

Minutes of the EVA ACSL Meeting – Monday, May 12, 2014

Attendees: Neil Arnason, Barb Cahoun, Shannon Tipping, Chantal Proulx, Ron Monin and Adell Matthys (guests), Tatiana Gericke, Marcia Fonseca, Lisa Demczuk, Annette Bonneteau, Peter Ward, Shawna Masters, Cori-Lee Paterson

Regrets: Chris Lepa, Vanessa Nowostowski, Carol Steel

1. **Introductions**

- a. Approval of Agenda , – Lunch Program report moved to beginning. AB moved as modified, LD seconded, carried
- b. Approval of minutes – moved MF, seconded AB, carried.

2. **Special Agenda Items** (new business)

- a. Chantal Proulx – she will be joining EVA as vice-principal next year. Welcome Chantal!

- b. Ron Monnin – soliciting participation in Cruising Down the Crescent walk-a-thon on June 8. Introduced guest Adell Matthys from Children’s Rehab on Wellington Crescent which sponsors the walk; she played a video and described the event: all forms of transport are welcome; it is a great activity for team building; there is on-line sign-up; the Event is pledge-driven but with no minimum required to participate. Ms. Matthys wishes to invite the students to join the EVA team and their families are also encouraged to participate. There is a video on the website demonstrating how to join. Kids get a T-shirt.

3. **Matters Arising** (Old Business)

- a. NA sent membership and donation to **Canadian Parents for French**. There is a list of resources on its website. Parents are encouraged to contact NA for information about how to log on to access those resources. There is concours resources for newsletters.

- b. **Milk Spirit Week** – AB: there was a milk mooer every day and decorations were put up. There were daily activities and a special ice cream treat on Friday. There were also scratch tickets with prizes.
ST: it went great.

- c. **Staff Appreciation** – NA recorded deepest thanks to Sheila Mitchell-Dueck for once again taking on the organisation and doing much of the work. Some 28 volunteer names/emails were provided to SM-D from the volunteer forms and she contacted them and gave them assignments. Thanks were expressed to those volunteers who participated. SM-D provided a post event summary of what was done each day and the treats and decorations prepared, and this will be very helpful for carrying on this activity next year. This was Sheila Mitchell-Dueck’s last year and NA asked her to see if another parent would take it over for next year. SM_D indicated that Lynn Avison had indicated she would be prepared to take this on.
ST: Thanks, it was wonderful.

4. Regular Reports:

a. Good News Sharing

BC - thanks to Mme Pepler for chess club. EVA team won 3rd in divisional tournament.
MF – her child helped with the tours of the school for new students and enjoyed it.
ST – Atelier jazz band played at the legislature and did very well.

b. Chair's report

NA had no items to report

c. Principal's Report

a detailed Principal's report was handed out and reviewed (see Appendix). In addition, there was discussion around the following items:

* the Farewell/Award ceremony (June 26)... PAC sponsors some of the awards. NA will contact ST about which these are and provide cards/certificates. It is school policy not to award cash or book prizes.

*An item on Badminton and the role of parent volunteers to assist coaching prompted NA to note that assisting athletic teams and events should be added to the volunteer form for next year.

*ST commented on the success of the Artist in the School program with the completion and placement of the mosaic-decorated benches.

d. Treasurer's report

a. CL emailed the financial statements to date: PAC - \$4,345.00, Milk - \$4,429.00. PAC asked ST to solicit ideas from teachers for projects that they might like to undertake with funding assistance from PAC. Science lab was mentioned early in the year.

e. School Grounds Transformation – CL provided a short report by email:

“an SGTC update: as of last Wednesday all of the sports equipment and benches are all on site. Viking Landscaping (Ben) has been hired to assemble and install the additions to the asphalt area and would like to put in what he can on the May long weekend, taking the future asphalt repair into account. A site meeting has been organized for Tuesday at 5:30pm with Wendy Simonson (Landscape Architect for the PTSD) to mark locations, if it is not raining too hard that is. At that time we will also discuss the final plan for line painting and forward a request and drawing to the School Division for service. In the meantime, Ben will make appointments for ‘Call Before You Dig’ to secure paperwork for underground clearances and begin to assemble the basketball hoops and benches. Lots to do in a short period of time, but there is light at the end of the tunnel!”

Next meeting is May 27, 2014.

f. Music Program – VN could not attend but provided a detailed May Band Newsletter. (appended)

g. Lunch Program

TG: group practiced emergency preparedness training. Was able to hire one supervisor which is working nicely but staffing is in flux.

Open campus is going well.

