

École Viscount Alexander
Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL) Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2015 7:00 pm – ÉVA Library

[as approved June 15, 2015]

ATTENDANCE					
Member	Present	Regrets	Member	Present	Regrets
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
Fonseca, Marcia	X		Weslak, Tanya	X	
Lepa, Chris	X		Widla, Kris	X	
Lucas, Brad		X			
Lucas, Janet		X			
Special Guests					
Elaine Egan, Assistant Superintendent of Pembina Trails School Division					

AGENDA & MINUTES
<p>1. Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Neil Arnason called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm</i> ○ <i>Round table introductions of attendees including an introduction of our special guest, Elaine Egan, Assistant Superintendent of Pembina Trails School Division</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Neil Arnason proposed agenda changes to accommodate people who need to leave earlier tonight, proposal was accepted</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motion to approve agenda as changed – Melanie Barnabé moved to approve the agenda as changed, Chris Lepa seconded, all in favour – yes, approved</i> b. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Motion to approve – Barb Cahoon moved to approve the minutes from April 13, 2015, Kris Widla seconded, all in favour – yes, approved</i>
<p>2. Special Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Planning Ahead – Student redistribution in light of Bonnycastle overcrowding and the new South Pointe K-8 dual-track school scheduled for Fall 2016 (Elaine Egan, PTSD Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Policy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>Fill in some gaps on what we may have questions on regarding the opening of the South Pointe School</i> ii. <i>With all the growth that we have had in south Winnipeg, some schools are at over capacity and some are not, steady interest in French immersion, continued crowding at Bonnycastle, new school is finally coming on board, K-8 dual track, first school to built in the division in 20 years</i> iii. <i>What does that mean for EVA, some of the students who have been attending here may be designated to attend South Pointe based on the new catchment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The seat sale bus (bus 19) may be impacted and at some point will not run to EVA</i> • <i>There won't be any grandfathering, grade 7 & 8's would be given the school of choice option however may not have the offer of busing (whether the seat sale bus</i>

will be in the mix)

- *Principal has been chosen – Principal is not bilingual, Vice Principal will be bilingual*
- *Bonnycastle will stay dual track after South Point opens – Waverley heights and Bridgewater Forest will continue to go to Bonnycastle*
- *Will support staff need to be bilingual? Yes there will be a requirement to the best of the ability of hiring to have bilingual staff*
- *Are millieu schools a thing of the past – will any new millieu schools be built? Not having a milieu-only setting is a real loss, current trend for dual track fits the needs better, more fluidity*
- *Any projections of what the population of EVA will look at? Not any that Elaine will rely on, what will families choose who have the school of choice options*
- *Elaine showed map of new catchments areas: these can be seen at www.pembinatrails.ca/Features/2014/May/Waverley%20West/wwestshare.html*

3. Matters Arising

a. Staff Appreciation

- i. Neil Invited Lynn Avison to come however she wasn't able to attend. It was very successful and run with Milk Spirit week.*
- ii. Theme was "Food for your Thoughts"*
- iii. Had about 22 volunteers who either help to set up or clean up or brought in dishes. Lyn filled in by buying dishes or making them herself*
- iv. All went pretty well – Chantal mentioned it was a feast every day, food was delicious every day and plenty, had take away containers,*
- v. Lynn may have gone over budget, likely by less than \$100 – if over budget, there will be an email vote to cover the over-budget*

b. Manitoba Association of Parent Council AGM

- i. Kris attended the MB Association of Parent Council (MAPC) AGM held on May 1 & 2nd*
- ii. Was very a good meeting: lots was accomplished, presentation of all the board members and special guests new minister of Education James Allum.....keynote speaker was Mark Birch...excellent presentation on mindfulness (Friday evening)*
 - *Next morning was the AGM*
 - *Q&A with the minister James Allum – prewritten questions that he addressed, new schools, mental health for children*
 - *There were workshops to attend, cyber safety and mental well being, teach your kids about money*
 - *Lots of advertising for parent council committees*

