

École Viscount Alexander
Advisory Council for School Leadership (ACSL) Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2015 7:30 pm – ÉVA Library
AS APPROVED: PAC meeting Sept. 13, 2015

ATTENDANCE					
Member	Present	Regrets	Member	Present	Regrets
Arnason, Neil	X		Lucas, Janet		X
Barnabé, Mélanie	X		Nowostawski, Vanessa		X
Bonneteau, Annette	X		Proulx, Chantal	X	
Brenan, Carla		X	Tipping, Shannon	X	
Cahoon, Barb	X		Torz, Shelley		X
Fonseca, Marcia	X		Ward, Peter		X
Lepa, Chris	X		Weslak, Tanya		X
Lucas, Brad		X	Widla, Kris	X	

Special Guests

J. Lacoste and colleagues, University of Manitoba

AGENDA & MINUTES

- 1. Introductions**
 - *Neil Arnason called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm*
 - *Round table introductions of attendees including an introduction of our special guest, J. Lacoste and colleagues from the University of Manitoba*
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - i. *Neil Arnason proposed agenda changes to add two Matters Arising – Busing costs to Fun Mountain and the final costs of staff appreciation week*
 - *Motion to approve agenda as changed – Marcia Fonseca moved to approve the agenda as changed, Kris Widla seconded, all in favour – yes, approved*
 - b. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2015
 - i. *Motion to approve – Barb Cahoon moved to approve the minutes from May 11, 2015, Annette Bonneteau seconded, all in favour – yes, approved*

3. Special Presentation

a. Active Transportation and Safety Plan for ÉVA

i. Jeannette Montufar – with Jaime Lacoste and Caleb Olfert presented their findings as follows:

- Reported on the safety issue report findings (report includes why they do the report, observations, countermeasures and conclusions)
- Why do we need ASTEP – reduce infrastructure demands, improve public health, improve public safety
- Based on the travel to school survey conducted - 39% bus, 19% walk, 8% bike, 34% travel by car. 27% travel through walking or biking (by active means)
- Observations – Speed Studies:
 - Pointe Road 85th percentile – 43 km/hr or less, the distribution shows that most vehicles travel between 32 & 38 km/hr (most traffic in front of the school is between 32 & 38 km/hr)
 - Wicklow Street – 85th percentile – 42 km/hr, the distribution shows that most vehicles travel between 35 – 41 km/hr
 - Road Safety Review found 19 safety issues – there are three situations that should be addressed.
 - 1) Intersections are skewed causing large crossing distances for pedestrians.
 - 2) The parking lot from St. Paul's Anglican Church has a very wide entrance / exit.
 - 3) Diagonal parking between North Drive and Riverwood Avenue on the north side (suggest to eliminate diagonal parking, create a bike lane and parking like Sherbrook Ave with a proper sidewalk).
 - 4) Diagonally oriented crosswalk at intersections
 - See the full report for the remaining observations and recommendation
- Non-Engineering Countermeasures include – a walking school bus or cycling school bus (incentives / rewards for walking or wheeling to school), active transportation encouragement and awareness campaigns, Walk-a-Block program, decorating fences to encourage slowing down or other desired behavior, community pace car programs
- Full Report should be sent by end of week or by Monday

4. Regular Reports

a. Good News Sharing

- i. Barb Cahoon has two boys in grade 5 who were in the Grade 5 Amazing History Race Canada. Kudos to all the teachers for putting this on (dancing, signing, rap, musical instruments, skits, etc.). The Grade 4 – 8 Spring Concert was also a very enjoyable evening as was the Jazz Cabaret. Kudos to everybody on these initiatives.
- ii. Annette Bonneteau – the volunteer tea was very enjoyable

b. Chair's Report

- i. The Volunteer Appreciation Tea had a great turnout, mountains of delicious food (there was a staff group that organized the event with staff bringing in all the food)
- ii. Awards Ceremony – Neil Arnason will attend and hand out the award (Neil will need the name of the student who will be receiving the award this year – names should be in by this Friday for academic leadership)

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)

