

As adopted at meeting of January 11, 2016 (only spelling changes from draft minutes)

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1. Introduction

a. Motion to adjust and adopt revised agenda:

- New Business
  - M. Bissonnette and Mme Marriott - report on the Respect Committee
  - Mme Pepler - report on Water Polo Team

**moved** - Neil; **seconded** - Kris; **all in favor**

b. Approval of minutes – Motion to adopt minutes: **moved** – Kris; **seconded** - Chris; **all in favor**

2. New Business

- Report on Respect Committee – M. Bissonnette and Mme Marriott – see attached presentation about the background, formation, goals, committee, etc. regarding the Respect Committee
- Report on the Water Polo Team – Mme Pepler – this is the first year in five years that there has been a water polo team at EVA; received very well by the students – open to all students in grades 6-8 however there are some grade 5 students who practice with the team; very nominal fee charged to parents for this activity; school paid the league fee; Mme Pepler requesting funds to purchase t-shirts for the club (amount over \$10 only), a pizza party for the team, and a gift for the coach and 2 high school students who are volunteering their time; Motion for PAC to pay up to \$200 for costs of the t-shirts (shortage), pizza, and gifts; **moved** – Kris; **seconded** – Brandy; **will vote to accept by email**

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3. Matters arising (Old business)

a. Council of Presidents Meeting

- Neil and Kris attended
- Discussions included:
  - EA's and hiring practices/processes/funding model
  - Presentation on the Human Rights Project – video featured mainly adults
  - Susan Smidt and Wendy White – numeracy and literacy; engagement in math and developing a positive attitude; fast math is not necessarily the best method
  - New logo for PTSD
  - PAC used to automatically receive \$375 contribution from the school division – not automatic anymore but will be granted upon request
- Farm2School
  - Raised about \$1,300
  - Donated vegetables came to the school; Winnipeg Harvest came and collected them ~400 lbs
  - Next year will put phone number on sheet to make contacting for pick up possible

4. Regular Reports

a. Good news sharing

- none

b. Chair's Report

- PTSD used to join the MAPC (Man. Association of Parent Councils) as a whole; last year EVA PAC paid their own membership; motion for EVA PAC to pay the fee this year (\$80); **moved** – Kris; **seconded** – Chris; **all in favor**

c. Principal's Report

- See attached Principal's Report
- February 10, 2016 – will be doing a Metis event as a kick off to Festival du Voyageur – grant applications submitted to PTSD; add to agenda for January to see if parents would be willing to donate pots of stew/bannock for the event
- trip to Japan with General Byng for grade 8 and 9 is March 5-20, 2016, taking language course weekly
- showed a short video of photos from Camp Assiniboia

d. Treasurer's Report

- See attached balance sheets
  - Farm2School fundraiser – \$2,541.00
  - Pizza Revenue – \$4,298.00
  - Milk – 0
  - Expenses – \$4,257.40

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- Current balance in PAC account - \$10,089.90

e. School Ground Transformation

- benches are ordered and will arrive any day; will store them in the school out building; Chris's credit card has not yet been charged; final writing on the benches has been confirmed; unless weather holds may be looking at a spring installation
- MB Hydro delivered the new sign – to be put up in the spring; currently being stored at Chris's house
- Chris will be reporting back to the granters regarding use of funds
- planning for celebration event in spring 2016
  - outstanding amount from grants - \$1,500; expecting \$2000 holdback from the province (to receive after the celebration) - will be used for maintenance/upkeep
- goalposts to be installed in the spring
- Neil and Chris will brainstorm about memorializing the committee

f. Band report

- Please see attached Band Report
- Chris will write a cheque to the band program once the final has been tallied for the Farm2School fundraiser (~\$1,300)

g. Lunch Program

- Still trying to collect funds from a few families
- Have worked out monthly fees for a few families

h. Pizza Program

- Another pizza day coming up this Thursday

i. Milk Program

- Nothing to report

**5. Closing**

- a. December meeting – cancelled in person meeting; will cover any urgent business arising via email; next meeting January 11, 2016 (second Monday of the month)
- b. Motion to adjourn meeting – **moved** - Chris; **seconded** - Kris; **all in favor**