4. Regular Reports

a. Good News Sharing

- i. Barb & Tanya- Kudos to the teachers and Vanessa for Bowl with the Band, it was a lot of fun, had a great time, kids had a great time, adults had a great time*
- ii. Chris - Planted 8 more trees*
- iii. Neil chaperoned Pembina Trails Voices tour to Regina, 5 kids from this school, wonderfully behaved kids, wonderful performances*

b. Chair's Report

- i. New milk chair – Samantha Conlin, can do for one year only. Annette, Samantha and Neil have had one meeting*

- ii. Neil does receive occasional magazines and periodicals for CPF (Canadian Parents for French) and its Manitoba chapter. There are several local programs (music, exchanges) we have not taken advantage of, but we do have students in the Art Oratoire contest.
- iii. Results of Manitoba Celebration of Excellence (outstanding teacher award) are in; the winner in the middle-school category came from Tuxedo dual track school

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)
 - Thank you for the staff appreciation week
 - Thank to Annette for the milk spirit week
 - Outdoor classrooms were used as an example from our school division
 - Fun Mountain busing costs are \$1,359.75
 - Motion to approve funding for busing, Kris Widla proposes \$1,000.00 for the bus and up to \$200.00 to pay for entry fees for children who cannot afford, Melanie seconds

d. Treasurer's Report

i. Account Balances:

Account	Treasurer Balance	Bank Balance	Difference
PAC sub-account	\$7,636.51		
Milk sub-account	\$6,256.01		
Total	\$13,892.52	\$15,751.11	(\$1,858.59)

- Difference is due to two cheques not yet cashed
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e. School Ground Transformation (SGT Committee)

i. SGTC Account Balances:

Account	Treasurer Balance
SGTC	\$931.22
PSTD (In Trust)	\$2,935.00
Grant(s) (In Trust)	\$11,526.66
Grant(s) (Pending)	-
Total	\$15,392.88

- Still some remaining work to be completed. Some outstanding money in the community places grant that was allocated to tree planting
- Running into roadblocks with soccer goal posts, permanent versus semi permanent, versus portable (safety concerns with the portable), would be nice to get one set of goal posts by fall
- Didn't have the celebration in May, weren't quite ready...plan to get the benches put in during the summer and do the celebration later
- 8 trees left to plant...remaining grant money can be tapped in to once we plant the remaining trees
- Consider having PAC contribute to funding the soccer goal posts

f. Band Report

- i. *A detailed May Band Newsletter was distributed for review (see Appendix B attached at the end of these minutes)*
- *Grade 7's participated in Level 1 Festival*
 - *Bowl with the Band – over 70 participants*
 - *Students who participated in provincial honour band*
 - *Music Monday*
 - *Upcoming – money raised from band a thon in January is to be used for scholarships – the application forms to apply are due this Friday*
 - *Spring Concert*
 - *Jazz band auditions for upcoming year*

g. Lunch Program

- i. *Everything seems to be going well. Anita has been dealing with some family medical issues and has been here as much as she can. Anita has talked about staffing for next year.*

h. Pizza Program

- i. *Nothing new to report on the Pizza Program; 3 more pizza days until the end of the year*

i. Milk Program

- i. *Milk Spirit week went very well, kids enjoyed it, Monday gave away free milk, Tuesday and Thursday was scratch and win tickets, Friday was some prizes and Seargent Sundae (ice cream on a stick treats) for all students.*

5. New Business

a. TBA

- i. *Motion to move the June meeting, to June 15th from June 8, Neil moves, Chris seconds: agreed.*
- ii. *Shannon - The oil/fuel levels have reached what they are supposed to be at, the contraption will be removed in the near future*
- iii. *Neil was supposed to produce a form for staff proposals, Kris asked that the school provides amounts for technology proposals*

6. Meeting Adjournment

Kris Widla moved to adjourn the ÉVA ACSL May 11, 2015 monthly meeting, Chris Lepa seconded, all in favour – yes, meeting adjourned

APPENDIX

A. Principal's PAC Report for May, 2015

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

B. May Band Newsletter



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Principal's Report May 11, 2015

Community Involvement:

Green Action Center Report: Mme Proulx and I met with the two engineers from the University of Manitoba on Friday to review community feedback from our last meeting, as well as review our student survey information. We will be completing an additional student survey within the next couple of weeks. They are hoping to complete their community report with the various suggestions that they will present to the City of Winnipeg by no later than June 15. They are willing to present and share their findings to our parent community on June 15, if possible.

