

## Minutes of the EVA ACSL meeting Monday, January 9, 2012

### Attendees:

Annette Bonneteau, Rachel Donner, Cal Dueck, Sheryl Hague, Signy Kuch, Christopher Lepa, Janet Lucas, Jason Mattika, Karine Rioux, Chris St.Cyr, Carol Steel, Peter Ward, Shirley Zaporzan.

### 1. Introductions:

- a) Approval of agenda: motion to approve SK; 2<sup>nd</sup> JM, carried
- b) Approval of December minutes: motion to approve, CH; 2<sup>nd</sup> AB; carried.

### 2. Regular Reports:

#### a) Good news sharing: tabled.

#### b) Principal's Report (KR):

- November was filled with positive energy and student initiated projects based on social learning.
- Our school spirit is quite apparent through PR. We have our School Grounds Transformation Committee organizing and attending meetings and reaching out to stakeholders. **School Field Project, a Community Effort** was the headline selected to show how our contributions can have such a constructive ripple effect, as depicted in the article in the **Sou'Wester** which appeared on the very first page of the website on December 7, 2011 as seen here: <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/our-communities/souwester/School-field-project-a-community-effort-134706213.html> .
- Also, we are presently in contact with the community French journal, **La Liberté**, and PTSD to promote our **Vow of Silence** following **We Day** as well as various humanitarian projects presented during our energetic assembly, which took place on December 6, 2011. You may view recent photos on our school's website at <http://www.pembinatrails.ca/viscountalexander/> . We were honoured to see community involvement at this assembly, including students, staff, parents and divisional support. Dianne Zuk, one of our School Trustees, awarded Freddy and Kevin Noriega-Gomez with a certificate from the **Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA)** for their contribution in supporting women and children living in Second Stage Housing. The school community was wearing purple for the assembly, which symbolizes that we are against domestic violence and are supportive of peace and social justice. Freddy and Kevin have appeared on **CTV** on December 2<sup>nd</sup> to share what they have done last year with the **Osborne House** and their ongoing projects. Freddy and Kevin collected are presently collecting a variety of brand new household items to create 50 very special hampers for various families in need. Also, in the Spring of 2012, Freddy and Kevin will proudly open-up a Second Stage home with the support of **Rod Bruinooge** who has been working with this family since last year.
- We also have students in grade 7 from Mme Hillman's class who are putting projects in place to support the **Siloam Mission** and students in grade 5 from Mme Mc Mahon's class supporting **World Vision**.
- We are also proud of Mme Hillman's students who won the **Young Writers of Canada Short Story Competition**. For more information, please see the latest **PTSD Community**

**Report at**

<http://www.pembinatrails.ca/Community%20Report/CommunityReportFall2011.pdf> .

- We started off our assembly with Bottom Lines, according to the Restitution model, a way to ensure that our kids are in a Safe and Caring School Community, which is based on our **Standards of Behaviour** in PTSD, which is available in 6 different languages located on the following divisional website:  
<http://www.pembinatrails.ca/community/divisionalguidelines.html>.
- **Thank yous:** we would like to thank all parents for your generous contributions towards our **School Grounds Transformation Fundraising Raffle**, which occurred December 13, 2011;
- We would also like to thank all parents who gave their child in grade 8 the opportunity to participate at **Camp Assiniboia**. The experience was highly enriching and students were completely engaged when practicing musical compositions;
- Thanks, Mme Nowastowski, for having made arrangements with an ensemble from the **WSO** to perform for our students in grades 5 & 6, reinforcing our music program and inspiring them for the years to come;
- Thank you, Mme Joffrin, who took the time to have a spokesperson talk to our grade 7 and 8 girls about body image and weight preoccupation, and to Mr. Spiers for teaching our students how to play at recess;
- We are fortunate to have support from parents who are taking the time to coach our teams. This is wonderful for school spirit;
- **Hands on Techno Trades** was a successful event for our students in grade 8.
- **Staffing :** congratulations to Mme Ivany who is expecting her very first child in May, 2012;
- Mme McMahon will working at 0.5 starting in January 2012;
- We are presently in the process of hiring a Creative Arts Educational Assistant as well as an Assistant Administrative Secretary.
- **Upcoming Events:** the staff will attend a presentation on different technology tools that can be used with students;
- There will be further restitution training at the staff meeting on Jan. 12.
- **Parent Volunteer Needed:** a parent volunteer is needed to organize the proceeds from the walk-a-thon and submit them to the division. **Action:** KR to put notice in the newsletter to this effect.

