

## Minutes of the EVA ACSL – Monday April 11, 2016

FINAL: as approved at PAC meeting of May 9, 2010

**Attendees:** Neil Arnason, Barb Cahoun, Lisa Demczuk, Chris Lepa, Brandy Pantel, Aleksandra Stanosevic, Shannon Tipping, Tanya Weslak, Kris Widla.

**Regrets:** Chantal Proulx

### 1. Introductions

- a. Approval of agenda – **Tanya moved; Kris seconded; carried**
- b. Approval of minutes from last meeting – **Tanya moved to accept; Kris seconded; carried**

### 2. Matters arising (old business)

#### a) Breakfast program support

- Letter from Karen and Jeff – 93 students a day at \$1/day to feed each child; school is looking to division for support next year; approached Costco, Safeway, and Kub for donations; PAC account has \$13,500 - \$5,000 for pizza day pay out and milk account is healthy but cannot carry the program alone – discussion regarding the need for a funding model now that the program knows the costs associated with it and the need that it is filling; explored the idea of asking for matching funds from the division – explore it for next year; ask for regular contribution from kids/families
- **Motion: Neil moved to give school \$2,000 to carry the program for a month; Kris seconded; Carried**

#### b) Open house expenses

- went over budget; Neil made notes about the supplies that were utilized for next year as he will not be here
- **Motion: Chris moved to increase the PAC contribution to \$267.32 from \$200; Tanya seconded. Carried**

### 3. Regular Reports

#### a) Good news sharing

- benches are going in as soon as the ground thaws
- Neil was listening to the radio on Sunday morning and heard student Milan Lukes talking about growing award winning giant pumpkins

#### b) Chair's Report

- Canadian Parents for French have a magazine – will put link for the electronic version up on the website
- nominations for the national executive – nominations open until Friday

#### c) Principal's Report

- see appended
- in addition to the report, Shannon showed an image/mock-up of a new sign; the cost is \$16,979; Shannon has approached the division but the division does not cover these costs; looking for ideas for sponsorship; ideas brought forward regarding solar power, multiple quotes; soccer goal posts are here and just need to be installed

d) Treasurers Report

- opening balance \$6,925.07, revenue \$ 7,356, expenses \$2,517.86, current balance in PAC account \$11,753.21
- milk account – opening balance \$9,065.65, revenue \$1,749; expenses \$4,002.84; current balance \$6,811.81

e) School ground transformations

- benches will be installed by Ben Johnson of Viking Landscaping as soon as possible; final paperwork will be completed once the benches are installed; \$11,033.11 in account right now which will cover installation
- Chris will be pruning trees before the leaves emerge
- inquired about the broken bench with the manufacturer – does not cover damage from skate boards - replacement panel for bench broken by skate boarders is \$125
- work party to weed the yard – Neil will look at arranging a “Garden Party” on a Saturday
- Neil looked into commemorating those who have done a lot of work for the school grounds transformation – found a company that does laser engraving on any material and affix it to any material – Neil is getting together with the owner of the company tomorrow to discuss options – shared thoughts on text; will try to have a plaque in time for the school yard celebration in June-ish after the remaining grant dollars have been recovered

f) Band report

- see appended

g) Lunch program

- the division will be supporting the lunch program next year with \$5000 of funds
- will set lunch fee and wages for lunch supervisor staff at the June meeting (Neil will request projections from Anita Caci)
- initiated a \$1 per hour step for supervisors who return (each year).

h) Pizza Program

- shifting of band festival date has resulted in grade 7's not having the option of pizza – sent out an email to ensure that these students are sent to school with lunch
- sent out an email for help for the milk and pizza programs for next year – response from Lorraine Crawford who wants to use Munch a Lunch ordering system
- Neil feels it is important for PAC to have a say on who the pizza provider is because if kids don't like the pizza there is a lot of waste, also individual packaging is very wasteful

i) Milk program

- no offers to help
- Aleksandra is no longer available
- need someone here at lunchtimes to ensure the running of the program
- could be a couple of people – one for the paper work and one for the labelling