Earth Day Community Clean-Up: Earth Day the school community participated in a community clean-up. Grades 5/6 students cleaned up the school yard and areas close to the school grounds. The Grade 7/8 classes went into the community to clean it.

Thank you to our parents: Thank you to all the parents that participated in staff appreciation week, and Mrs. Avison that coordinated the event. The meals, salads, desserts, etc. were all very much appreciated by our staff. Thank you to everyone!

Milk Spirit Week: Thank you to Mrs. Bonneteau that organized the Milk Spirit Week for the students this past week. The students had a great time with the scratch and win tickets and prizes, they enjoyed their free milk and their ice cream treats on Friday!

Tri-Conferences: It was so nice to see many parents out on April 21 and 23 to celebrate their child's learning. If you have any feedback on the format, please contact Mme Tipping or Mme Proulx. Our formal report cards will be written on June 12 and sent home at the end of the June.

Bowl with the Band: On April 25 we had a wonderful band community celebration with many parents participating in the bowl in the band activity. Thank you to all the families that participated and to Mme Nowostawski who organized this wonderful community event.

Next Year Planning:

Visits from Schools – May 8: Approximately 50 students from École Crane and École Bonnycastle visited the school the afternoon of May 8. Students were toured around the school with the assistance of our student ambassadors in Grade 8. École Crane and École Bonnycastle students visited the Grade 5 classrooms and had an opportunity to ask questions of current Grade 5 students before going outside and enjoying our playground. Approximately 22 students from Ecole St. Avila will be visiting the school on May 15 to assist with their transition. They will be touring the school and visiting the various Grade 8 workshops prior to participating in a band presentation.

School Transition: Our Support Services Team has been meeting with École Crane, École Bonnycastle, École St. Avila and Vincent Massey Collegiate to start the transition process of gathering information for new students next year, as well as participating in discussion of class placements.

Class Formation: We will be starting the process of creating the class lists in the near future. Some parents have sent in requests outlining the best classroom environment for their child next year. This information will be considered when organizing classes but are not a guarantee due to other factors that need to be taken into consideration.

Grade 8 Farewell: Teachers have met with students to determine their farewell activity and a survey based on these ideas were sent home to parents. Additional information will be sent home in the near future once the information has been confirmed.

Safety Procedures/Presentations: We've had lockdown, tornado and fire drill practices since April.

École Viscount Alexander Celebrations:

Concours d'art oratoire: Congratulations to all our Grade 6 and 7 students that participated in the Concours d'art oratoire. Several students went to represent our school in the divisional competition. Congratulations to Milan L. who won the divisional category for Grade 7/8 Early French Immersion and continued to the provincial competition on May 2 with his speech on "Racism".

Manitoba Jazz Honour Band: École Viscount Alexander performed on May 2. Bravo à tous nos jeunes!

Festival du Théâtre Jeunesse: Grades 7/8 students wrote and directed their own play under the supervision of Mme Leclercq and Mr. Slashinsky. The students presented their play on May 4-5 and will be performing the play for the school later this month tentatively scheduled for May 14 8:45 am. Bravo à tous!

Sight Unseen – Polo Park Art Show: Several of our students had art pieces highlighted in the Polo Park Art Show. There was art from students across the division. Thank you to Mme Dombek for assisting with organizing this event.

Enrichment Opportunities:

EdCamp/Coding: A team of eight students went to an EdCamp that focused on computer coding at MITT (Manitoba Institute for Trades and Technology) on May 1. This initiative was organized through divisional personnel, as well as HGI staff and students. Students learned more about coding abilities. A group of students has expressed an interest in starting a coding club at school.

Girls in Technology: A technological workshop on May 5 at the Red River College focused on having girls become more involved and interested in the area of technology. Eight Grade 8 girls attended the workshop which involved presentations on the program opportunities at Red River College in the area of IT, as well as testimonials from graduates. There were also hands-on opportunities on coding and network security. Some Red River College staff complimented our students on their advanced abilities.

Math Gauss Competition: Mme Wieringa has organized the Math Gauss Competition for May 13. This year we sent out an email asking for those students that would be interested. We have over 50 students in Grade 6-8 that will be participating. The school funds have paid for students that are participating.