- Mme Proulx and Shannon were so proud of every event and with being so engaged with the community
- The Human Rights Project was amazing – the sound was a bit of an issue and students couldn't hear very well. The kids were great and very well behaved.
- The Grade 5 Amazing History Race Canada – kids were so proud, such a great event
- The Jazz Cabaret was well attended and a great evening for everyone in attendance
- We really appreciate all the support received to fund programs and community, family participation in school events (Shannon to PAC)
- Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year, we couldn't do our jobs without you

d. Treasurer's Report

i. **Account Balances:**

Account	Treasurer Balance	Bank Balance	Difference
PAC sub-account	\$4,567.09		
Milk sub-account	\$4,784.92		
Total	\$9,352.01	\$12,833.49	(\$3,481.48)

- Difference is due to cheques not yet cashed
- Proposals – remind teachers in Sept to bring forward their proposal after the Sept meeting

e. School Ground Transformation (SGT Committee)

i. **SGTC Account Balances:**

Account	Treasurer Balance
SGTC	\$21.88
PSTD (In Trust)	\$2,935.00
Grant(s) (In Trust)	\$10,434.00
Grant(s) (Pending)	-
Total	\$13,390.88

- There is \$21.88 left in the account. 99% of the work from last year is completed. There are still some outstanding grant monies to use up. These will be used on benches and new basketball hoop nets.
- Neil suggested getting a plaque that lists the names of the people who were so dedicated to the transformation of the school grounds
 - Motion was placed to purchase a plaque with an email vote on costs, Kris Widla moves to approve, Barb Cahoon seconded, all favour – yes, approved

f. Band Report

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

g. Lunch Program

- i. There is \$4,000 left in the lunch program account. There might still be some salaries to pay out however.*
- ii. There was full staffing for most of the year*
- iii. The Lunch Program would like to use step increases to encourage lunch monitors to stay longer (second year - receive a \$1 / hr increase). The Lunch Program also would like to increase lunch fees by \$5 for the 2015/2016 school year.*
 - Motion to approve lunch fee increases from \$130 from \$135 per year. Neil Arnason moved to approve the lunch fee increases, Chris Lepa seconded, all in favour - yes, approved*
- iv. There was an issue raised where a family said their child is 12 and doesn't require supervision therefore they do not want to pay the lunch fees. We should maybe stipulate what our rule is regarding the lunch fee program and move to make the resolution.*
 - Neil Arnason moved to make the resolution , Kris Widla seconded (resolution to the effect that all children who stay over the lunch hour are required to participate in, and pay the fees for the lunch program), all in favour – yes, approved*

h. Pizza Program

- i. The Pizza Program had another successful year. Will continue to run the Pizza Program next year.*

i. Milk Program

- i. The Milk Program had another successful year. Samantha Conlin is the new co-ordinator (for 2015-16 only) and has met with Annette to receivedocuments and files and co-ordinate transition to taking over the program.*

5. New Business

- a. No new business**

6. Meeting Adjournment

Kris Widla moved to adjourn the ÉVA ACSL June 15, 2015 monthly meeting, Melanie Barnabe seconded, all in favour – yes, meeting adjourned

APPENDIX

A. Principal's PAC Report for June, 2015

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

B. June Band Newsletter



June Band
Newsletter 2015.pdf



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Principal's Report June 15, 2015

May/June Highlights:

Human Rights Project: Our participation in the divisional human rights initiative was on May 20th. Students were able to lay down the tiles on the field at Investor's Field that they had completed. Afterwards, they were able to visit all of the social action booths from schools across the division. The day went very smoothly and students were great and listened attentively even though there was a problem with the sound system which was rectified following the presentation.

Grade 5-8 Concert: Our first school Grades 5-8 concert was very well attended and was an exciting new initiative for our school. Thanks to the talents of Mme Nowostawski and Mr. Slashinsky, they were able to have all of our students participating at one time. We were fortunate to be able to use Vincent Massey Collegiate for this performance. A special thank you to all the parents and community members that attended the performance including the Honourable James Allum.

Grade 5 Amazing History Race Canada: Congratulations to our Grade 5 students, along with their talented teachers Mme Laflèche-Turnbull and Mme Pepler, who entertained us with a fabulous historical journey across Canada on June 4th. The students showcased their many talents from singing, dancing, playing musical instruments and speaking. Thank you to all the parents, friends and family that attended the performance.

Jazz Cabaret: June 11th was a night for jazz! This event was well attended with the Grade 7 and 8 jazz students, along with the Vincent Massey Intermediate Jazz Ensemble playing during the evening. It was a great evening for everyone in attendance. Thank you to all the parents and community members that not only attended this event but also assisted with returning the tables and chairs to the appropriate locations. We are so grateful for a school community that is so helpful following these concerts and performances as it assists staff at the end of the evening. A special thank you is also extended to staff that assisted.

