

EVA ACSL Meeting, October 13, 2010 Minutes

Attendees:

Rachel Donner, Carol Steel, Gail McIntosh, Peter Ward, Janice Steadman, Angela Tod, Sue Monroe Murphy, Colleen Roberts, Leslie Mondor, Andrea Powell, Patti Gair, Sandra Romani, Kevin Kowalchuk, Kathleen Tomy, Signy Kuch, Patti Gair, Sheila Mitchell-Dueck, Julien Allard, Brady Gill,

Regrets:

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1. Introductions:

- Call to order at 7:05;.
- a) Motion to accept agenda with two changes, allowing Grade 9 leadership presentation to be first and Vice Principal, Mme Jocelyn Fournier-Gawryluk, from Vincent Massey to present second, motion to accept change by G. McIntosh; 2nd J. Steadman; carried.
- b) Motion to approve September and June minutes by G. McIntosh; 2nd by J. Steadman; carried.
- c) Motion to accept change in secretaries to Rachel Donner and Sandra Romani as co-secretaries; all in favour.

Update on Leadership:

- Mme Marriot provided a review of the leadership group and what they are working on, she then turned the floor over to two of the Grade nine leadership students;
- The students provided a high level overview of the calendar of events, and overview of the areas that the leadership committee is focusing on and/or assisting in, which include:
 - Assisting in the lunch program
 - Taking the respect in sports course;
 - Volunteering at the cross-country meets;
 - Contributed \$450 to the Terry Fox Foundation;
 - Soon to be launching "Tiger Wear" – EVA clothing;
 - Coordination of the Much Music Video Dance at the end of October;
 - Fundraiser for a World Vision Sponsor child;
 - Tutoring grades 5 and 6 students;
 - Organizing the Poinsettia sale.
- Some discussion ensued on how one enters the leadership program and how it will work next year once the Grade nine students are no longer at the school. As the leadership program will not be offered some further discussion around what electives would be offered was discussed, and M. Allard advised that there would be no leadership elective next year at EVA.

2. Regular Reports:

a) Principal's Report, J. Allard:

Staffing:

- Mme. Jennifer Tokle has been hired to fill the role of school counselor, she is coming from HGI. Mme. Tokle is a basic French teacher with an immersion background. Anticipated start date will hopefully be in the next two weeks, just waiting for confirmation that her role has been backfilled at HGI.

Events:

- Volleyball is in full swing;
- Meeting with Volunteer Choral has begun;
- Cross-country is underway;
- Grade nine students have attended a French cultural event;
- Terry Fox walk was a big success;
- All staff have undergone EPI pen training;
- Class profiles have been created to get the children any help they need.

Other:

- Demonstration of teachers' calendar page and school website, as well as an overview of the parents' page, outlining the list of documents, and important dates calendar;
- Welcomed the PAC to go to the parents' page and provide any suggestions they have.

b) Chairperson's Report, C. Dueck:

- Nothing to report

c) Financial Report, E. Samuels:

- Distributed Financial Reports for reporting periods July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 and September 13 to October 12, 2010;
- Outstanding receivables from milk program;
- There are funds for Cultural Events to be spent;
- Motion to accept both reports, by E. Samuels and 2nd by A. Powell, with budget to be tabled next month.

d) Milk Program, C. Steel:

- 84 students enrolled this year, compared to 72 last year.

e) Lunch Program, R. Donner

- Nothing to report.

f) Pizza Lunches, F. Nash

- M. Allard advised that the Leadership students are taking over the pizza lunch;
- Last Wednesday of every month;
- Funds could perhaps be deployed for cultural events.

g) Lunch Lady, G. McIntosh

- Lunch Lady hot lunches will be offered once a month, on the first Friday of each month, except April, first one was on October 8;
- 100 orders for 1st event, very successful, without a hitch;
- In response to a question, G. McIntosh advised that there was no way to minimize the amount of litter being produced by the lunch lady program, at the moment, but that they are conscious of the litter factor and try to produce as little as possible;
- Although online orders were to be available for the month of November, it was reported that it is not going to be available for monthly orders.

3. Committee reports:

a) New Committees

i. and ii.) VMC Grade 9 Transition:

Vice Principal, Mme Jocelyn Fournier-Gawryluk, from Vincent Massey arrived and was introduced:

- Mme Jocelyn Fournier-Gawryluk was present to introduce the grade nine Vincent Massey transition plan to the PAC, and distributed a Transitioning Plan Attack (Transition Plan Outline attached hereto).
- Gave an overview of the transition team and how it would be structured, as well as advised that the first meeting would occur on October 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Vincent Massey;
- Advised that there may be an opportunity to invite other principals from other divisions to gain some useful insight on the transition;
- J. Steadman agreed to spearhead the EVA committee, and that the EVA committee will decide which two parents would be at the transition meeting. J. Steadman agreed to send the notice to EVA and H. Poirier will send it out to all grade eight students;
- Brief discussion about whether the transition team would continue for subsequent years and provide feedback to the incoming team.

iii.) Parent Survey:

- Tabled for next meeting. Analyzing feedback.

4. Old Business

a) Planting of trees and Greening of School Grounds; Signy Kuch

- Received grant application but the timeline was very tight;
- We have to start thinking about what the school yard should look like, as most of these grants need a development plan;
- M. Allard advised that the division is not going to be pouring money into the school, we should set a long term goal.
- A suggestion of taking some fund raising money and reserving for the future school ground work;
- Tabled for budget;

b) Meet the Teacher, September 16

- Suggestion from Sheila to consider changing the meet the teacher to be more of a pep rally. Sheila and C. Steel to send out a date of next meeting to discuss this.

5. Next Meeting:

- November 8th

6. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm by GM; 2nd by SR; carried.