

## Minutes of the EVA ACSL Monday, January 10, 2011

Attendees: Carol Steel, Gail McIntosh, Jim Gardiner, Cal Dueck, Shirley Zaporzan, Peter Ward, Carla Brenan, Kim Pepler, Signy Kuch, Kathleen Tomy, Daniel Friesen, Rachel Donner, Fred Nash

### 1. Call to Order: 7:02 pm Introductions

- a. **Approval of agenda:** Motion by CS to approve; 2<sup>nd</sup> by CB; carried.
- b. **Approval of minutes from December 13, 2010:** Motion by GM to approve; 2<sup>nd</sup> by CB; carried. Many thanks to SK for stepping in and taking minutes last month (RD) and for turning them around so quickly (CS).

### 2. Regular Reports

- a. **Good News Sharing:** Congratulations on December's great band concert (KT); grade 7s are loving the basketball season and all it entails (GM); some students would like to start a Glee Club; thanks to the administration for the support on this initiative (JG); students are really enjoying the completed climbing wall (JA).

#### b. Principal's Report:

- There have only been 11 school days since the last report;
  - Basketball has begun;
  - We had a very successful band and choir concert on December 15;
  - The school prepared and delivered 12 hampers in conjunction with the Christmas Cheer Board;
  - Public Finance School Board has requested minor changes to the architectural drawings (windows and wrapping of the duct work); approval of the drawings is expected in late January or early February; tenders will be advertised about three weeks after that;
  - There is an Intensive French Class at HGI – this is not affiliated with French Immersion in any way and is not considered late immersion;
  - Mr. Spiers will be away on parental leave until March 16; Mr. Beaudoin will replace him in the gym until that time;
  - Mme Davies has rejoined the staff following her maternity leave;
  - Students are very excited about the climbing wall;
  - Activities: i) Meeting with Gord Howe and Leon Prevost from the Building and Maintenance Department re: coordinating the school building and grounds budget with the budgeted amount from the division for the retrofit; ii) French Immersion Council; Pembina Trails Administrative Council (PTAC); iv) AMDI.
3. **Brainstorming on “creating our dream school”:** Attendees broke into groups and brainstormed ideas for improving and expanding on the following areas: French, respect, academics, community service. **Action:** CS and CD to consolidate results and summarize for next meeting.
  4. **New Business:**
    - a) **Fundraising:** FN to organize a Sobey's gift card fundraiser; discussion regarding the need to engage students more actively in fundraising by encouraging their input into what will be done with the money (CS, SZ, GM); **Action:** Administration to create and facilitate a survey to be given to each class to ascertain what students would like seen done with the money; each classroom will have the responsibility to complete the survey together. Suggested broad categories included: sports (equipment, facilities); music; arts; charity/community outreach.

**Action:** CS and SZ to liaise with Ron Monin to create and circulate the survey. Discussion regarding timing of the fundraiser and whether there's enough time to collate survey results before starting the campaign; consensus to do both simultaneously. Forms should be out to parents by Friday, February 18 and be returned by Monday, March 7 in time to capitalize on the shopping that occurs around Easter (FN). Motion to hold Sobey's fundraiser, SK; 2<sup>nd</sup> KT; carried.

**Motion to adjourn:** DF. Meeting adjourned at 8:30