**4. New business**

a) Staff appreciation

- Neil emailed Lynn Avison who agreed to do the event again

- we will coordinate with Crane to ensure we choose a different date; Shannon will check with Anna to see what Crane's date is
  - not the second week of May as pizza day makes the week busy
  - once a date is established we will plan a theme and ask for food item contributions and volunteers to help with setup/cleanup
  - last year we approved a \$500 budget but went overbudget by close to \$200.
  - **Motion: Kris moved to provide a budget of \$700; Chris seconded; carried.**
- b) MAPC – AGM
- Annual Conference of Parent Councils and AGM on May 6 and 7, 2016
  - registration cost is \$100 for early bird
  - can send 2 people
  - **Motion: Neil moved that we send Kris and pay the conference fee; Brandy seconded; carried**
- c) Soccer goal posts are ready to go; if no other plans, Chris can arrange for Viking to do it
- d) Chris noticed City of Winnipeg bylaw signs saying “No dogs allowed on school grounds”
- e) Chris brought up the idea of a carnival for families in the community at the end of the year

**Tanya moved to adjourn the meeting.**



# École Viscount Alexander

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## Principal's Report April 11, 2016

### Next Year Planning:

**Staffing:** We have received our projections for next year. Currently we are projected for 2 classes at Grades 5 and 6; and 3 classes at Grades 7 and 8. This will be confirmed once we have all of our students registered for next year. If registration numbers are higher than projected numbers this may alter the number of classes. We already have some announcements about staff changes for next year;

- Mme Proulx will be retiring from Pembina Trails at the end of June. She and her husband will be moving to Quebec. Mme Zonneveld from École Crane has been appointed as the Vice-Principal of École Viscount Alexander starting in August of next year.
- Mme Dombek, our art teacher, has also decided to retire at the end of the year. Mme Broughton from Ecole Dieppe will continue in this role next year.
- M. Spiers is currently on parental leave and has been volunteering his time to assist us with the bike shop until the end of June. Next year he has accepted a position at École South Pointe School. Leslie Duhamel will be continuing in the Grades 5-8 Physical Education teacher starting in September.
- Mme Singer will soon be going on maternity leave. Mme Jennifer Tessier will be continuing in this position until the end of the year. It has not been confirmed whether she will be continuing in the new school year.

**Visits from Schools:** Grade 6 students from Ecole St. Avila will be invited to come to the school on May 27. The afternoon of June 3 we will be inviting students from École Crane and École Bonnycastle to visit the school and continue the transition process.

**Registration Forms:** Registration forms have been sent home and we ask families to complete them and return them to school by April 15<sup>th</sup>. This information is important for our planning for next year.

**Class Formation:** A letter outlining the class formation process was also distributed. There are a number of factors that are reviewed in order to ensure balanced classes for students. Parental requests are always considered but depending on the other factors will determine if the requests are possible. We have requested that a member of our Support Services Team (SST) attend the École Bonnycastle, École Crane and École St. Avila discussions around the creation of class lists. The SST has also contacted all schools to discuss transition to learn about the students that will be attending École Viscount Alexander next year as well as transitioning our Grade 8 students to Vincent Massey.

**Concours d'art oratoire:** This evening is Pembina Trails Concours d'art oratoire competition at the Henlow office. This started at 6:00 pm and Mme Proulx is in attendance as a representative from the school, along with teachers. Students in Grades 5-8 participated in their classes and then we had school wide competition with judges that decided the students that would represent Ecole Viscount Alexander at the divisional competition. This was our largest numbers of participants over the past three years. We wish everyone well in the competition!

**International Pink Day:** We will be celebrating International Pink Day on April 13 where standing up for respect will be highlighted. Several students and staff purchased pink shirt to wear on this day. Students that did not purchase t-shirts can still participate by wearing a pink article of clothing.

