

Minutes of the EVA ACSL Meeting – Monday, March 10, 2014

(Final – as approval at April 14 meeting)

Attendees: Neil Arnason, Mélanie Barnabé, Annette Bonneteau, Barb Cahoun, Mike Deneka, Marcia Fonseca, Shannon Tipping, Peter Ward.

Regrets: Tatiana Gericke, Chris Lepa, Vanessa Nowastowski, Robyn Olfert, Carol Steel,

1. Introductions

- a. Approval of Agenda – MB moved, MD seconded, carried
- b. Approval of minutes – amended to correct multiple spelling errors for names, MD moved, AB seconded – carried.

2. Good News Sharing – BC: Open House was a success, particularly the student speakers and the student guide. It was a fun night.]

3. Chair's report

- a. Attended SGTC Feb. 18 (further details below)
- b. Reported on pancake breakfast, held Friday February 21: it cost \$270 and required 17 volunteers, 2 buyers (thanks to Carol Steel and her Costco membership), and 5 griddles. The first volunteers arrived to set up and start making pancakes at 7:30 and cleanup was finished by 9:45. Thanks to all who helped (the volunteer forms were used to find the volunteers)
- c. Reported on Open House held March 6: PAC hosted a “greet and refreshment” table near the entrance, providing cookies, fruit, juice and coffee. Thanks to Mme Mercer and the grade 8s for making 8 large “chocolate chip pizza” cookies and to 3 parents (Kayli Garofolo, Karen Girard-Smith, and Sheree Hanysh) for making additional cookies. Thanks to Pete Ward and Wanda Knook for hosting. The cost was \$87.39

4. Principal's Report - a detailed Principal's report was handed out and reviewed (see Appendix).

On reviewing the report, the following points were raised and responded to by ST:

- a. Open Campus – currently working out rules, particularly whether students who may leave, must leave the school grounds. Will be starting discussions with grade 8 students before Spring Break.
- b. Environmental Grants are available for projects like composting.
- c. Question concerning ski trip,: will there be an adult chaperone in each room? ST: no.

5. Treasurer's report

The treasurer was not present but sent the current account sheets. After paying for the pancake breakfast and a first payment to the Art project (see the Feb. minutes), the balance in the PAC a/c is \$6440. The balance in the milk a/c is \$6720.

6. School Grounds Transformation

NA – There was no member of SGTC present but NA briefly reviewed what happened at the meeting on February 18.

* there was a report on the grants that have been received for phase 2 work and upcoming

grant opportunities.

* it was agreed to have someone (Sharon Simon) make a presentation on behalf of SGTC at the Open House

*fundraising efforts were reviewed: Sobey's cards (in progress); rainbarrel fundraiser, and Lacoste cards (in May).

*Budget discussion for Phase 3 (sports equipment, modifications/additions to play structure) and listing of items to be done this spring (basketball hoops, line painting, etc.)

*Discussed designs for area around play structure (Wendy Simonson, the PTSD landscape design consultant was in attendance).

7. Music Program

VN provided a written report (see appendix) which was reviewed at the meeting.

8. Lunch Programme

TG was unable to attend but sent the following written report:

*The month of February, my first full month as Lunch Coordinator, was a challenging one, with extreme temperatures that kept students indoors for most recesses. The use of technology during the lunch hour was a re-occurring issue of concern and several students in the Grade 7/8 area were asked to turn over their devices to the office until the end of the day for inappropriate use, such as taking photos and videos and other activities not allowed during the lunch hour. There were behavioral challenges and many reminders to students to clean-up after themselves and dispose of their waste (an on-going issue). I am hopeful that with the coming warmer weather, some of these challenges will subside.

*On a positive note, we hired a lunch supervisor in late February. She has been placed in Mme. Peppler's Grade 5 class, alleviating the need for Mme. Peppler and our other Grade 5 lunch monitor to jointly supervise that class. We recently received another resume, which Shannon and I will be reviewing this week. We are still in need of hiring a regular lunch supervisor for the Grade 7/8 area and another part-time supervisor for Mme Hill and Mme Girouard's Grade 6 classroom.

ST commented that TG is doing a great job and the discipline issues at lunch are not so bad.

9. Milk Program

AB – going well, nothing has changed.

Milk spirit week is coming up and AB will see about coordinating with Staff Appreciation event(s)

10. New Business.

NA passed around a description of a funding from WRHA called "Healthy Together Now". It provides grants of \$500-\$3000 to support physical activity, nutrition, mental wellness and smoking prevention initiatives in the River Heights/Fort Garry neighbourhoods.

Motion to adjourn: BC, carried.