Volunteer Tea: May 26th we had an opportunity to thank all of our school volunteers. We hosted approximately 50 parents during our come and go tea. The food was provided by staff with musical talents of our Grade 8 jazz ensemble, who provided entertainment during the tea and a special presentation by representatives of the Grade 5 classes shared a poem about volunteers.

Ecole Viscount Alexander Track Day: Our school track day was a great success. Mr. Spiers organized activities for students to participate in their family groupings. The morning session started with all students in the gym creating chants and cheers before starting the activities. Students from Vincent Massey came to assist with the events. Mr. Adam, along with Mr. Monin and Mme Mercer, organized a BBQ for the students.

Divisional Track Day: Grades 5 and 6 students participated in the Pembina Trails Track events on May 26. Our students were great representatives for our school. Unfortunately due to weather, the Grade 7 and 8 track event was cancelled and it was not able to be rescheduled due to other events already booked.

AAIM (Aerospace and Aviation in Manitoba) fieldtrip: Our Grade 6 classes participated in the AAIM that was held in May. The students were fortunate to be able to participate in this event as this is an annual initiative but schools are only able to apply once every two years. Students were able to participate in hands-on activities that were directly related to flight and solar system curriculum objectives. During their visit, they helped Honorable Kevin Chief, Minister of Jobs and the Economy, as he officially proclaimed May 25-29 Aerospace in Manitoba week.

Babysitting Course: During our PD day on June 12th, thirty-one Grade 6 students participated in the babysitting course. We had enough students for two classes during the day. The students completed the course successfully and are now certified to babysit.

Gauss Math Competition: Fifty of our students participated in the Gauss Math Competition. Several of our students were recognized for their accomplishments at our assembly in June.

Applebee's Fundraising Breakfast: A Quebec trip fundraising breakfast was held on May 26th where students greeted and seated guests. Parents bussed and served the breakfast. This was a fabulous fundraising event and just over \$500 was raised for the trip.

Next Year Planning:

Staffing: An email went home on Friday outlining staff for next year. This was changing up until last week so we were unable to incorporate this information into our June newsletter. The following are changes to staffing to date:

Changes for next year:

- Mme Huot will be returning from her maternity leave and will be teaching in Grade 7.
- M Slashinsky will be participating in a teacher exchange with a teacher in Normandy France so he will be in Normandy and Mme Dupont will be teaching in Grade 6 at EVA next year.
- M Adam has accepted a position as a Grade 4 half time classroom teacher at Ecole Dieppe.
- Mme Stevens will be working at HGI.
- Mme Joffrin has accepted a Basic French teaching position at Arthur A. Leach and will be at Ecole Viscount Alexander for Hip Hop as part of the Grade 7 Practical Arts, as well as some Health classes.
- Grade 5 team – Mme Pepler, Mme Lafleche – Turnbull
- Grade 6 team – Mme Jarvie, Mme Dupont
- Grade 7 team – Mme Boock, M. Bissonnette, Mme Huot
- Grade 8 team – Mme McMahon, M. Monin, Mme Leclercq, Mme Hillman

Class Formation: Our first draft of class lists has been completed. Any requests were taken into consideration but not always possible due to other factors when organizing the classes. We review the lists several more times before they are finalized. When finalized, your child's class placement information will be show on their final report card so they are aware of their teacher for the following year.

Upcoming Events:

Grade 8 Farewell: Grade 8 farewell will be on May 25th. Due to the number of students this year, we will be having the evening in the gymnasium. Students have been very involved with organizing this event, decorations, etc.

Calendar Next Year: We have completed our calendar for next year. These dates are all placed in our school website calendar.

8 Sept	Metro Common Day
9 Sept	First Day of School
17 Sept	Open House
18 & 19 Sept	Strong Beginnings
13 & 15 Oct	Conferences
16 Oct	Div Common Day
23 Oct	SAGE
23 Nov	Div Common Day
5 Feb	Metro Common Day
26 Feb	PD Day
2 March	Open House – New Families
18 March	Metro Common Day
19-21 April	Conferences
22 April	Metro Common Day
17 June	Div Common Day

Life Days: Our Life Days activities will be held on June 22-24. Students had an introductory session with the staff members facilitating these events last week. They visited with the teachers for 10 minutes for them to outline any specific clothing, requirements, and additional permissions they may require for them to participate. The school has funded the transportation cost for this initiative. Some activities will have parent/staff drivers but others will have school bus transportation provided by First Student.