**Marie Geelen:** Marie Geelen will be working with our Grade 5 and 7 students on April 14<sup>th</sup>. She will be reviewing our three respect agreements – we include everyone, we respect everyone, we accept everyone. Her work with the Grade 7 students will also focus on student leadership for next year.

**Level One Band Festival/Art Studio Workshop:** On April 13<sup>th</sup>, Grade 7 band students will be participating in the Level One Band Festival. At the same time, Grade 7 art students will be working on creating clay mugs.

**Conferences:** We originally had our conference dates as April 19 and 21. **Due to the provincial election we have had to change the dates to April 20 and 21.** The conference scheduler will be open for families starting tomorrow to reserve their time with the teachers. A letter outlining the format of the conferences at each grade level was sent home today. All grade levels have incorporated a celebration of learning format which means that students will be able to share work samples to demonstrate their learning during the conference times.

**Free the Children Initiatives:** The We Create Change initiative was very successful. Students raised over \$1,200 by bringing in change and the Cineplex vouchers added approximately another \$100. These funds were sent to Free the Children to support our chosen pillar of Health Care in Ecuador. The newest initiative is We Volunteer Now. The group of students will be doing a used book drive for the Children's Hospital as well as gathering pet supplies for a local dog shelter. The group is hoping to also volunteer within the community but this may be limited due to age restrictions in some organizations.

**Grade 5 Science Fair:** On Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Grade 5 students will be organizing an "Invent an Alien" Science Fair. This will be held from 2:10 pm – 3:20 pm where students will be sharing their Pluto alien that they have invented after researching the planet. Judges have been invited to this event.

**Japan Student Exchange:** Students who attended the exchange returned on March 20<sup>th</sup>. They had a great time visiting and participating in Japanese schools, as well as visiting and participating in cultural events. They met with the Mayor of Setagaya, City Council and the Superintendent of Education. Students wrote and presented speeches in Japanese during their visits. They also performed a Japanese song to the City Assembly. We are hoping to work with General Byng School again to plan for the 2017-2018 exchange as this is organized every two years.

**Hands-on Techno:** Grade 5 students will be visiting MITT (Manitoba Institute for Trades and Technology) in April. This is a divisional initiative to introduce students to explore various future options.

**Open Campus:** Grade 8 students will be starting this week. A note will be sent home for permission for the practice, as well Open Campus. During the practice, students will have the opportunity to practice going to and from various venues. This will be to help students learn the distances and times required for each destination so that they are able to return to school on time.

**Yearbook:** We have started to create our 2015-2016 school yearbook. The cost will be \$18.00 per yearbook. This is the cost of creation of the yearbook, including shipping. We hope that it captures a lot of the school memories from this year.

**Grade 8 Farewell:** Grade 8 teachers will be meeting with students to provide them with various farewell options. Once the students have had the opportunity to provide input into their farewell activity, teachers will then start to organize a venue, date, etc. Once the activity has been decided, information will be sent home. The date has been tentatively scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Lockdown/Tornado Drills:** As part of our safety procedures, we need to practice our safety drills throughout the year. We have a planned lockdown/tornado drill practice for the morning of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Parents will be notified before the practice.

**Earth Day:** We will be organizing various activities during the month of April to encompass the theme of compassion for the month and to focus on Earth Day. Mr. Bissonnette is working on a battery drive, a community clean-up and a “litterless” lunch this month. Further information and permission slips will be going home in order to prepare for these event. For the community clean-up the younger grades will be staying closer to the school and the older grades will be going into the community. Mr. Bissonnette will also be organizing a “litterless” lunch on that day. He is encouraging all students, as he introduced at our assembly, to bring lunches with no waste materials (ie. using reusable containers, etc.)

**Social Media Presentations:** Grades 6 students have participated in discussion with our School Resource Office, Constable Minkus, regarding the appropriate use of technology in March.