Appended: Principal's PAC Report, March 2014
March Band Newsletter



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Principal's Report March 10, 2014

Open House: The format consisted of a formal presentation with students, parents and staff presenting in the gym, followed by our school ambassadors touring new families. Each student participating in the tour also completed a treasure hunt for a prize at the end of the evening. Thank you to all of the parents, staff and students that assisted with the École Viscount Alexander Open House on March 6. There was a great turn out and all of the cookies, treats, information and tours were greatly appreciated by our guests. Thank you so much!

Grade 8 Transition: Staff and students from Vincent Massey Collegiate met with students on February 13. Since the initial introduction and distribution of registration packages, staff returned several times to meet with each Grade 8 class and students to review the classes offered in Grade 9 and assist with registration. The registration packages have not been picked up from Vincent Massey for our Grade 8 students.

Winnipeg Technical College Open House: Selected students in Grade 8 visited Winnipeg Technical College Open House. Mme Marriott facilitated this event to allow students to experience and visit this facility. Grade 5 students will be participating and visiting Winnipeg Technical College during their in Hands on Techno trades in April.

École Bonnycastle Transition: Information was sent to École Viscount Alexander families outlining the PTSD Board decision about Bonnycastle students. Students in Grade 5 at Bonnycastle have the choice to attend École Viscount Alexander next year or to transition in Grade 6. Mme Tipping met with students that have decided to transition next year. Some families attended our open house last week as well.

Festival du Voyageur: The week of February 18, we had our Festival du Voyageur activities. These included a spirit week where students were encouraged to dress up like a voyageur. Mme Wierenga organized a cooking competition in classes with winners being announced on February 20. February 21, students in Grades 5-7 participated in activities on a rotational basis within their family groups. The Grade 7 students were the leaders of the group as the Grade 8s were either at band festival or in art activities. Although we had organized the games to take place outside, due to the cold weather we reorganized the events inside. Activities included folk dancing, tug-o-war, bannock, hockey, trivia, etc.

Pancake Breakfast: To kick-off the Festival du Voyageur day on February 21, several parents came to organize, make and serve pancakes to all the students and staff. Thank you to all of the parents that arrived bright and early to help with this event. Everyone really appreciated it and it was a special start to our day of Festival activities!

Mosaic Tile Workshop: Grade 7/8 art students worked with Dimitri on February 27 with an introduction to mosaic tiling. Students planned out projects and then used the tiling tools to create their own mosaic creations. This project will continue in March as the students start to create/plan on making the benches for the inside of the school. Thank you once again to the Parent Council for assisting with the financing of this project.

Pin Hole Photography: Grade 8 art students participated in a workshop with Mme Bégin. Students created pin hole cameras and then take pictures using the camera. This workshop coincided with the Grade 8 Optimist Band Festival.

Optimist Festival: Grade 8 band students, as well as the jazz ensembles, participated in the Optimist Festival in February. All bands had a great performance and were wonderful ambassadors for the school.

Brandon Jazz Festival: Jazz ensembles will be going to the Brandon Jazz Festival on March 20/21.

Conferences/ Reports: We had a great turn out for our conferences on February 11 and 13. Some teachers continued to have conferences after the scheduled times to accommodate additional families. Teachers incorporated portfolios, e-portfolios into their conferences so parents could review students learning prior to the conferences. Report card writing day will be on March 14 with the reports being available this time on-line on March 27.

Provincial Test Results: Grades 7 and 8 students received a report outlining their achievement based on provincial standards on February 28. These reports are to identify where students are currently in relation to the provincial learning outcomes based on the specific subject area.

Winnipeg Humane Society: Mme Huot and her Grade 8 class organized a carnival on February 28 with proceeds going to the Winnipeg Humane Society. Students organized various activities around the gym and a bake sale. They were able to raise over \$800 for the Winnipeg Humane Society. Footage and interviews that were taken during this event will be televised on March 16 during the Humane Society telethon.

Yoga: Mme Girouard applied for a Healthy Schools Grant. We were fortunate to receive \$800 from this grant. With the grant we have invited Mrs. Michelle Dueck to work with our Grade 6 students to introduce them to yoga. She will be meeting with classes on Wednesdays for a period of 8 weeks. A letter will be going home to families prior to starting this initiative.

Ski trip: There are over 100 students that have registered for the ski trip on March 12 and 13. Students have been meeting with staff once per week, on Thursdays, to review safety procedures, organize rooms, etc. The last meeting had students create a social contract outlining responsibilities and expectations. This information has also been sent home to share with parents. For those not attending the ski trip there is an alternate schedule organized for students including art, gym, and cooking activities. Mme Hillman and Mme Joffrin will be working with the Grade 7/8 students remaining at the school.

Professional Learning Communities: Staff have been working in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to address our school plan goals this year. We have PLCs in the area of Literacy, Numeracy, French and Technology.

Grade 6 Basketball: Friendship tournament will be held in March 11 and 12 at Chancellor School.