Storytelling at the U of M: Grade 8 students attended a workshop at the University of Manitoba last week. Students participated in a variety of oral storytelling workshops. International presenters facilitated workshops focusing on the importance of storytelling traditions

Grade 6 – Attended two workshops: storytelling and the other was an interactive workshop on the "Chasse au Bison" at Fort Gibraltar.

Grade 5 – Mme Lafleche and Mme Pepler are working with the Grade 5 students to organize a presentation on June 4 entitled "The Great Canadian History Race".

Farewell/Award Cermony: In the past the Advisory Council for School Leadership has also presented awards. Will the criteria be similar this year? Is there a representative that could meet with me to review the criteria so that we could include this with information we could share with students? This will be held on June 29.

Professional Development Day: Our PD day held on April 24 we had a representative from the Manitoba Mood Disorders Association, Ms. Tina Holland, who worked with our staff around the subject of mental health. We discussed how we could promote mental health in our school. Afterwards, teachers focused on the area of Literacy.

Divisional Human Rights Project: We completed our school tiles that visually represent various human rights articles in April. Our culminating activity will be all students in the division meeting either May 20 or 21 for part of a day to lay their tile at Investors Group Field in order to visually create the International Human Rights Symbol. Our students will be involved with the first phase of this project on May 20 in the morning. We will be leaving the school around 9:00 am and returning at approximately noon. All students and staff will be participating so we ask that everyone returns their permission slip to school as soon as possible in order to facilitate our planning. There will be a public gallery opening on Thursday, May 21. The public will be available to visit the work that the Pembina Trails community completed at this time.

Art Mural: We have recently applied for an Arts Smarts Grant for next year. The plan would include the creation of a mural on the outside wall of the art room with our Grade 5/6 students next year. There is currently a mural there; however, we do not know the background for the mural and were wondering if the parents have any thoughts/concerns about removing the mural that is currently there?

Volunteer Tea: As a staff, we want to take the opportunity to thank all of our community members that have worked with staff to enhance our school programming through assisting with activities, field trips, fundraising initiatives, etc. Invitations will be going out soon for our school volunteer tea to be held on May 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm.

Babysitting Course: During our PD day on June 12, students will be invited to attend a babysitting certification course at the school. The facilitator will be from South Winnipeg Family Information Center. Information has been sent out to families. The maximum number of participants will be 2 groups of 30 students with 2 facilitators. This will be held from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Life Days: Information was sent home outlining various activities for students in June. This will be at the same time as the Quebec Grade 7 trip to Quebec. The staff has worked diligently to organize these activities and also coordinate students in various activities. We are encouraging all students to attend these days.

Fun Mountain – Our day for Fun Mountain will be on Friday, June 26. Information will be sent home with students in June. The total cost for bussing is \$1,359.75 (pick up 9:30 a.m. and leave at 1:30 pm).

Track Meet: Mr. Spiers and Mr. Adam have been working with students in the area of track and field events in their physical education classes. Students will have an opportunity to practice these events at our school track day on May 25. As part of the track and field day, Mr. Adam is organizing a BBQ lunch for those that would like to participate. A letter will be going home and for \$2.50 students will receive a hotdog/juice and a bag of chips. Those that are finalists from class standings will also participate in the divisional track meet. The divisional track meets will be on May 26 for Grades 5 and 6, as well as May 28 for the Grade 7 and 8.

Running Club/Manitoba Marathon: Mme Marriott, Mme Wieringa, Mme Boock, Mme Leclercq and Mme Thrift, Mr. Monin continue to work with students afterschool running in the school running club, as well as preparing for the Manitoba Marathon. They meet Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Badminton: Thank you to staff, Mr. Spiers, Mme Leclercq, parents and staff, that assisted with coaching and organizing practices for the badminton teams this year. Your volunteer time is very much appreciated. Merci!

Pizza Day: Pizza days this month will be on May 14 and May 28.

