



ÉCOLE LA PASSERELLE

APÉ Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021 - 17h00

APÉ Meeting, 20 septembre 2021, 5pm via ZOOM

Present: Catherine Aird, Kate Argall, Adrienne Bouris, Nenna Craythorne, Sarah Froid, Louis Joncas, Sally Whitehead, Jory Winter, Karina Meik, Sarah Gallienne, Meg McLean

Introduction (Welcome)

Call meeting to order and adopt meeting agenda, agenda additions

Objectives of the APE

- a. Voice of the parents
- b. To ensure that parents' concerns are well represented
- c. Enriching children's education

Principal's Report - Attached

Member reports

President (Nenna):

- Welcome back cafe a success. We are happy to be able to do gatherings once again in a safe environment and mee twitch new and old families
- Fruit and veg program - Offer fresh fruit and vegetables monthly in class. Sarah Morphy to organize for both SCCS and ELP.
- Child care / after school care - Whistler Sport Legacies hosts an after school program at Spring Creek called the Active After School Club on Wednesdays from 2.30-5.30pm for Kindergarten to Grade 2.
- Fundraisers:
 1. Book Fair - Oct 13 & 14 (edited – now 20th-21st) will be happening in school during class times (edited: timing and location are to be confirmed). Each book purchased counts towards our fundraising goal for the year. More information to come. We will need a few parent volunteers
 2. The Card Project - An in-class activity where students create a piece of art which families will be able to purchase as holiday cards and notebooks. Details will be sent home when the artwork is ready.
 3. Hot Lunch Program - Our lunch days are Monday (Chili) and Friday's (Ramen- NEW). The purchase of these lunches goes towards our APE fundraising and supports our in-house chef (Jane Dixon). Kate Argall is managing both the SCCS and ELP lunches. A HUGE thank you!
 4. Creekbread - we usually book a fundraiser night in the spring and it's a great night to get everyone from ELP together.

- Positions to fill: Class Parents, All executive members of the APE will be stepping down, therefore ALL positions are open and required to be filled. Read more further in the notes below. Nenna is stepping down as President but will stay on as a Co-President with another volunteer

Treasurer (Louis):

- The funds are here for parents and the school to collaborate. Parents have a voice and we ask you for direction and ideas on how to support our kids and the school programs, generally in the fields of Sports, Science and Arts.
- We have a healthy budget right now of \$20K in the bank. We fundraise approximately \$15K a year and spend around the same. We support all school outings (\$4/5K per year), teacher budgets (\$1K per year), as well as many others you can view in the attached budget sheet.
- Main revenue comes from the French Rendezvous event during Cornucopia now in its 5th year running.
- Although we have a healthy budget, we do need to keep fundraising to keep the budget in line with our spending. New ideas are welcome.
- Louis is stepping down as treasurer this year as his kids are no longer at ELP but he is happy to assist the new person coming on board for a smooth transition.

Other business

1. New ideas for fundraising:

- Instead of French Rendezvous offer a take away dinner/meal paired with wine/drink for 2-4 people similar to what would be offered at the fundraiser dinner. A chance to make money through the sales and have couples/families enjoy a luxury ready made meal at home. Catherine to volunteer
- NEW Meat Fundraiser - Done once and was a success. Looking for a volunteer to run it around Oct/Nov timeframe. Jory and Chris Winter volunteer
- NEW Wine Raffle - We had one a few years ago and it was a great success, looking for a volunteer to run it before the Christmas holidays. Meg McLean volunteer
- NEW Potential fundraiser pizza take-away night with Handlebar (Sarah Froid to look into this).
- NEW Golf Tournament in Spring, this would potentially replace the larger funds made from the French Rendezvous) - Meg McLean to volunteer

2. Parents loved having the Potluck just before the Holiday break and around spring time. Students remember it fondly and we hope to have it back this year pending COVID regulations.

3. Request to hold a parent-teacher meet time, to interact with the new teaching staff as well as other parents. A virtual one is planned for the end of September, beginning of October.

4. Code of Conduct. Namely on the bus. It has been read and discussed for the school but not necessarily for the bus. There have been concerns with bullying on the bus and inappropriate behaviour. What happens when the code of conduct is not followed, what are the consequences, parents would like some clarity from the school and to see actions taken and to be clear with students and parents. As ELP has our own bus now, we should have more authority on how to manage matters and address students and parents. Nenna to follow up with Claude.

5. Bus Route. We now have our own bus for ELP students however parents are concerned over the time it is taking to bring students to school. Some parents have been in contact with Claude about this matter and she in turn has advised them of her conversation with the Diversified (the bus company). We are currently awaiting an update. Nenna to follow up with Claude.

6. Adrienne - Big thank you to the current ELP Exec Team (Nenna, Virginie and Louis) and especially to

Louis who no longer has a child at the school but will stay on until November to do a handover with the new treasurer.

Election of executive positions

The time allocated to each executive role will differ but you can account for approximately 4 hours per month. It is very rewarding to be in either role, fun to help the school with student programs and decide where the money is spent. We have several roles still open, please contact us if you are interested.

Co-President: Nenna Craythorne

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Secretary:

Treasurer: Andre Vachon

Members At Large: Meg McLean, Christina Tottle, Mimi Trudeau

Hot Lunch Coordinators: Kate Argall

Grant Writer: Sholto Shaw

Communications: Catherine Aird

Events Coordinator: Karina Meik

Class Parents:

- **Kinder1** - Annie-Claude, Frederic Lévesque
- **1/2** - Britt Tilston
- **3** - Mimi Trudeau
- **4/5** -
- **6/7** - Miriam Bougie

Next Executive Meeting-

Next APE Meetings:

Sep 20 - 17h00

Oct 18 - 8h45

Nov 15 - 17h00

Dec 13 - 8h45

Adjournment : 18h00

Principal's Report

Several new teachers: a lot of time devoted to orientation and organization of classes. Everything is going very well so far.

To add to the mini-biographies sent out last week: we have welcomed a new teaching aid. Madame Marie-Christine Rousseau brings added value to our team with her master's degree in "psychoeducation" and her years of experience related to education.

We have a little more space this year, especially with the addition of a room for the 1-2nd year.

This addition has enabled us to organize a room dedicated to student services (remedial education, counseling, francization and support for English as a second language: we will inaugurate as soon as the last arrangements are completed. The learning will take shape shortly. The Learning Crossroads is a project supported by the CSF and on which Mireille Turcotte and I have devoted a lot of time and research last year. We look forward to talking to you about it. any further.

In the coming weeks, your children will tell you about the Literary Passport: it is a booklet containing 25 titles of the great classics that a student should have read before the end of his primary school. A team worked very hard for its realization: the unveiling will be done shortly !!!

This year, the financial support of the APÉ will be greatly appreciated and perhaps more than usual, because our school's budget is much less generous than last year. So far, we have received the preliminary budget. The final budget will be submitted by mid-October.

School trips are again authorized, but must however obtain authorization from the central office. We are in the process of preparing our agenda We keep our fingers crossed so that everything can continue on this right path !

Thank you again for the work of the APÉ: your help is invaluable!

Claude
