

Minutes of the EVA ACSL, June 13, 2011

Attendees:

Julien Allard, Neil Arnason, Annette Bonneteau, Carla Brenan, Rachel Donner, Cal Dueck, Daniel Friesen, Leanne Hiebert, John Hill, Signy Kuch, Sharon Labossiere, Janet Lucas, Felicia Matikka, Gail McInstosh, Hua Mok, Kim Mok, Kim Pepler, Karine Rioux, Sandra Romani, Edith Samuels, Carol Steel, Jeff Thiessen, Kathleen Tomy, Peter Ward, Pam Warkentin

Regrets:

Cheryl Hague

1. Introductions

- a. Approval of agenda: motion to approve, KT; 2nd, SK; carried.
- b. Approval of May 2011 minutes: motion to approve, CB; 2nd, SR; carried

2. Regular reports

a. Good News Sharing:

- Grades 7/8/9 band concert was excellent, as was the 5/6 choir (KT);
- Construction not as disruptive to teaching as feared (KP);
- Students are able to get outside sooner at lunch hour with the nicer weather (RD);
- Science Day was a big hit again (SL).

b. Principal's Report:

- Just learned Mme Hellmer has accepted a full-time position at HGI; search for a new band teacher is underway. It is unlikely the new hire will be French-speaking (there is only one French-speaking band teacher in the division); the quality of musical instruction will be the priority.
- ACTION: after consulting with Mme Hellmer, JA will ensure she is recognized on Awards Day (June 29).
- The same band courses will be offered next year as this year (minus grade 9, obviously); JA pointed out that EVA offers more hours per week in band than other schools;
- Students don't know yet; no decision yet on how the news will be delivered;
- The band has been recorded playing "Oh! Canada"; this recording will be added to the repertoire of versions played in the morning;

- The new hire for resource, Chantal Proulx, also has applied for the position of VP at St. Avila and if she gets that, we will be looking for a new full-time resource person.
- c. Treasurer's Report:
- Detailed report available upon request;
 - It was noted that half the money raised by fundraising was a result of the efforts of Fred Nash; the other half came from Lunch Lady; thank you to Fred and to Gail McIntosh (who organized Lunch Lady);
 - The milk program should net about \$1,000 by the end of June, after beginning two years ago with a deficit;
 - Motion to approve the report by CS; 2nd by JL; carried.
- d. School Grounds Transformation Committee Report:
- Committee has a treasurer: Chris Lepa. Thank you, Chris!
 - Once Chris has opened a bank account for the committee, the money from the Sobeys fundraiser can be transferred into it;
 - Committee met with Wendy Simonson, a landscape architect for Toyota Evergreen who is a consultant to PTSD; committee is examining using her services to help with planning, fundraising and design and execution of the plan for the new school grounds;
 - Peak of the Market fundraiser: looks like a good fit for the committee – participants receive Manitoba vegetables and half the proceeds go to the fundraising body; motion that the ACSL approve holding this fundraiser twice between September and December 2011 with all the proceeds going to the SGTC: SK; 2nd, CS; carried.
 - Anyone with an interest in SGTC, please consider joining the committee – still in need of a president and a secretary, as well as members at large.
- e. Lunch Program Report:
- Eating in the classrooms and then going outside as soon as students are done is working well for everybody;
 - Can this structure be considered for next year (CS)? Possibly; it depends on staffing but RD will think about it and talk it over with the other supervisors;
 - 30 minutes in the multi-purpose rooms is too long (JA);
 - Discussion re: open vs. closed campus. How does the open campus affect the greater community? Do the students see it as an entitlement, or a privilege? Can students be allowed to leave with parental consent? Would it affect lunch staffing? Can there be parental input into the decision? (GM, JA, JL, Pam W, RD, ES, JT)

- It ultimately will be the new principal's decision (JA).
- f. Milk Program:
- Still needs someone to run it next year; the system is in place, the volunteer really just needs to be a trouble shooter (CS).
3. Old Business:
- Some outstanding committees that never got off the ground or reported to the ACSL from this year: School of Choice, Awards, Student Voice
4. New Business:
- a. Cash awards for Grade 9s:
- The purpose was to recognize academic excellence but wasn't seen as a fair distribution of ACSL's resources (i.e. the money only went to a few grade 9 students);
 - Committee was struck this year to examine the issue but never followed through;
 - This is an awkward year because there are two graduating/departing classes;
 - Discussion re: to give the awards this year or not? Should we move to more visible honour roll system? (CD, SL, Pam W, CS)
 - Motion that a committee be struck to review the awards structure and that the ACSL accept its recommendations, to be submitted no later than Friday, June 17: motion by Pam W; 2nd CS; carried.
 - Members of the committee: CS, JH, KT, SL

Motion to adjourn: CS; 2nd, SR.