Student Council Initiatives: Thank you to the École Viscount Alexander community that supported the Free the Children initiatives. The “Brick by Brick” Campaign raised \$340 to build a school in Africa and the “We are Love” Campaign raised \$337.60. The funds were raised through the Student Council organizing a bake sale, dance, canteen and selling buttons for these initiatives. A student in Grade 6, Claire, also sold hot chocolate during the last Student Council bake sale to raise funds for Cancer care. She was able to raise over \$200. Bravo à tous!

Pizza Day: Pizza days this month will be on Thursday, March 13 and Thursday, March 27.

Constable Minkus visit: Mme Minkus was unable to present to our Grade 8 students in February about social media. We are going to be rescheduling this in the near future.

Divisional Debates: Grade 8 students will be participating in divisional debates on March 20. Grade 7 students will be observing the debates in order for them to prepare and have a better understanding of this next year.

Spelling Bee: March 28 we will be having a Spelling Bee which will be held in the afternoon. This is an initiative that Mme Girouard, Literacy Coach, has organized. Winner of the spelling bee gets to be the Principal for the day when we return from holidays.

No School: There will be no classes on March 14 as this is a report card writing day for teachers. Our Spring Break will also take place from March 31 – April 4. We return back to school on April 7.

I would like to wish everyone a great break and I look forward to working with you again in April!



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March Band Newsletter

March 10th, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Optimist Concert Band Festival

Congratulations to all grade 8 students who performed in the Optimist Band Festival. The students played two selections and worked with adjudicator, Gerry King from Victoria, B.C. Our ensemble received a four-star rating and was invited to compete at the national level in Richmond, B.C. in May.

Optimist Jazz Festival

Congratulations to the Morning and Atelier Jazz bands who participated in the Optimist Jazz Festival on February 27. Both bands performed three selections each and had the opportunity to work with jazz specialists following their performances. Atelier Jazz was awarded three out of five stars and Morning Jazz was awarded four out of five stars.

EVA Open House

Thank you to Morning Jazz and the grade 7 students who performed at the EVA Open House on March 6. The students were able to provide a glimpse of what our band program is all about and encourage the new families to consider joining band next year.

Brandon Jazz Festival-Morning Jazz and Atelier Jazz Only

Morning and Atelier Jazz will be performing at the Brandon Jazz Festival. Both bands will perform three tunes each and work in an hour-long clinic with professional jazz musicians. We will also attend a concert performed by the Brandon University Jazz Orchestra and the internationally acclaimed vocal jazz group, Rajaton. An itinerary and supply list has been sent out.

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Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band Audition Results

Congratulations to Jenna Mitchell-Dueck, Nadia Gill, Meagan Powell, Jack Zonneveld, Noah Bailis, Nelson Hiebert, Emily Hunt, Micah Kroeker, Nolan Ward, and Adam Steel who successfully auditioned for the Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band. These students will rehearse with a guest conductor in May and perform in two concerts, one of which will be at the Concert Hall with the WSO. Bravo!

Manitoba Provincial Honour Jazz Audition

All band students are invited to audition for the Provincial Honour Jazz. The audition is due on April 15. Audition information is available at <http://winnipegjazzorchestra.com/education/phjb/>.

Bowl with the Band!

All students and their families are invited to come out and Bowl with the Band! Lanes have been booked at Dakota Lanes on Saturday, April 12 from 1 pm-3 pm. For the low price of \$10 per person, you will receive two hours of unlimited bowling, pizza, pop, and shoe rental. Tickets can only be pre-ordered and will be due on Friday, March 28th. A letter and ticket order information will be sent out Monday, March 17. We are looking at having a couple of door prizes. Donations for baskets may be brought to school and given to Mme Nowostawski any time.

Performance at the Legislative Building-Atelier Jazz Only

Congratulations to Atelier Jazz who have been selected to perform at the Legislative Building on Wednesday, April 30. More details to follow.

Level One Band Festival-Grade 7 Band

The grade 7 band will participate in the Level One Band Festival on Friday, May 2 at 11:40 am. The students will perform three selections and work with two clinicians on their music as well as on fundamental playing skills.

Upcoming Concerts of Interest

March 14-16: Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Mendelssohn and Mahler: Great Brass and Percussion

March 16: Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra Three Generations: Features three piano players

Questions? Concerns?

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions or concerns that you might have. You may reach me by email vnowostawski@pembinatrails.ca or by phone 452-8945 ext 5743.

ÉVA Band Events Calendar

2013-2014

March 20-21	Brandon Jazz Festival
April 12 1 pm-3 pm	Bowl with the Band!
April 30	Atelier Jazz performs at the Legislative Building
May 2 11:40 am	Level One Festival-Grade 7
May 8-10; 13	Junior Provincial Honour Band
May 21	Final Band Concert
June TBA	Jazz Cabaret
June TBA	Jazz Band Community Tour