

**École Viscount Alexander**  
**Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL) Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, March 9, 2015 7:00 pm – ÉVA Library**

[as approved at April 13 ACSL meeting]

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>					
<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Regrets</b>
Arnason, Neil	X		Nowostawski, Vanessa		X
Barnabé, Mélanie		X	Proulx, Chantal	X	
Bonneteau, Annette	X		Tipping, Shannon	X	
Brenan, Carla		X	Torz, Shelley	X	
Cahoon, Barb		X	Ward, Peter	X	X
Fonseca, Marcia	X		Weslak, Tanya	X	
Lepa, Chris	X		Widla, Kris		X
<b>Special Guests</b>					
Jarvie, Ashley			EVA teacher, grade 6		

<b>AGENDA &amp; MINUTES</b>
<p><b>1. Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Neil Arnason called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Approval of Agenda           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Motion to approve agenda–PW moved to approve the agenda, TW seconded, all in favour – yes, approved</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2015           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>Motion to approve – ST moved, CL seconded– yes, approved</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Special Presentation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Mathletics</b> (Ashley Jarvie, grade6 teacher and math. team ,member)       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>AJ gave a demonstration and explanation of the Mathletics. Started with what AJ sees and how she assigns work:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>activity groups allow for different activities</i></li> <li>• <i>assignments (finish these before games permitted)</i></li> <li>• <i>accomplishment grid shows achievement by student/activity</i></li> <li>• <i>student activity reports</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. <i>AJ then walked through student interface</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>student challenge (vs school, country, world)</i></li> <li>• <i>examples and demos, at varying degrees of difficulty</i></li> <li>• <i>wide range of activities</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. <i>.There is iPad access. All grades have Mathletics and can, to some extent, access it at home. Mathletics allows for individualized and challenging math work. Goes to high school level math. Some, but not all, is in French.</i></li> <li>iv. <i>Cost was \$3,360 for 280 students. EVA has license until November, 2015. Will decide then whether to renew.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Regular Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Good News Sharing</li> </ul>

i. *Ski Trip was fun – few injuries and the most serious was a bruise.*

b. Chair's Report

- i. **Pancake day** was to be on Friday Feb. 20 but could not get enough volunteers to run as a school-wide breakfast. May need to rethink this... the teachers ran a pancake station at noon and this can be done with two or three people to prepare and students to help cook and serve. Might be better to offer to do it this way next year.
- ii. **Open house** – was held on Wednesday February 25. Parent council again provided refreshments and a welcoming table near the office. Thanks to Mme Mercer and VN there were oodles of cookies. We also served punch and fruit...cost was \$184.49. Thanks to Wanda Knook for help setting up, to TW for hosting, and to Pete and Nolan Ward for hosting and cleanup
- iii. **Milk Chair**- email appeal for a volunteer to chair will be sent out this week..

c. Principals' Report

- i. A detailed Principal's report was handed out and reviewed by Shannon Tipping (see Appendix A attached at the end of these minutes)
  - good turnout at Open house; thanks to chair of parent council for remarks in support of Fr. Immersion schooling and explanation of parent council activities. Students did a great job as tour guides and musical entertainers.
  - grade 8 transition is coming up

d. Treasurer's Report

i. **Account Balances:**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Treasurer Balance</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<i>PAC sub-account</i>	\$9,389.68		
<i>Milk sub-account</i>	\$9,154.73		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,544.41</b>	<b>\$20,133.05</b>	<b>(\$1,500.64)</b>

- difference is due to recently issued cheques not yet cashed

e. School Ground Transformation (SGT Committee)

i. **SGTC Account Balances:**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Treasurer Balance</b>
<i>SGTC</i>	\$382.37
<i>PSTD (In Trust)</i>	\$2,935.00-
<i>Grant(s) (In Trust)</i>	\$12,080.54
<i>Grant(s) (Pending)</i>	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,397.91</b>