**c) Treasurer's Report (CL):**

- the full report is available from CL at [lepes@mymts.net](mailto:lepes@mymts.net).
- Motion to approve report, RD; 2<sup>nd</sup>, CH; carried.

**d) School Grounds Transformation (SK and CS):**

- Survey results are being compiled;
- Student drawings of their dream school grounds are being submitted to the landscape architect at the meeting January 17; the first drawings should be expected six to eight weeks after that;
- During that time committee members will be attending various presentations and information sessions;
- Next big fundraiser is Sobeys cards; kickoff will be at the assembly on January 23; forms will go out on that day and are due back February 2; the cards should come in shortly after that;

- The silent auction baskets raised \$1,710
- Next big phase will be grant writing.

**e) Lunch Program:**

- The grade 8s are back to eating in their homerooms and for the time being cannot eat in other homerooms;
- Why? (CH); because they weren't following the mutually agreed-to guidelines before the holiday break (RD);
- Reminder that this doesn't have to be permanent (KR);
- The program is still short-staffed and an ad is going in to the January newsletter.

**f) Milk Report (AB):**

- Nothing to report.

**3. New Business:**

a) Special guest: Constable Chris St. Cyr, School Resource Officer, Winnipeg Police Services

- Since the Fall of 2009 it has been his job to cultivate trust and be a visible presence in 17 schools in the eastern part of PTSD; he does risk and threat assessments, advises resource teachers, protects students from outside negative influences, to name just a few of aspects of his job;
- His salary is shared by Winnipeg Police Services, the Manitoba government and PTSD;
- His position is part of a three-year pilot program that is coming to a close but is being considered for another three-year renewal;
- Feedback from the program has been very good;
- He walks the hallways of his schools every day; this is his full-time position;
- He will be replaced by another officer at the end of his three-year posting;
- He doesn't get involved in school discipline; he only steps in when the matter under consideration could lead to criminal behaviour;
- Does he do class presentations? (CS); yes (CSt.C); if we suggest a topic (or topics) he will gladly do it;
- What's his opinion on Vincent Massey Collegiate re: safety, drugs, gangs, bullying? (CH); overall VMA is a safe school; drugs are at every school – you'd be naïve to think otherwise; no gang presence at all;
- Would he do a presentation for parents? (AB); yes; suggest a topic and he will do it; if anyone has a suggestion for a topic presentation to either students or parents, please contact CD at [caldueck@mts.net](mailto:caldueck@mts.net) or CS at [carolsteel@shaw.ca](mailto:carolsteel@shaw.ca).

**b) Milk Spirit Week (CD):**

- Will be January 23-27;
- Sheila Mitchell-Dueck is asking for \$100 from ACSL to pay for the necessary supplies;
- She met with class representatives and teachers and they've come up with ideas for every day that week.

**c) Grade 8 Cultural Trip:**

- When will it be? (SZ) don't yet know (KR).

**4. Old Business:**

- a) Teacher Appreciation (CS):

- It's been impossible to get someone to organize an entire week's worth of events;  
Action: CS/KR to ask Roxanne to re-send the request for a volunteer to all parents as a separate email rather than buried in the newsletter;
- Can someone donate time/food for this week's staff meeting? Action: SZ to bring something to staff room; will coordinate with CS;
- Sheila Mitchell-Dueck suggested tying it to Milk Spirit week and having a dairy-based treat in the staff room each day in lieu of a separate teacher appreciation week;
- Motion to give Sheila Mitchell-Dueck \$100 for teacher appreciation, to be presented during Milk Spirit Week, SZ; 2<sup>nd</sup>, PW; carried.
- b) Pizza Day:
  - Forms are ready to go out but the days will conflict with Booster Juice so the new day will be every second Thursday;
  - Thanks to Carol Steel and Jodi Carmichael for taking this on;
  - If anyone can volunteer on pizza days, please contact CS at [carolsteel@shaw.ca](mailto:carolsteel@shaw.ca) or Jodi Carmichael at [Jodi@thecarmichaels.ca](mailto:Jodi@thecarmichaels.ca). Action: CS to put a notice in the newsletter.
- c) Grade 8 grad:
  - What are the plans? (SH); none yet but will be discussed at a staff meeting next week (KR);

Meeting adjourned; next meeting February 13, 2012, 7 pm in the library.