Upcoming Dates:

- May 13 Manitoba Museum – Grade 5 classes
- May 13 Math Gauss Competition
- May 14 Pizza Day
- May 20/21 Office computers being updated
- May 20 Divisional Human Rights Project – Investors Group Field 9:00 – 12:00
- May 21 Grade 6 Immunization
- May 22 AAIM Day – Grade 6 students
- May 23 Grade 7 Quebec Fundraising Breakfast at Applebee’s on Pembina
- May 25 École Viscount Alexander Track Meet Day
- May 26 Divisional Track Meet (Grades 5 and 6)
- May 26 Volunteer Tea from 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the school library
- May 28 Pizza Lunch
- May 28 Band Concert – 7:00 pm at Vincent Massey Collegiate
- May 29 Booster Juice Lunch
- May 28 Divisional Track Meet (Grades 7 and 8)
- June 11 Jazz Cabaret
- June 11 Pizza Day
- June 12 Babysitting Course
- June 12 Divisional PD Day – Report Card Writing
- June 18 Booster Juice Lunch
- June 18 Jazz Community Tour
- June 22-24 Life Days (forms already sent home in April)
- June 25 Classroom/Grade level farewell activities
- June 26 Fun Mountain
- June 29 Final Celebration/Award Assembly/Report Cards go home
- June 30 PD Day – Transition planning



May Band Newsletter

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the Grade 7 Concert Band for their participation in the Level One Festival. They performed three pieces and worked with two clinicians: Marissa Hirsch from Springfield Middle School and Alexis Silver from Sisler High School. The ensemble played really well and were very responsive to the clinicians. Bravo!

Thank you to the students and families that came out to Bowl with the Band! We had about 70 people in total and great fun was had by all. Highlights included celebrating Jordie Ouellet's 13th birthday and Arpita winning the door prize.

Congratulations to Noah Bailis, Eden Slippert, Abi Dueck, Jasmine Chen, Keely Ross, Anaïs Towers-Lussier, and Charlotte Gill who participated in the Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band. The students rehearsed for three days with guest conductor, Ross Brownlee from Westgate School, and performed a concert.

Congratulations to Tianna Masters, Claire Olfert, Cassidy McNeill, Teaghan Mitchell, Alex Beckstead, Sebastian Selver, Aidan Labossiere, Darian Chakhmouradian, Liana Fonseca, Hailey Thiessen, Rebecca Smith, and Callum Ross who participated in workshops with U of M music students, Dr. Fraser Linklater from the U of M, and Matt Abraham and Jacquie Dawson from VMC on Music Monday (May 4) and performed a concert with the Vincent Massey Wind Ensemble on May 7.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

Friday, May 15-Band Scholarship Applications Due

A reminder that those interested in applying for a scholarship for attending a summer band camp, the applications are due on Friday, May 15. The scholarships will be for approximately half of the cost of the camp. The camp will be at Vincent Massey Collegiate the week of August 10-14. For more information, please visit the MBA website at www.mbband.org.

Friday, May 15-Vincent Massey Collegiate Monday Jazz Performance

VMC's Monday Jazz will be performing at EVA on Friday, May 15 from 1:20 pm-1:50 pm. All students are invited to attend.

Friday, May 22-U of M Jazz Performance

On Friday, May 22, the U of M Jazz ensemble, "Promise" will be performing for the jazz students during the grade 8 atelier periods.

Thursday, May 28- EVA Spring Concert

All band students will be performing at the spring concert on Thursday, May 28. The concert will include performances by both concert bands, all three jazz bands, and the percussion ensemble. The concert will be at Vincent Massey at 7 pm. Free ice cream sundaes will be served following the concert. We are looking for volunteers to help serve the ice cream and help with other jobs. If you are available to help out, you can sign up at: <http://vols.pt/WEFCHU>.



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Did You Know...

The first concert bands originated in the late 1880's.

Bowl with the Band



Level One Festival



Happy Birthday Jordie (Bowl with the Band!)

SPRING CONCERT

THURSDAY, MAY 28

7 PM

VINCENT MASSEY COLLEGIATE

We are so excited to be having a school-wide spring concert on Thursday, May 28! It will take place at Vincent Massey Collegiate at 7 pm. The concert will feature:

- Grade 7 Concert Band
- Grade 8 Concert Band
- Grade 5/6 Choirs
- Percussion Ensemble
- Junior, Morning, and Atelier Jazz Bands

Free ice cream sundaes will be served following the concert to all students and their families!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with serving the ice cream sundaes and a few other small tasks. To sign up, please visit:

<http://vols.pt/WEFCHU>

We appreciate any help that you are able to offer!