- CL reported there is a lot of money coming in (\$18K along with \$9k from City of Winnipeg). Most, but not quite all, of last year's work has been paid off. Committee just needs to pay off contribution to the drainage pit. Future expenditures will likely start with benches and soccer goals

f. Band Report

- i. A detailed March Band Newsletter was distributed for review (see Appendix B attached at the end of these minutes)

g. Lunch Program

- i. Open campus discussions and guided excursions are starting with Grade 8 students either just before or just after Spring break.*
  - h. Pizza Program
    - i. The Pizza Program is going well*
  - i. Milk Program
    - i. AB reported the Milk Program is going well. Major issue is finding a new co-ordinator for the milk program.*
    - ii. AB asked about when staff appreciation would be. Early May is suggested but will be confirmed by ST. NA reported that Sheila Mitchell-Dueck had canvassed the volunteers from last year and asked if one of them would take it on. Lynn Avison had agreed and NA touched base with her in the fall and she was still agreeable, but wanted help with getting volunteers. NA will help her with this.*

**4. New Business**

- i. none.*

**5. Meeting Adjournment**

*Shelley Torz moved to adjourn the ÉVA ACSL March 9, 2015 monthly meeting, Chris Lepa seconded, all in favour – yes, meeting adjourned*

**APPENDIX**

**A. Principal's PAC Report for February, 2015**

<http://parentcouncileva.weebly.com/parent-council.html>

**B. February Band Newsletter**

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## Principal's Report March 9, 2015

**Open House:** Thank you to all the parents that were involved in making our Open House such a great success. Thank you to Neil for speaking at the formal portion in the gymnasium, as well as all of the parents that attended the table and baked for the occasion. The Open House started with our jazz ensemble playing as families entered the gym, a formal presentation about our school was shared by 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. We had a wonderful turnout, several new families attending and many positive comments. 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 in February. 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. Our students also attended a tour of Vincent Massey on February 24 with other Grade 9 students that will be transiting next year from other schools. An evening Open House was also organized for parents in the evening.

**Festival du Voyageur:** The week of February 17, we had our Festival du Voyageur activities. These included a spirit week where students were encouraged to dress up like a voyageur. A cooking competition was organized with winners announced on February 20. To kick-off our Festival afternoon of activities on February 20, the school provided students with a typical French Festival meal with tourtière, beans, sugar tart. Our Festival activities consisted of Festigre activities in the gym where students were working in their family groups for part of the afternoon and then rotating through various activities including broomball, tug-o-war, pancake/hot chocolate station and a sled pulling competition. He Ho! Thank you to our Festival organization committee for all of their hard work.

**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. Our band received 5 out of 5 stars for their performance and was awarded a trophy!

**Grade Art Trip:** During the Grade 8 Optimist Festival, an art excursion was organized for the Grade 8 Art students at the same time. They went to Crock-a-Doodle to enhance painting/glazing techniques as well as create a magnet using glass fusing.

**Grade 6 Exploratory Band:** Grade 6 students have started their exploratory band program where they are starting to be introduced to various instruments.

**Freeze Frame:** In Mr. Slashinsky's Grade 7 English class, students submitted videos they created to Wee Reels through Freeze Frame competition. Two of our students' films were finalists in the award ceremony last week. From the two videos that were submitted, our students received the award of Best Drama for "Everyone Else", Best Male Actor and Special Jury Award for the film "Selfies"

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

**Ski trip:** There were approximately 100 students that attended the ski trip on March 5 and 6 met 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. For those that did not attend the ski trip there were alternate activities scheduled such as: Science Art and clay workshops with bilingual artist Mr. G. Campbell, cooking activities such as crepe making and making breakfast with Mme Mercer, a pool party as well as Music and Physical Education classes.

**Japan Student Exchange:** We have been approached by General Byng School, who has participated in a student exchange with Japan for several years, to see if our students would be interested in participating. This was presented to the Grade 7 students as the exchange will be March 2016. There is an application process including interviews, references and an essay. We are hoping that this will continue to be an on-going activity between the two schools.

**Reports:** There will be no school on March 13 as teachers will be starting to write their report cards. Our report cards will be going home prior to the Spring Break. If at anytime you have questions regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Our conferences are scheduled for April 21 and 23.

**Brandon Jazz Festival:** Jazz ensembles will be going to the Brandon Jazz Festival on March 19-20.

**Human Rights Tile Project:** Students have started to create a sketch draft of their tile in their family groups. They will be completing the draft this week and our half-day tile creation day will be on March 26 in the afternoon. We are looking for magazines for students that would like to incorporate collage in their tile design. If parents have magazines that they would like to donate to the school for this project, please send them to the office.