**ACTION ITEMS**

*New*

- Neil to email PAC regarding vote on supporting the Water Polo Team
- Chris or Neil will request \$375 grant from PTSD
- Neil to add to agenda for January to see if parents would be willing to donate pots of stew/bannock for the Metis event February 10, 2016
- Chris will report back to the granters regarding the use of the grant monies
- Neil and Chris will brainstorm about ways to memorialize the grounds transformation committee members

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*Carried Forward*

- PAC will look at reviving School Ground Transformation committee to address the weeds
- Invite staff to help with pancake breakfast during Festival week
- Chris will write and deliver a cheque (\$1,600) to the school on November 10, 2016 for Festival du Voyageur

Post-meeting tour:

Members of PAC viewed the murals created as part of the “Artist in the School” project (see Principal’s report for details). The 2 science-themed murals are:

Manitoba harvest:



and

Pioneer Female Primate Researchers:





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## PRINCIPAL'S SCHOOL REPORT MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

### SCHOOL INFORMATION:

**TTFM (Tell Them From Me):** Students across the school will be participating in an on-line survey entitled Tell Them From Me. There are two surveys one for the younger grades (Grades 5/6) and one for the older grades (Grade 7/8). The data is then collated. This provides us with information regarding how students see our school, areas we need to focus on and assist us with the development of our school plan and initiatives.

**Capital Improvements Meeting with the Division:** Each year the school principal meets with the school division to review the facility needs. On November 20, Chantal and I will meet with the divisional facility representatives. Our main priorities for the school are painting, and discussing about enhancing our science lab.

**Remembrance Day Assembly:** Our Remembrance Day Assembly will be held on November 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the gymnasium. Students will be presenting poems and Mr. Wehrle will be presenting the address on behalf of the Canadian Armed Forces.

**Étoile du Mois:** At each of our monthly assemblies, students are highlighted and awarded the Étoile du Mois (Star of the Month) for each class. Students are awarded a certificate and then their photo is taken for our bulletin board in the hallway. This year we have also been introducing a theme each month that will be the focus of the awards. The themes are based on Character Education themes. The awards for October were presented at our November assembly. There was also an award "silver broom" that will be presented each month to the class that keeps their room clean.

**Band/Art Camp:** The Grade 8 students along with Mme Nowostawski, Mme Dombek and Grade 8 staff, went to Camp Assiniboia to work with clinicians during the camp. A huge thank you is extended to Mme Nowostawski and Mme Dombek for organizing such a wonderful event. The students had a great time and learned a lot.

**Artist in the School:** The last two weeks Grades 5 and 6 classes worked with Ms. Karen Cornelius and Mr. Gordon Campbell to create two science themed murals. This was funded through a Manitoba Arts Council grant. The two murals are displayed by the art room. Following the meeting please go and see the mural which incorporates, students' drawings paintings, as well as clay and glass work.

**Math Enrichment:** Mme Wieringa has started working with a group of students in all homeroom classes in grades 5-8. The goal is to meet one period per cycle to explore various Math enrichment opportunities and to engage students in Math dialogue according to their strengths and interests. Throughout the year students will have the opportunity to participate in several Math contests/competitions such as Gauss, Perennial Math, and others offered by the University of Waterloo.

**Mathletics:** We will be continuing to support students' math programming with the Mathletics on-line program, which Mme Jarvie presented last year to the Advisory Council for School Leadership. We started as a pilot project last year and due to the positive responses from students, parents and staff, we financed this program through our Manitoba Textbook Bureau budget last year. We have registered again this year. This would be a project that could be cost shared with ACSL and the school, if possible.

**Christmas Cheer Board:** Mme Wieringa and Mme Proulx will be organizing hampers for the Christmas Cheer Board this year.