Music Monday Workshops



Bowl with the Band!



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JAZZ CABARET
THURSDAY, JUNE 11
7 PM
EVA GYMNASIUM

Our annual Jazz Cabaret will take place on Thursday, June 11 at 7 pm in the EVA gymnasium. Junior, Morning, and Atelier Jazz will perform as well as a jazz ensemble from Vincent Massey.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and each ticketholder will receive a piece of cake and coffee/tea/juice. Tickets may be pre-ordered will be on sale starting Monday, June 1.

We are looking for parents who can help serve cake, sell tickets, and help with a few other jobs. If you are able to help out, you may sign up at:

<http://vols.pt/CFUvDk>

Thank you in advance for volunteering your time!

Music Monday Workshop



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2015-2016 JAZZ BAND AUDITIONS

Auditions for the grade 7 students to be part of jazz band during the 2015-2016 school year will take place the week of June 15-19 at lunch. All students must audition but the auditions are to determine placement and everyone will have an opportunity to be a part of a jazz band. There are two jazz ensembles to audition for:

- **Morning Jazz:** This ensemble rehearses Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 am for an hour. Students receive a grade for this class in addition to their band mark. Any instrument will be accepted. This ensemble will learn and perform music slightly easier than Atelier Jazz.
- **Atelier Jazz:** This ensemble rehearses during the grade 8 atelier periods all year round. Students will receive a grade for this class in addition to their band mark. Only traditional jazz instruments will be accepted into this ensemble: saxophone, trombone, trumpet, piano, drum set, auxiliary percussion, bass guitar, and electric guitar. Atelier Jazz performs music that is a little more advanced than Morning Jazz.

Students who successfully audition for Atelier Jazz and who decide to also participate in Morning Jazz will automatically receive 100% as their jazz mark as they will be going over and above the expectations.

The auditions will consist of two components: one solo piece and two full ensemble pieces. Each student will need to prepare a solo piece to perform for Mme. Nowostawski on his/her own. Students will then need to prepare the full band pieces for last day and will be put in different arrangements so that Mme. Nowostawski can hear the best arrangements of students to create the bands. The students will have one week to prepare the audition material. The audition schedule will be as follows:

- Monday, June 15 at 11:30 am: Saxophones/Flutes
- Tuesday, June 16 at 11:30 am: Trumpets/Clarinets
- Wednesday, June 17 at 11:30 am: Trombones
- Thursday, June 18 at 11:30 am: Piano/Drums/Bass Guitar/Electric Guitar
- Friday, June 19 at 11:30 am: All students

If students are auditioning to play an instrument different than the one that they play in concert band, they may choose to audition either on their concert band instrument or on the new jazz instrument. Students may be asked to play their secondary instrument if possible.



Level One Festival



New Opportunities for the 2015-2016

As I prepare for the new school year, I try as much as possible to continue being able to offer value opportunities that ensembles have already participated in and to find new ones that will continue to allow for our students to grow and flourish as much as possible. New opportunities that will be available for next year include:

- **Mentorship Program:** Grade 11 and 12 students from Vincent Massey will be offering their time free of charge to provide private music lessons on a regular basis for our students. These lessons will take place at EVA once a week (most likely on a Wednesday).
- **Symphonic Band:** This is a new ensemble that will be smaller than a regular concert band but of the same instrumentation. The ensemble will be for students looking to rehearse and perform music that is little more advanced than what cover in grade 8 concert band. The ensemble will rehearse Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:30 pm-4:30 pm. Students will receive a grade on their report card in addition to their concert band mark.
- **Band Student Leadership Committee:** All band students will be invited to be members of the Band Student Leadership Committee. This committee will have a variety of musical and administrative responsibilities including leading sectionals, helping to plan social events/celebrations, taking attendance, passing out music, organizing student musicians to perform at assemblies, etc.