**Professional Development Day:** April 22 there will be no classes. Teaching staff will be participating in a PD day where our focus is working with our Aboriginal Academic Achievement Consultant and Manitoba Teachers’ Society to focus on diversity and inclusion. We will be working collaboratively with the Ecole Crane staff during this day.

**Badminton/Marathon Running Club:** M. Noureldin and Mme Leclercq have organized badminton teams for Grade 7 and 8. They are already participating in divisional games. Mme Marriott, Mme Wieringa, Mme Leclercq, M. Monin and Mme Boock will be starting up the running club soon. This is in preparation for various running activities coming up in the next few months. This club is open to all students in grade 5 and 8 and there is still time to join!

**Pizza Day:** Pizza days this month will be on April 14, April 28 and May 12 and 26.

**Spring Concert:** Our Spring Concert is scheduled for May 18. We are currently finalizing the location of this event and it will be shared with families as soon as possible.

**Upcoming Dates:**

- April 13 Level One Band Festival/Art Workshop/Grade 5 Invent an Alien Science Fair
- April 14 Marie Geelen visit and working with Grades 5 and 7/Pizza Day
- April 20 Grade 5 to MITT for Eyes on Techno
- April 20 & 21 Conferences in the evening 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- April 21 Lockdown/Tornado Drill
- April 22 PD Day – no classes ☺
- April 28 Pizza Day
- May 1 School Dance
- May 2-3 Festival Théâtre Jeunesse
- May 9 ACSL meeting
- May 12 Pizza Day
- May 18 Spring Band Concert
- May 23 Victoria Day - no classes ☺
- May 25 Volunteer Tea
- May 26 Pizza Day

# April Band Newsletter

## MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- Congratulations to Joseph Nardella, Josh Atayan, Jordie Ouellet, Olivia Ballantine-Todd, and Sarah Bell on successfully auditioning for the Manitoba Provincial Junior Honour Band. Congratulations also to Charlotte Gill who was selected as an alternate player. These students will rehearse with a guest conductor for three days in May and perform a concert. Bravo!
- Congratulations to Morning and Atelier Jazz for their participation at the Brandon Jazz Festival. Each ensemble performed and worked with professional jazz musicians in clinics. We also listen to other schools perform, attended clinics specific to each instrument, and attended a performance by the Brandon University Jazz Ensemble and the vocal jazz group, M-Pact.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN APRIL/MAY

### Wednesday, April 13-Level One Festival (Grade 7 Concert Band)

All grade 7 band students will performing at the Level One Festival on Wednesday, April 13. The students will be performing 3 pieces and work with two clinicians on their pieces as well as fundamental skills. A permission slip has been sent out.

### Saturday, April 23-Bowl with the Band!

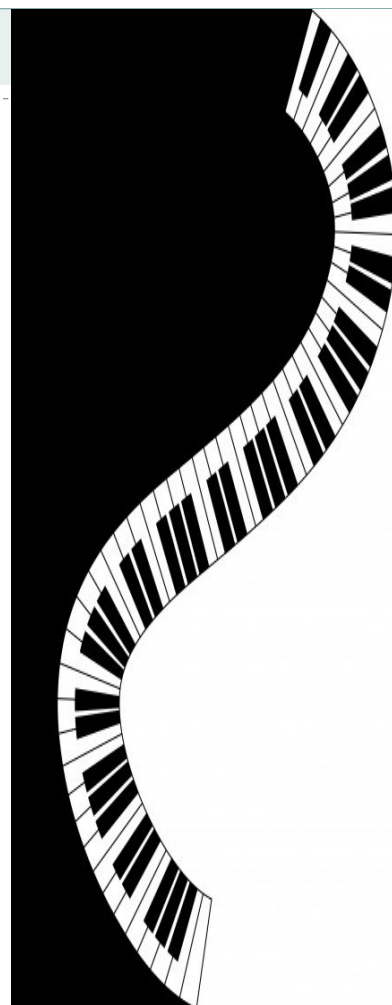
All band students and their families are invited to come out for a fun afternoon of bowling at Dakota Lanes. Bowl with the Band will take place on Saturday, April 23 from 1 pm until 3 pm. An information letter has been sent out. Ticket orders are due **Friday, April 15.**