**Fundraising Initiatives:**

- Parent Council Peak of the Market campaign with proceeds going to the Band program. Delivery date was last week.
- Staff are currently looking at options to help support student accounts.

**Professional Development:**

- October 23 teachers participated in provincial educational groups.
- Teachers are currently organizing Professional Learning Communities (PLC) to focus on various areas of our school plan – Literacy, Numeracy, Technology, School Culture

**DIVISIONAL INITIATIVES:**

**Girlz Jam:** Two Grade 8 students participated in an all-day workshop focusing on violence prevention, healthy relationships and self-assertiveness. This is a divisional initiative that took place at Fort Gibraltar.

**Truth and Reconciliation:** On November 4, four Grade 6 and 8 students, along with Mme Wieringa, participated in the National Center for Truth and Reconciliation Education Day at the Winnipeg Convention Center. They learned about the history of Residential Schools in Canada through survivor stories, music, youth panel discussion and other presentations. The students really enjoyed the experience and demonstrated maturity and an eagerness to bring the message of reconciliation back to Viscount. They have already requested to present at our next assembly.

**WE Day:** Students from École Viscount Alexander will be attending We Day presentation at the MTS Center on November 16 with Mme Huot and Mme Proulx. Students were asked to submit an application if they were interested in attending based on specific criteria. The students that were chosen have received permission slips to attend and will assist the school in organizing We Day initiatives in the future. We have recently completed the We Scare Hunger initiative where they collected over five large containers of food that have been donated to Winnipeg Harvest. Thank you to all families that assisted us with this initiative.

**OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS**

**Club de Badminton:** Mme Joffrin has organized a badminton club for Grade 7 and 8 students' after school on Fridays. M. Bissonnette and M. Nowostawski has also volunteered to assist with this initiative.

**Yearbook:** We will be creating a yearbook as in the past two years. This will highlight school programs, events and students in each class.

**June – Life Days** – Teachers are starting to organize Life Days for the last week of June. This was a new initiative last year and was very well received by all students. We would like the assistance of parents or volunteers to assist us. For some of the activities a fee may be required. Student accounts can be used for these activities.

**Upcoming School Events:**

November 10 (10:30 am)

November 11

November 16

November 23

December 10

December 16

December 18

December 21 – January 2

January 4

Remembrance Assembly

Remembrance Day– no classes

We Day

Admin/PD Day

Winter Concert (Gr 5/6 – 6pm; Gr 7/8 – 7:30 pm)

Report Cards sent home

Last Day Classes

Winter Break

First Day Back



# November Band Newsletter

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Bronwen Garand-Sheridan, a professional oboe player, worked with our oboe players on Thursday, October 15.
- Charlotte Gill, Milan Lukes, and Chase Graham attended a Beginner Jazz Drumming Workshop led by Quincy Davis, the jazz drumming professor at the U of M.
- The Grade 8 Concert Band students attended a two-day retreat at Camp Assiniboia where they worked with professionals on their instrument as well as VMC band teacher, Matt Abraham in full band.
- Morning and Atelier Jazz attended a workshop with the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra on Saturday, October 24. They worked in full band, sectional, and improvisation sessions with professional jazz musicians. Many students and their families attended the WJO's first concert of the season that evening as well.
- Thank you to those who purchased vegetables through the Farm-to-School fundraiser. We raised just over \$1100.00. These funds will be used to pay for busses, clinicians, and registration fees throughout the year.
- Sarah Bell, Aidan Holm, and Joseph Nardella attended a French horn and clarinet workshop at Fort Richmond Collegiate on November 2. The workshop was given by the clarinet and horn instructors from the University of North Dakota.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

### Tuesday, November 10-Remembrance Day Assembly

Symphonic Band will be performing O Canada as well as one other piece at the Remembrance Day Assembly. The assembly will begin at 10:15 am.