Fun Mountain: A school wide celebration will be at Fun Mountain on Friday, June 26. We would like to thank Advisory Council of School Leadership for assisting with the cost of transportation for this event.

Awards Assembly: Our awards assembly will be held on June 29th at 10:10 am. Awards for students in all grades will be presented during this time. Following the assembly, classes will continue as scheduled until the end of the day when the report cards will be distributed. If you and your family are leaving early on Monday, your child will require written permission to leave before the end of the day.

Administrative Day (June 30): On June 30th there will no classes. Teachers will be sharing transition information to next year's teachers, as well as preparing for our next year's school plan.

Return to School: First Day of Classes - September 9, 2015.

New Family Drop-In Visit: On September 2nd, we will invite new families to the school to visit the school prior to the start of the school.

SGTC Assembly: Our School Ground Transformation Committee have scheduled their assembly on September 11th.

Manitoba Art Smarts II Grant: We have recently received approval for a \$5,000 arts smarts grant next year. This will be to facilitate a mural outside the art room. This will incorporate Grades 5/6 classes and the mural will be integrated into their curriculum.

Practical Arts/MakerSpace Programming: We have recently received a grant for MakerSpaces. With this grant, we purchased a 3D printer for next year. Our Trustees also provided some Middle Years Schools funding to enhance their Practical Arts programming. We were fortunate to receive funds to allow us to purchase materials to enhance our coding programming for next year, as well as creating a hands-on bike shop and robotics materials.

Over the summer:

Painting over the summer: Over the summer our Grade 5/6 hallway, main hallway and up to the gym will be painted. This will complement the painting completed last year in the multipurpose and gym area.

Projectors: We have all new projectors installed in the classrooms. Each classroom was upgraded to interactive projectors which means that they create Smart Board technology with the projector without having the separate Smart Board.

Wifi upgrade: Students have had some difficulty this year connecting with the wifi when using some of our iPads and netbooks. In order to facilitate this, we are upgrading our wifi system to have a similar system to other Middle Years schools and Vincent Massey. This wiring is to be upgraded over the summer.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 16 Photos for yearbook for all sports/music groups
- 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
- September 2 Drop-In Open House for New Families
- September 8 No School for students – Admin Day/PD for staff
- September 9 Return to School
- September 11 SGTC Thank You Assembly



June Band Newsletter

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to all of the band students on their performance at the Final Band Concert on May 28. It was truly a wonderful evening of music making and community . Thank you once again to all of the parents for their help and continued support. Congratulations to Joseph Nardella, Sarah Bell, Abi Dueck, and Noah Bailis on being recognized as this year's Canadian Band Association's Outstanding Musician Award recipients, as well as the 20 students that were awarded scholarships to attend a summer music camp.

Congratulations to Noah Bailis, Anaïs Towers-Lussier, and Kai-Mon Mok who successfully auditioned for the Manitoba Provincial Honour Junior Jazz Band. They will rehearse for three days with a guest conductor and artist and perform a concert at the West End Cultural Centre as part of the Winnipeg Jazz Festival. Bravo!

Thank you to Noah Bailis, Eden Slippert, Anaïs Towers-Lussier , Josh Bonneteau, Sebastian Selver, Darian Chakhmouradian, and Callum Ross for their performance as a jazz combo at the Volunteer Appreciation Tea.

Thank you to those who signed the petition and wrote letters in support of Prairie Spirit School Division reinstating their band program. I am happy to announce that they have reconsidered their decision and band will once again be offered next year for its students!

IMPORTANT JUNE INFORMATION/ EVENTS

Jazz Cabaret-Thursday, June 11 at 7 pm

We are looking forward to the upcoming Jazz Cabaret on Thursday, June 11. Tickets are now on sale and are \$5 each. Cake and coffee will be served. Junior, Morning, and Atelier Jazz will perform as well as Vincent Massey's Intermediate Jazz Band. We are looking for parent volunteers to help out with the evening. Please visit the following link to sign up: <http://vols.pt/CFUvDk>

2015-2016 Jazz Band Auditions

Auditions to be members of next year's Morning and Atelier Jazz bands will take place June 15-19. Audition material has been distributed.