**Basketball:** The Basketball Season is coming to a close. Upcoming activities are as follows:

- Grade 6 Basketball Friendship tournament will be held in March 10 and 11
- Fox teams final games were this evening afterschool
- Nash
- Triano Boys' team is in finals starting this week

**Parent Information Evening:** Ecole Crane, in conjunction with Ecole Viscount Alexander, has organized a free parent evening session on A Relationship-Based Parenting Program entitled Circle of Security on April 7 from 7-8 pm facilitated by Joyce Milligan, of Compass Rose Counselling.

**Pizza Day:** Pizza days this month will be on Thursday, March 12 and Thursday, March 26.

**Booster Juice:** March 19 will be our Booster Juice lunch day.

**No School:** There will be no classes on March 13 as this is a report card writing day for teachers. Our Spring Break will also take place from March 30– April 3. We return back to school on April 6.

**Twitter:** @ecoleVA is our School Twitter account that we have started to post activities within the school, as well as celebrations of our students.

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

**UPCOMING DATES:**

March 12 Pizza Day  
March 13 Admin Day – Report Card Writing  
March 19 Booster Juice Lunch  
March 19-20 Brandon Jazz Festival  
March 26 Pizza Day  
April 7 Circles of Security Presentation at École Crane  
April 8 Day of Pink – Wear Your Pink T-Shirts  
Marie Geelen – working with students  
April 13 ACSL  
April 15 Level One Grade 7 Band Festival – Art Students to Crock-a-Doodle  
April 16-17 Eyes on Technology Grade 5 students  
April 21 and 23 Tri-Conferences



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## March Band Newsletter March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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, Peter Haberman from Minnesota. Our ensemble received a five-star rating and a trophy, and was invited to compete at the national level in Toronto in May.

### **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 students to consider joining band next year.

### **Band-a-Thon-Final Amount Fundraised**

The final paperwork has been submitted and the final amount fundraised this year is \$2, 786.00! Thank you so much for your generous support of our students. Students will have the opportunity to apply for scholarships to attend summer band camp in the spring. The funds will also be used toward covering costs of visiting clinicians.

### **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 Grammy Award recipient and jazz vocalist, Diane Schuur. An itinerary and supply list has been sent out.

### **Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band Auditions**

Best wishes to all of the students who are auditioning for the Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band. If selected, the students will rehearse for three intensive days with a guest conductor and perform a concert. Audition results will be posted on Monday, March 16.

### **University of Manitoba Music Education Students Visit-Wednesday, March 26**

As part of the teacher education preparation, on Thursday, May 26, two music education students will be working with our grade 8 band students. They will work on two pieces with the ensemble. The rehearsal will be video recorded but only the U of M students will be actually recorded. The students won't be in the frame and the recording will not be posted online. If you would rather your child not be a part of this experience please let me know by March 24.

### **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 25 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, April 17<sup>th</sup>. A letter and ticket order information will be sent out Monday, March 16.



### **Level One Band Festival-Grade 7 Band**

The grade 7 band will participate in the Level One Band Festival on Wednesday, April 15 at 10:20 am. The students will perform three selections and work with two clinicians on their music as well as on fundamental playing skills.

### **MBA Summer Band Camp Opportunities**

Starting to make plans for your summer vacation? Please consider sending your child to a summer band camp hosted by the Manitoba Band Association. Participants receive one-on-one instruction with a specialist on their instrument, full band rehearsal, jazz experience, recreational activities, and perform a concert for one week in August. As someone who has participated as both a camper and an instructor, I can speak firsthand at how great this camp is. One of the camps is at Vincent Massey and therefore in our area. Funds raised by the Band-A-Thon are used to present scholarships to students at the final band concert to assist cover the costs. For more information, please contact Mme. Nowostawski or check out the MBA website at [www.mbband.org](http://www.mbband.org).

### **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 [ynowostawski@pembinatrails.ca](mailto:ynowostawski@pembinatrails.ca) or by phone 452-8945 ext. 5743.

## **ÉVA Band Events Calendar 2014-2015**

March 9	Provincial Honour Band Audition CD Due
March 19-20	Brandon Jazz Festival
March 26	U of M students work with Grade 8 Band
April 13-17	Level One Festival-Grade 7-Date and Time TBA
April 25	Bowl with the Band!
April 30-May 2	Junior Provincial Honour Band
May 15	Band Camp Scholarship Applications
<b>May 28</b>	<b>Spring Band Concert-New Date</b>
June 11	Jazz Cabaret
June 18	Jazz Band Community Tour-Atelier and Morning Jazz