### Julien Hochman-Berard-Student Teacher

The EVA band program is pleased to host a student teacher this year. Julien Hochman-Berard will be joining us from April 25-June 3. Julien is in his third year at the University of Manitoba and this will be his first student teaching placement. He is a trumpet player.

### Wednesday, May 18-Final Band Concert

EVA's final band concert will take place on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 pm. All ensembles will be performing. We are hoping that it will once again take place at Vincent Massey but we will confirm as we get closer to the day.



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## SUMMER BAND CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

There are many summer band camp opportunities for our students to take part in. Scholarships are available for those who attend (see below for more info). The following are camps that students may participate in:

### **International Music Camp: July 3-July 9 or July 17-July 23**

The International Music Camp takes place at the Peace Gardens on the Canada/US Border. Students receive lessons, sectionals, full band rehearsals, and theory classes. Jacquie Dawson, band teacher from Vincent Massey will be conducting the band July 17-23. For more information: [www.peacegarden.com/music-camp.html](http://www.peacegarden.com/music-camp.html).

### **Manitoba Band Association Summer Band Camp-August 8-12**

Located at Vincent Massey, students spend a week in sectionals, masterclasses, and full band rehearsals with a guest conductor. The ensemble also performs a concert at the end of the week. Not available that week? There are four other camps that your child can also attend. Check out the MBA website at [www.mbband.org](http://www.mbband.org).

### **Woodwind Wizards Summer Camp-August 22-26**

This camp is specifically designed for woodwind players (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, bassoon). Students must be entering grade 9 to participate. It takes place at the Winnipeg Conservatory of Music. For more information go to: <http://tempo75.wix.com/woodwind-whizards#!the-camp/cjq9>.

### **University of Manitoba Jazz Camp-August 14-20**

Enrollment is open to anyone with an interest in furthering their jazz performance skills. The week will culminate in a student concert on Saturday, August 20th. Each ensemble will perform a set of the music they have been rehearsing throughout the week. Friends and family are all welcome to attend! Location TBA. Students will also attend masterclasses and instrument specific classes. For more information check out: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/music/prep/jazzcamp.html>.

### **Prairie Percussion Camp-August 2-5**

Held at St John's Ravenscourt from August 2-5, 2016. Students attend specialized classes in all areas of concert percussion (keyboard, timpani, snare drum and auxiliary) as well as drum set and world percussion classes and perform at the end of the week in percussion ensemble groups organized by their levels of experience. Contact **Victoria Sparks** for more information ([toria@me.com](mailto:toria@me.com)) or register online at [www.prairiepercussion.com](http://www.prairiepercussion.com)

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### ***Did You Know...***

*Clarinet reeds are made out of a type of cane. The official botanical name is Arundo donax.*

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## SUMMER BAND CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

As mentioned above, students who will be attending a summer band camp may choose to apply for a scholarship to help cover the cost of the camp. Please see the attached application form. All application forms are due on **Friday, May 6**. The scholarships will be presented at the final band concert.





## BAND PARENT COMMITTEE

Thank you to all parents and guardians for continuing to support our exciting program. The next Band Parent Committee Meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm**. The focus of the meeting will be to plan the details of Bowl with the Band, the Spring Concert, and the Jazz Cabaret. Baked goods will be served!



## 2016-2017 JAZZ BAND AND AUDITIONS

It is the time of year that the grade 7 students will be considering auditioning for jazz band for the 2016-2017 school year. There are two jazz bands that students may be part of:

**Morning Jazz:** This ensemble rehearses Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30 am. Any instrumentation is accepted and there are no limits of how many students may participate. This ensemble is a graded class that appears in the report card in addition to the students' band mark.

