

## Minutes of the EVA- ACSL- Monday, May 9, 2016

DRAFT: for approval at PAC Meeting of June 13, 2016

**Attendees:** Neil Arnason, Barbara Cahoon, Chris Lepa, Chantal Proulx, Aleksandra Stanosevic, Shannon Tipping, Tanya Weslak, Kris Widla

### 1. Introductions

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

### 2. Matters Arising (Old Business)

- a) Kris attended the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils (MAPC) AGM
  - Sir Hugh John McDonald Middle School Band played – U of M helping with the Band
  - Talked about Flin Flon exchange program - how they worked with kids with special needs, grandparents, inclusive education, community garden- an excellent presentation
  - Information on money and youth, bullying prevention and Red Cross, games from the Fire Department
  - Discussed fair trade fundraising (coffee and tea)- someone can do a presentation with our fundraising group if desired
  - Presentations on inclusiveness , Truth and Reconciliation Commission, how to work with diverse groups, how we promote diversity and inclusiveness in our Parent Council; presentation on inclusiveness on PAC website
  - One presentation indicated that administration assumes bullying happens in other schools – if they look into it, may be surprised about bullying in their own schools
  - Session with Minister of Education – only on job for 5 days; questions regarding future – hiring retention of French Immersion teachers
  - Very good conference – provided Kris and school with good connections and presentations
  - MAPC - Resource Handbook – excellent resource for how to start and organization
  - Kris will send links to presentations so Neil can put them on website
- b) Breakfast Program and Cafeteria-Kris shared information about breakfast program and healthy options; also shared information about starting a cafeteria
- c) Farm to School – prices per bag of vegetables going up ; Neil, indicated that we need to find someone to run it next year as Vanessa was in charge and she is leaving
- d) Staff Appreciation – 25 volunteers-a big success; Lynn Avison did an excellent job as organizer. Thanks to Neil as well for his contributions. We came in under budget.

### 3. Regular Reports

#### a) Good News Sharing

- Chris – soccer nets up – benches installed
- Shannon – some growing pains with soccer nets – will have to do a rotation
- Discussed benches and bench costs
- Barb – Badminton – Doubles and Singles – EVA placed in both

#### Miscellaneous comments:

- Aleksandra – asked if there will be a successor for the Bike Program- Shannon said that someone will be taking it over
- Will try to have school-wide assembly to say good bye to teachers that are leaving

#### b) Chair's Report

- Weebly – changed some things on website – website stats have been added – 35 to 40 unique visitors -75 to 100 total number of page visits
- April – PTSD changing policy to video surveillance – missed deadline to comment ; trustees will look at it to see if they want to make changes; Neil will put a link on the website if people want to read it. Shannon added that EVA has video surveillance system outside and inside – recordings get recorded over automatically, can clip and save if you want to keep something
- PAC Award – certificate to be presented at Award Ceremony in June; Shannon will bring criteria to share at next meeting. Neil has designed a card/certificate that has been used for the past 2 years.
- Thanks to the following people, in addition to Lynn Avison, who volunteered for Staff Appreciation: Carla Brenan, Carol Stew, Cathy Hogue, Cheryl Lindsay, Chris Lepa, Christina Weise, Janelle Hildebrand, Janice Lukes, Janine Ennis, Jen and Brady Watson/Gill , Jess Woolford, Joseph Langan, Kristelle Blackwood, Leanne Hiebert , Linda Stupack, Lisa Demczuk , Lorraine Crawford, Lylah Erkau, Lynelle Thiessen, Meagan Carnegie, Melissa Weselake, MyLinh Tran, Neil Arnason, Shelley Torz, Sheree Hanysh, Tanya Weslak, Tracey Irving, Wanda Knook

#### c) Principal's Report

- See appended
- In addition to the report, 257 students now, 292 registered for next year
- Fun Mountain – Does PAC want to donate money for transportation again?
- **Motion: Kris moved to fund buses for Fun Mountain; Chris seconded; carried**
- 7/8s volunteering for St. Avila Track and Field tomorrow
- Question – Is there a volunteer requirement for Grade 8? Response from Shannon was “No”

- Payment for electronic sign– balance in the new school year; may need to do a fundraiser – Honour Circle?
- Discussion of consultant (Marie Geleen) coming from Ontario to do respect agreements – works with several schools; looking at a train the trainer model so teachers can do it

d) Treasurer’s Report

- Balances as of May 9, 016: PAC a/c \$8,641.08; Milk a/c \$5,431.16; SGT: \$138.31

e) School Ground Transformation

- See appended
- Benches installed
- Soccer nets up – approximately \$1500.00 – Shannon will get final price- payment to Viking Landscape
- Final reports from two grants will be submitted- anticipating \$2000.00 in account
- Before celebration in June– pruning needs to be done and replanting plants on warranty that didn’t make it
- Moving forward – what do the school and/or people want to see?
- Neil suggested Circle of Bricks Fundraiser – quote from Viking – 15 ft. diameter circle - \$4368.00- set aside \$2500.00 from this year to carry out this project, the rest could come from a matching grant-we can think about this over the next month- could also be used as an outdoor classroom; Shannon will check with teachers and with Division;  
**Notice of Motion-** we will be moving this at the June meeting – asking PAC for \$2500.00; Neil will check with Eden regarding bricks and engraving- also been in contact with Innovative Laser (will actually etch the bricks); we can build a circle and put a bench on it

f) Band Report

- See appended

g) Lunch Program

- Neil thinks it’s going okay- well staffed; some concerns for next year-we will need to hire again; Anita is staying – Neil will ask Anita to do a projection exercise to look at different payment scenarios - we have to stay competitive with other schools; do we need to raise our supervisor rates and in turn our lunch fees? Discuss at June meeting – Shannon will have a breakdown for June meeting

h) Pizza Program

- Going fine; Lorraine Crawford has volunteered to take it over for next year – wants to use Munch-a-Lunch– Neil contacted Slices to ask if they could use Lunch and Munch and was told “Yes”; Neil expressed that we should stay with Slices if possible – good service, not much waste; feeling that Panago is not as good.  
Recommendations: stay with Slices and avoid individual packaging as we have enough helpers to distribute; will be up to next year’s Pizza Coordinator and PAC
- **Motion: Neil moved that we recommend the two points above to next year’s Pizza Coordinator and PAC (stay with Slices and avoid individual packaging); Kris seconded; carried**

i) Milk Program

- No Milk Spirit Week this year as Samantha (Milk Coordinator) can’t be at school during the day
- Could arrange to give sundaes to students if we would like- give two weeks’ notice and we can arrange that –maybe June 20 (SGTC Ceremony) or June 21 (Sports Day)
- Neil will talk to Aleksandra regarding the Milk Program next year- mostly it is handling the paper work- must find someone to do the buckets and labelling

**4. New Business**

- Next meeting is AGM to receive annual reports and elect new officers - need one co-chair

**Tanya moved to adjourn the meeting; Kris seconded; carried**

**Appended reports:**

- a) Principal’s report**
- b) Band report**