### Sunday, November 15-Atelier Jazz Performs with the WJO

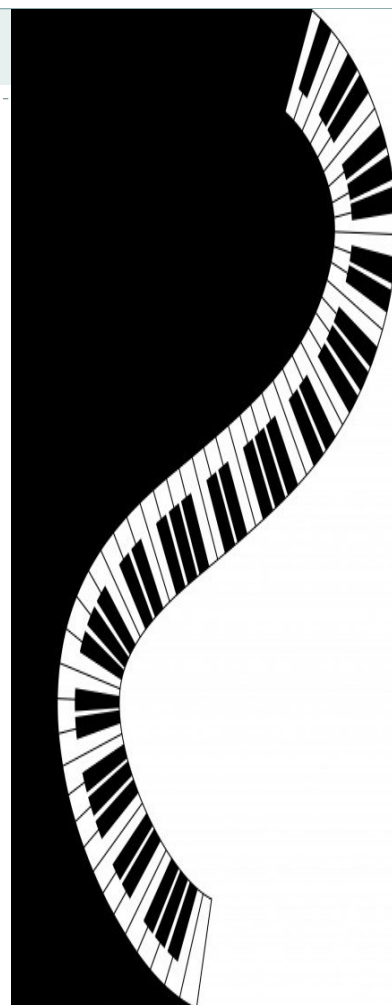
Atelier Jazz will be performing at the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra concert on Sunday, November 15 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery at 2 pm. They will perform before the concert begins and at intermission. All the best to them!

### Symphonic Band Workshop- Tuesday, November 17

Symphonic Band will be participating in a workshop with guest conductor, Greg McLean from Swift Current, Saskatchewan on Tuesday, November 17 at lunch.

### PTSD Middle Years Honour Band

All the best to Cassidy McNeill, Claire Olfert, Joseph Nardella, Owen Brandt, Darrius Weslak, Sarah Bell, Aidan Holm, Quinn Lucas, and Riya Bhinder who will be participating in the PTSD Middle Years Honour Band November 18-19. They will rehearse with guest conductor, Greg McLean and perform a concert.



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# WINTER BAND CONCERT

Our first band concert of the year will take place on **Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 pm**. The concert will feature:

- Grade 7 Concert Band
- Grade 8 Concert Band
- Symphonic Band
- Morning Jazz
- Atelier Jazz
- Percussion Ensemble

Students are asked to wear **all black** and arrive between 6:30 pm and 6:45 pm to warm up and be tuned.

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## *Did You Know...*

*The Glenn Miller Orchestra was the first band to sell one million records.*

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## FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all students, parents, family members and friends who continue to generously support the band program. The following is an outline of our future fundraising plans:

- **Silent Auction:** There will be a silent auction at the Winter Concert. If you are able to contribute any prizes toward the auction, please send them in to Mme. Nowostawski or Mme. Goltz. Profits will go to the band account to pay for bussing, registration fees, and clinicians.
- **Bake Sale:** There will be a bake sale at the Winter Concert. Students receive \$1 toward their personal account for every dozen dainties that they donate.
- **Band-a-Thon:** On January 22-23, we will be having our annual Band-a-Thon Sleepover. The students will be pledging money in support of them playing their instruments for over 8 hours. All proceeds will be used for scholarships for students to attend summer band camps.

Thank you to Wanda Knook, Neil Arnason, and all of the parent volunteers who helped out with the Farm-to-School Fundraiser last week!

# BAND PARENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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, November 24**. The focus of the meeting will be to plan the details of the Winter Concert and the beginnings of the Band-a-Thon. Baked goods will be served!



“Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul.”

- Plato

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 10	Symphonic Band performs at the Remembrance Day Assembly
November 15	Atelier Jazz performs with the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra
November 17	Symphonic Band workshop with Greg McLean
November 18-19	PTSD Divisional Middle Years Honour Band (Select Grade 8 Students only)
December 10	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 2-4	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)

Questions? Concerns?  
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