AB: how many lunch monitors do we have?

TG: Seven and eight including TG, but some are part-time. Staffing levels are not ideal but things are manageable.

NA: PAC needs to discuss staffing levels and salaries, and we may need to ensure that lunch fees are sufficient to meet expenses. TG to prepare background info on staff levels, costs and bring a recommendation to last meeting.

h. Pizza Program

No report.

i. Milk Program

AB will run the milk program for one more year, but it would be good if there was some overlap so that she could train her replacement.

5. New Business.

- a. PW – there is new Anti-Spam legislation that requires us to more mindful about how we manage our email lists and use email to contact parents.

Motion to adjourn MF, AB seconded, carried.

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



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Principal's Report May 12, 2014

Community Involvement:

Children's Rehab Initiative: Mr. Monin has organized the Children's Rehab initiative and invited a guest speaker to our staff meeting last week and to our meeting this evening. This is a wonderful community event that we would like to participate in with our entire community. Families can be involved in this event on June 8.

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 Grade 7/8 classes went into the community to clean in the community. Thank you to Mme Hillman who organized this initiative.

Thank you to our parents: Thank you to all the parents that participated in staff appreciation week, and Mrs. Mitchell-Dueck who coordinated the event. The baked goods, soups, vegetables, ice cream, etc. were all very much appreciated by our staff. Thank you to everyone!

Milk Spirit Week: Thank you to Mrs. Bonneteau who organized the Milk Spirit Week for the students and Mrs. Knook who helped during the week. The students had a great time!

Next Year Planning:

New Vice-Principal: Due to new divisional staffing allocations, École Viscount Alexander has been allocated a part-time Vice Principal next year. Mme Chantal Proulx currently Vice-Principal at École St. Avila has been appointed to start with us in August. She is joining us this evening and we would like welcome her to our École Viscount Alexander community.

Visits from Schools – May 9: Over 80 students from École Crane, École Bonnycastle and École St. Avila visited the school the afternoon of May 9. Students were toured around the school with the assistance of our student ambassadors in Grade 6, 7 and 8. École Crane and École Bonnycastle students had time to play outside before participating in the musical presentation of Hoja. École St. Avila students also visited the school, met with Grade 7 teachers and participated in workshops before joining us in the gym for the Hoja presentation. Thank you to Mme Pepler, Mme Nowostawski, Mme Wieringa, and Mme Marriott, who assisted with the organization of this event, as well as Mme Joffrin, Mr. Slashinsky, Mr. Monin, Mme Leclercq, Mme Mercer, Mme Stevens, who worked with the students during the workshop time.

School Transition: Our Support Services Team (Mme Wieringa, Resource Teacher and Mme Marriott, Counsellor) have been meeting with École Crane, École Bonnycastle and École St. Avila to start the transition process of gathering information for new students next year, as well as participating in discussion of class placements. Also, Mme McMahon and Mme Pepler visited the students from École Crane as part of our transition plan.

Class Formation: We will be starting the process of creating the class lists in the upcoming weeks. 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. Our Support Services Team (Mme Wieringa, Resource Teacher and Mme Marriott, Counsellor) have been meeting with École Crane, École Bonnycastle and École St. Avila to start the transition process of gather information for new students next year, as well as participating in discussion of class creation

Grade 8 Farewell: Teachers have met with students to determine their farewell activity. Students chose a dinner and dance at the Holiday Inn. Preliminary information has been sent home to Grade 8 parents for June 24. 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. These procedures were also reviewed with the Lunch Program Monitors. Tatiana Gericke, our Lunch Coordinator, added some new procedures to enhance safety. The Winnipeg Police Department has also presented internet safety presentations to all grades. One presentation was for 5/6 students and an additional presentation was organized for 7/8.

École Viscount Alexander Celebrations:

Atelier Jazz - Congratulations to our Grade 8 atelier jazz ensemble that performed during music month at the Legislative Assembly on April 30. Students did a fabulous performance and were great ambassadors for our school!

Concours d'art oratoire: Congratulations to Emily Hunt who won the divisional representative in our Grade 7/8 Early French Immersion category at the provincial contest on May 3. Emily won the provincial Grade 7/8 category with her speech on "Destination Foyer". She also presented at the school assembly on May 6.

Divisional Chess Tournament: Congratulations to Darian Chakhmouradian who won second place in the divisional chess tournament and to our chess team tying for third place. Félicitations to the team and to Mme Pepler for facilitating this event!

Manitoba Jazz Honour Band: École Viscount Alexander had the largest number of Grade 7/8 students participating in this band from schools across the province. The students performed on May 10 and will be performing again on Wednesday, May 14 with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. Bravo!