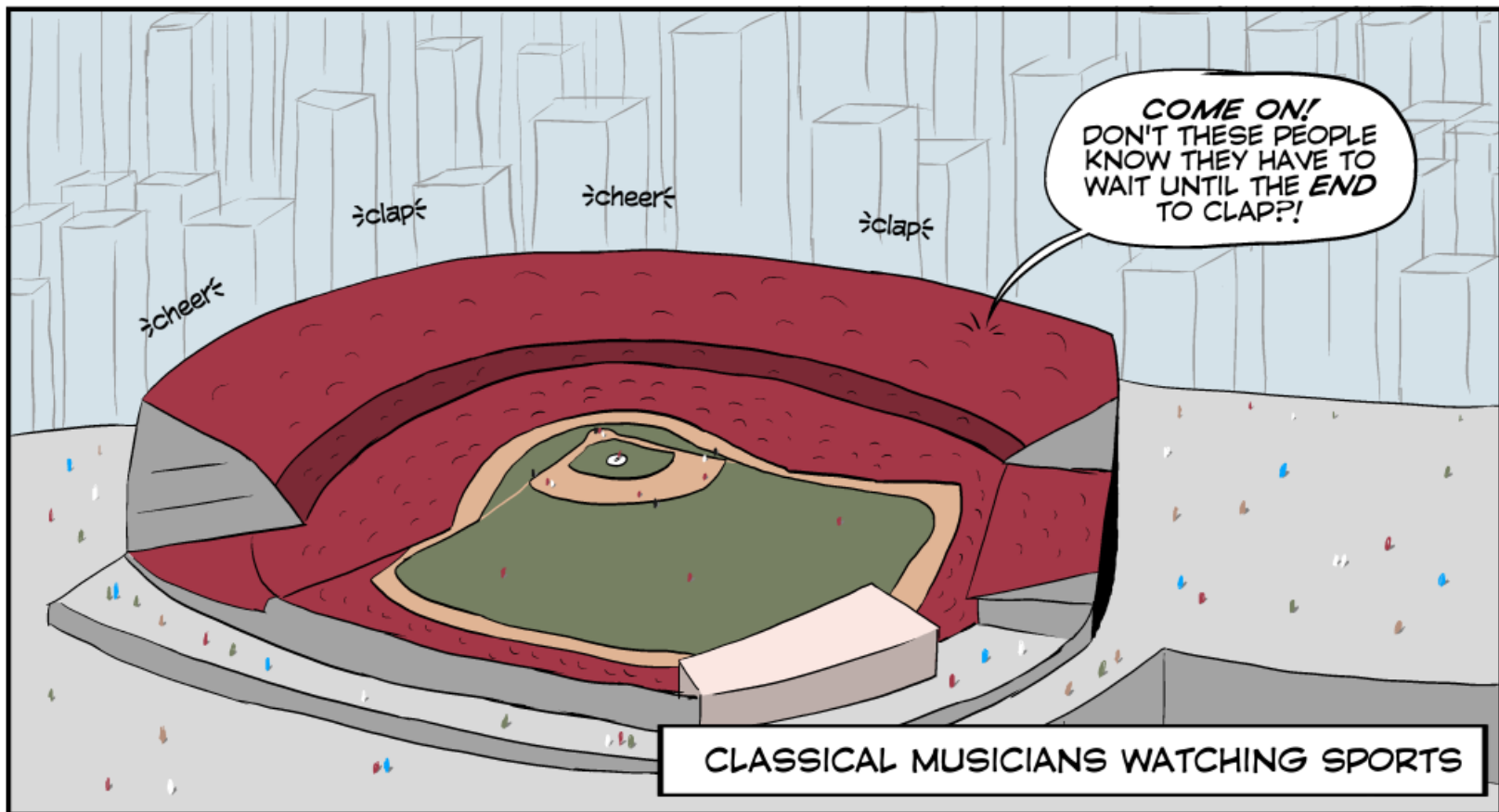
More details to follow.

“To play a wrong note is insignificant; to play without passion is inexcusable.”

- Beethoven

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 15	Summer Band Camp Scholarship Applications Due
Friday, May 15	VMC Monday Jazz Performance
Friday, May 22	U of M Jazz Ensemble Performance
Thursday, May 28	Final Band Concert (7 pm)
Monday, June 1	Jazz Cabaret Tickets go on sale
Thursday, June 11	Jazz Cabaret (7 pm)
June 15-June 19	2015-2016 Jazz Band Auditions
Thursday, June 18	Jazz Community Tour (Morning and Atelier Jazz Only)



Questions? Concerns?
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