Morning and Atelier Jazz Community Tour and Wind-Up-June 18

Morning and Atelier Jazz will be performing at Ecole Crane and Ralph Maybank School on Thursday, June 18. We will also have lunch at Boston Pizza and go bowling as part of our wind-up. A permission slip will be sent out this week.



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Did You Know...

The harmonica is the world's best selling instrument.

SUMMER INSTRUMENT CLEANING AND REPAIRS

(SCHOOL AND PERSONAL)

School-owned instruments: All instruments that have been rented through the school need to be returned no later than **Friday, June 19** so that they may be cleaned and repaired. Please arrange for them to be dropped off by this day in the band room. Accord Music will be coming to pick up our instruments on June 22 so it is extremely important that the instruments are back at school on time. Thank you for your understanding.



“Music is the one incorporeal entrance into the higher world of knowledge which comprehends mankind but which mankind cannot comprehend.”

-Beethoven

For everyone else: The summer is a good time to send in your child’s instrument to get cleaned and tuned up. Food can get trapped in the instrument and mold can build up, especially over the summer months when it is not being used so it is a good idea to send it in.

For those attending a camp in the summer and renting from the school: Please return your instrument to the school for June 19. It will be cleaned and returned to you by June 30. If you are in grade 8 and attending a camp, Vincent Massey will supply an instrument for your child to use. Please contact Mr. Abraham to arrange for pick-up. You can reach him via email: mabraham@pembinatrails.ca.



2015-2016 YEAR AT-A-GLANCE



September 15	First rehearsal for Morning Jazz
September 19 and 21	Strong Beginnings (Grade 7 Only)
September 22-25	Symphonic Band Auditions
September 29	First rehearsal for Symphonic Band
October 21-22	Camp Assiniboia (Grade 8 Band)
October 24	Fall Big Band Workshop (Atelier and Morning Jazz)
November 15	Atelier Jazz performs with the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra
November TBA	PTSD Divisional Middle Years Honour Band (Select Grade 8 Students only)
December 7	Winter Band Concert
December 13	Holiday Tuba Festival (Tuba and Euphonium Players)
January 16	Solo and Ensemble Festival (Grade 7 Band)
January 22-23	Band-a-Thon Sleepover
February 23-26	Optimist Band Festival (Grade 8 Band Only-Date TBA)
March 3-4	Optimist Jazz Festival (Morning and Atelier Jazz Only-Date TBA)
March 7	Provincial Junior Honour Band Audition Deadline
March 17-18	Brandon Jazz Festival
April 12-15	Level One Festival (Grade 7 Band Only-Date TBA)
May 5-7	Provincial Junior Honour Band
May 18	Spring Band Concert
May 30-June 3	2016-2017 Jazz Band Auditions
June 9	Jazz Cabaret
Thursday, June 16	Jazz Community Tour (Morning and Atelier Jazz Only)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 19	Rental Instruments Return Date
Thursday, June 18	Jazz Community Tour (Morning and Atelier Jazz Only)

Thank You!

- To the Band Parent Committee for all of your help this year
- To the teachers, administration, secretaries, custodians for your flexibility and support
- To all parents, family members, and friends who helped out, attended, and supported in any way they could throughout the year

But most of all, to the students for a fantastic year of music making, friendship, compassion, fun, and laughter. I feel truly blessed that I get the opportunity to work with such wonderful people on a daily basis. I look forward to what I know will be another incredible year with our new grade 8 students. I wish all the best to our current grade 8 students as they embark on a new chapter of their lives. Wherever life might lead you and regardless of whether or not you are continuing into band next year, I hope that you have come to value music as an important aspect of our world and of your lives, and that your experience at EVA is something that you will reflect on fondly in years to come.

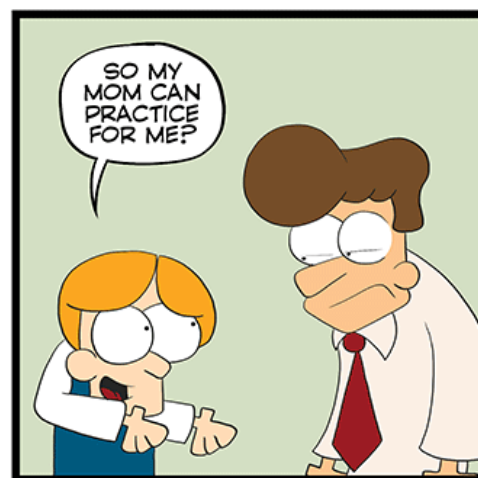
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