mario Buscio and Scott Bodner who are two fluently bilingual EAs.
- Students in grade 6 benefited from a presentation on the theme of intimidation by Pluri-elles, a French organization for women in MB. Our grades 7 & 8 students will be exposed from a presentation on behalf of this same organization on healthy relationships and autonomy. A group of four staff members are deepening their understanding and application of disciplinary approaches by taking Restitution II with Joel Shimogi, a Math Teacher at Dakota Collegiate and one of 7 Manitoban Restitution Trainers.
- Instead of grade 8 "grad" there will be a "Grade 8 Farewell" this year. The school is currently looking into several different options for activities and additional suggestions are welcome.

- There will not be a Grade 8 trip to Quebec this year. Staff needs more time to look into doing a risk assessment report and completing background checks on potential chaperones, etc. It is hoped this outing can be revisited next year.
- KR has taken the approach to placing a lot of confidence in her staff and feels they have stepped up in all areas.
- Here are a few highlights we are presently organizing:

Events	Dates
Ski trip for our students in grades 7 & 8	February 21-22
Community event	March 2 nd
International Women's Day	Beginning of March
Student Initiated Event: Winnipeg Humane Society Carnival	March 2 nd
Band trip for our students in grades 7 & 8	March 16-17
New Student and Parent Info Night	March 8 th
Optimist Festival, Grade 8	February 24 th
Jazz Band Optimist Festival	March 9 th

We encourage the community to read the Band Newsletter for additional activities related to our band students and thank Mme Nowostawski for all her significant contributions.

c) Treasurer's Report (CL):

- the full report is available at lepes@mymts.net
- CL deposited pizza day money and Booster juice money into SGTC account in error. He has written a cheque to transfer that money into the ACSL account
- Motion to approve report JS; 2nd AB; carried

d) School Grounds Transformation (SK)

- members of the committee and staff have had 3 meetings with the landscape architect consultant to the division and are working to block out portions of the school grounds to fit elements deemed important by staff, students, parents and community in the surveys conducted earlier this year. Things are starting to shape up and we hope to have preliminary ideas down on paper sometime in the spring.
- Sobey's was very successful again and the students raised around \$2,500 (selling over \$25,000 in gift cards) Congratulations to top seller Bauer Mandzik and his class who will be receiving popcorn and a movie for their efforts. Thank you to Leslie Adrian for her hard work organizing the fundraiser.
- Our next fundraiser will be a spring plant card sale for use in a local greenhouse.

e) Lunch Program: no report

- KR: just hired Mario (EA) as a lunch monitor and he has been a great asset to the program

- KR will meet with RD this week to assess staffing levels and plan meetings with monitors to get feedback on the year so far

f) Milk Report – Spirit Week feedback

- CD: Thank you to Sheila Mitchell-Dueck who organized a very successful week with a different “treat” each day for staff.

3. New Business:

a) Interest in a Drug awareness/street smart information night with Chris St. Cyr

- KR happy to report there haven’t been any drug issues in the school this year
- MADD will be presenting to the students
- after discussion it was decided to invite Chris St. Cyr to speak to the parents after a brief ACSL meeting. The best night would be the April 9th meeting with the parent council meeting from 7 – 7:30 and Drug Information session to follow at 7:30
- KR will put it in the newsletter

b) Viscount Open House March 8th – refreshments

- Sheila has offered to organize refreshments. She will make cookies with the kids again.
- ACSL will make a budget available to Sheila
- SM-D advised KR to send a personal invitation to parents from St Avila school. It is believed some of those parents mistakenly believe EVA has poor programs, etc and some families drop out at the grade 7 entry point.
- Motion to approve budget for refreshments at open house, SZ; 2nd CL

4. Old Business

a) Teacher Appreciation

- SM-D has stepped up to organize

b) Pizza Day

- an average of 210 slices were ordered per pizza day with an average profit of \$130 per pizza day. At this rate we should make approximately \$1500.
- Thanks to Carol and Jodi for setting up the system. Distribution has been organized, but CS needs someone to take over the order forms and money part. KR recommends CS put an ad in the newsletter.

c) Grade 8 Grad – see above in principal’s report

d) Grade 8 Trip – see above in principal’s report

JS motion to adjourn meeting; next meeting **March 12, 2012, 7pm in library**