**Atelier Jazz:** This ensemble rehearses twice a cycle during the grade 8 atelier periods. Only traditional jazz instruments are accepted (saxophone, trombone, trumpet, piano, bass guitar, electric guitar, and drum set). There are a limited number of spots for this ensemble. Atelier Jazz participates in a few extra events throughout the year than Morning Jazz and prepares music of slightly more advanced level. This is a graded class that appears in the report card in addition to the students' band mark.

Auditions will take place the week of May 30-June 3. Students will receive the audition one week prior to the audition week with specific audition times. All students are required to audition, even if they are wanting to only be in Morning Jazz so that I may prepare accordingly and assign parts. Students who are willing and able to participate in both jazz bands will be automatically given 100% for their jazz mark providing that they complete all assignments and achieve all expectations as they will be going over and above what is asked.

“Don't look at the trombones-it only encourages them.”

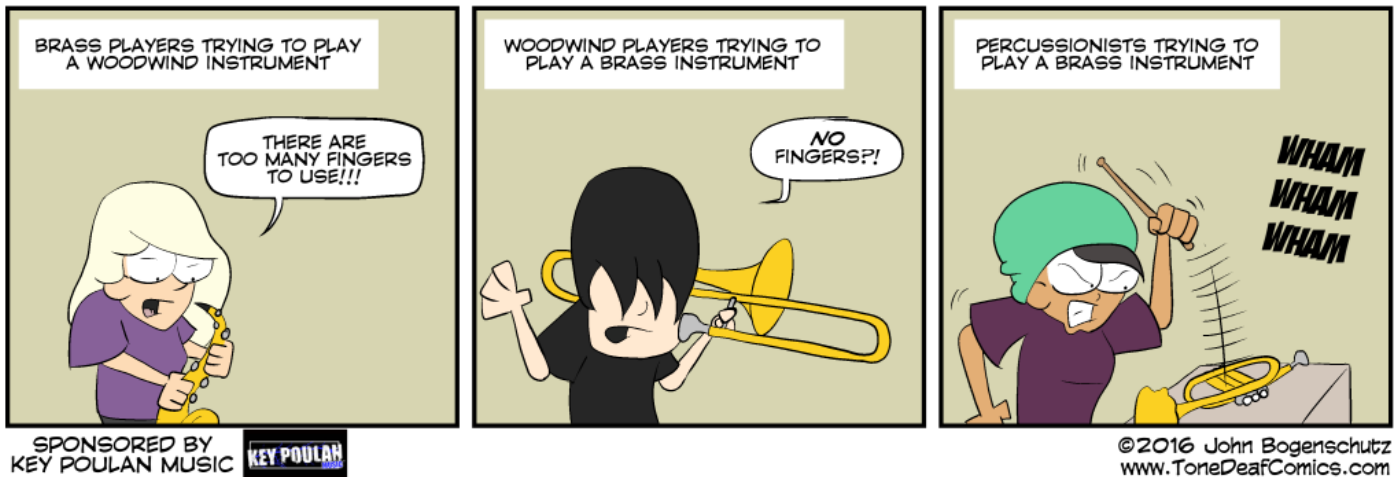
-Richard Strauss, composer and conductor



## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8	Live at Massey Hall
April 12	Band Parent Meeting
April 13 1 pm	Level One Festival-Grade 7 Band Only
May 5-7	Provincial Junior Honour Band
May 6	Live at Massey Hall
May 18	Spring Band Concert 7 pm
May 20	Live at Massey Hall
May 30-June 3	2016-2017 Jazz Band Auditions
June 3	Live at Massey Hall
June 9	Jazz Cabaret
Thursday, June 16	Jazz Community Tour (Morning and Atelier Jazz Only)

**PLEASE NOTE: A 2016-2017 calendar will be published next month.**



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