Festival du Théâtre Jeunesse: Grades 7/8 students wrote and directed their own play under the supervision of Mme Leclercq. The students presented their play on May 6 and will be performing the play for the school later this month. Bravo à tous!

Sight Unseen – Polo Park Art Show: Several of our students had art pieces highlighted in the Polo Park Art Show last week. 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 four students went to an EdCamp that focused on computer coding at the Winnipeg Technical College on May 5. This initiative was organized through divisional personnel, as well as HGI students. Students learned more about coding abilities and learning how to work with a raspberry pi. The hope is that these students will assist other students in learning more about coding. The school received a Raspberry Pi for the students attending this session.

Girls in Technology: A technological workshop on May 6 at the Red River College focused on having girls become more involved and interested in the area of technology. Seven Grade 7 girls attended the workshop 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 web development.

Math Gauss Competition: Mme Simard/Mme Wieringa have been working with groups of students in Grades 6-8 to prepare for the Math Gauss competition this year. The competition will take place May 14 during school hours.

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. Below is one student's feedback:

"At the Storytelling Festival, we participated in three workshops. The first one we spent the hour listening to 2 different storytellers tell us their own legends, and giving us the responsibility of passing on those stories.

In the second workshop, we heard a woman from the Congo talk about her experiences during the Genocide, about all the time she spent hiding and all the friends and family she lost.

Finally, in the third workshop, we spent time in a theatre where we played games to learn how to create a scene on the theme of struggles in Grade 8. It was tons of fun!"

Farewell/Award Ceremony: A school committee reviewed the various awards that have previously been highlighted during this assembly. There have been some adjustments this year and information will be shared with the students in the near future. 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 26.

School Profile Meeting: Every year divisional personnel meet with schools to review our school plan, as well as our school data and goals for the year. Data that is presented is our provincial data, TTFM (Tell Them from me) and school data. Tell Them From Me data was collected in October and there will be additional data gathered before the end of May.

Professional Development Day: On our PD day of April 25, we had our divisional psychologist work with staff to have a better understanding of mental health. We discussed how we could promote mental health in our school. Afterwards, teachers met in their professional learning communities (Literacy, Math, Français Technology) and grade levels to discuss areas of focus for this year and next year.

Social Justice Day: To respond to various curriculum outcomes, Grade 7 classes, along with Mme Marriott, have organized a social justice day with students. Students will be participating in various classes where they will discuss various social justice issues and focus on acceptance and respect for others.

Track Meet: Mr. Spiers and Mme Boock 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 23. Those that are finalists from class standings will also participate in the divisional track meet.

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 15 and May 29.

Upcoming Dates:

- May 21 Band Concert
- May 23 École Viscount Alexander Track Meet Day
- May 27 Divisional Track Meet
- June 12 Pizza Day/ Jazz Cabaret
- June 13 Divisional PD Day – Report Card Writing
- June 24 Grade 8 Farewell Dinner
- June 26 Farewell/Awards Ceremony
- June 27 PD Day – Transition planning



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May Band Newsletter

May 5th, 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Atelier Jazz Performs at the Leg

Congratulations to Atelier Jazz who performed at the Legislative Building on April 30. They performed three tunes as part of a concert in celebration of Music Month. Premiere Greg Selinger was present during our selections and MLA James Allum greeted and congratulated the ensemble as well.

Level One Festival-Grade 7 Band

Congratulations to the grade 7 band students who performed at the Level One Festival. The students performed three pieces and participated in two workshops with Kevin Doell from Sunrise School Division and Chad Pollard from Linden Christian School. We received many compliments about our high level of playing as well as the students' respectful behavior. Thank you to Mme Stangl, Mme Boock, M Slashinsky, and Mme Joffrin who assisted with chaperoning.

Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band

Best wishes to Noah Bailis, Jenna Mitchell-Dueck, Nadia Gill, Meagan Powell, Jack Zonneveld, Nelson Hiebert, Emily Hunt, Micah Kroeker, Nolan Ward, and Adam Steel who will participate in the Manitoba Provincial Honour Band May 8-10. They will rehearse with conductor Rob Monson for three days and perform a concert on Saturday, May 10 with 70 other students from across Manitoba. They will also perform in a concert with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at the Concert Hall on Tuesday, May 13.

Final Band and Jazz Band Concert

The last band and choir concert will be on Wednesday, **May 21 at 7 pm at EVA**. Concert dress for all students is **all black**. Students are asked to be at the school around 6 pm to warm-up and tune. Ice cream sundaes will be served following the performance. Any parents who are available and willing to help with the sundae portion of the evening are asked to contact Mme Nowostawski at their earliest convenience

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Band Scholarship Application

The Manitoba Band Association offers band camps each year in the summer for students in grades 6-9. Students in attendance spend one week in August working with instrument specialists, in full band rehearsals with a guest conductor, jazz experience, and much more. Students have a chance to meet new friends from all over the city as well as perform a concert at the end of the week. These camps are a fantastic way to kick-start the school year and learn many new skills. Thanks to the success of the Band-a-Thon, we will be giving out scholarships to students who would like to participate. Interested students are asked to see Mme Nowostawski for an application form. The application forms are due on **Friday, May 9** either by written format or by email. Please see the letter below from the band camp coordinator for more information.

Jazz Cabaret

Due to the students' enthusiasm for playing jazz, we will be hosting EVA's first ever Jazz Cabaret on **Thursday, June 12**. Junior Jazz, Morning Jazz, and Atelier Jazz will be performing an evening of jazz beginning at 7 pm until approximately 9:15 pm. A jazz ensemble from Vincent Massey will also be performing. More information will be sent out following the May 21st concert.

Jazz Band 2014-2015 School Year Auditions

The grade 7 students are encouraged to begin thinking about if they would like to audition to be part of a jazz ensemble next year. There could be up to two jazz bands: first, there is Atelier Jazz. This ensemble rehearses twice a cycle during the Atelier Periods all year round. Only traditional jazz instrumentation is accepted in this ensemble (saxophones, trumpets, trombones, drum set, piano, bass guitar, and electric guitar). If there is enough interest, Morning Jazz will continue next year. This ensemble rehearses Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 am. Any instrumentation is accepted for this ensemble. Members of both ensembles are given grades and are as much as possible provided with the same opportunities. Students who decide that they would like to play in both ensembles automatically receive 100% due to them doing over and above the workload asked. Auditions will take place in June. Audition material and more information will be provided at the beginning of June.

Jazz Community Tour

Morning and Atelier Jazz will be performing a community tour in June. They will visit our feeder schools and hopefully a nursing home or seniors' apartment block. More details will be provided following the May 21st concert.

2014 Manitoba Band Association Fort Garry Summer Band Camp

Dear Band Students and Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you of an exciting and rewarding opportunity available to you this coming summer. The annual Manitoba Band Association South Summer Band Camp will be held at Vincent Massey Collegiate, August 11 – 15. Exciting music, great teachers and talented and inspiring students continue to make our camp a very special place to be!

The camp is designed for any students in grades 6 – 9 and offers a wide variety of musical opportunities and challenges designed for every learner. The day runs from approximately 8:45 – 3:30 daily and concludes with an evening concert on the last day of the camp. Camp activities include full band rehearsal, instrument sectionals, small ensemble and master classes, individual instruction (where applicable), faculty recitals and outdoor recreation. This is not only a wonderful musical experience but also a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy a week of fun music making with other like-minded students. Hundreds of students have attended this camp over the years and many attend three or four consecutive years. Students attest to the positive influence and enrichment this very camp has brought to their overall music education. The fee for the camp is \$180.00 if mailed by June 15 and \$205.00 after that date. Please see the registration form attached to this letter for more information. You can also find more information on the Manitoba Band Association website, www.mbband.org

Returning this year as guest conductor is Mrs. Darrell Chrisp. Mrs. Chrisp taught band at Golden Gate Middle School for 10 years, followed by several years on the music faculty at St. John's Ravenscourt and now teaches at Lincoln Middle School in St. James. Mrs. Chrisp brings a most infectious and creative energy to camp that is sure to inspire and motivate students of any age and level. The instrument sectional instructors are some of the finest teachers and performers in Canada. They not only provide extraordinary instruction but do so in a most positive, nurturing and caring way. We are so fortunate to have these fine teachers on staff year after year.

Feel free to contact me directly via e-mail at jdawson@pembinatrails.ca or at 453-8023 if you have any questions or would like more information. Many schools offer scholarships to attend summer music camps, so inquire with your band teacher as to availability in your school band program.

Please consider this wonderful music summer opportunity. It is sure to be another great year!!

Yours truly,

Mrs. Jacquie Dawson

MBA Fort Garry Summer Band Camp Co-ordinator

ÉVA Band Events Calendar

2013-2014

May 8-10; 13	Junior Provincial Honour Band
May 21	Final Band Concert
June 12	Jazz Cabaret
June TBA	Jazz Band Community Tour