

APE MEETING May 10th , 2016

Attendance: Austen, Emmanuelle, Michelle, Andrew, Katia, Dee, Andrea, Denise, Jeanne, Simona, Carolyn, Maggie, Rachelle

1. Adoption of Agenda – Maggie motioned, Dee seconded

2. Adoption of Minutes from April meeting. – Maggie motioned, Dee seconded.

3. President's report (Simona) :

- We are still in need of a treasurer. Aaron will fill out the gaming account application which needs to be completed by June 30th.
- Brooks meeting – Simona met with Mr. Burt at Brooks. A group of APE members came up with a Provisory Agenda for the next meeting to discuss Brooks. The meeting is scheduled for May 24th at 7:00 pm. Agenda draft:
 - Presentation of the present CFS program for Gr10-12 at Brooks
 - Upcoming changes at Brooks : new timetable, curriculum.
 - Feedback and input on present French program from present and past CFS Brooks students.
 - Space currently used at Brooks by CFS program :classroom, labs...
 - Possible impact/interaction with French Immersion program G8-12 in the near future at Brooks.
 - Presentation of other CFS high school program models.
 - Options and possible changes for our G8-12 program: moving students to Brooks sooner?

Note: Update from May 19th. The Brooks meeting has been re-scheduled for fall 2016.

- Questionnaire: Adjustments were made to the questionnaire based on feedback received. Simona will pass on the English copy to Genevieve to be translated. Once completed, the questionnaire will be emailed to parents, and printed copies will also be available in the office. Classroom parents will follow up after they have been sent out.
- Sex-Ed – Katia, Simona, and Jeanne will meet with Leta to discuss if funding is available for her to come to our school to speak with students. Another option is to partner up with SD47.
- Jeux de la Francophonie – May long weekend. 150 students coming to the school. There will be a bbq/sing-a-long at Willingdon on the Sat. night. All are welcome to attend.
- Blue Bikes – The bikes are finally gone and a cheque for \$260 will be sent to APE.

4. Treasurer's report: Chequing account: \$6681.44. Gaming account: \$2314.89

5. Principal's report :

- Renovations – Jeanne will be updating parents with information about the renovations through email. RJS is the construction company hired by the CFS, and EnviroVac is the company removing the asbestos (non-airborne) that has been found in the sealed windows. Sure Hazmat is testing the air quality several times a day.
- Spectacle: no concert this year due to the renovations in the gym. Instead the staff is looking at having a potluck followed by DEP presentations.
- Upcoming activities are posted on the school website.

6. Choir – Both choirs performed at the Performing Arts and at Willingdon Creek and Evergreen in December. They will be performing on June 22nd at Willingdon Creek and at Kiwanis Assisted Living to celebrate Francophone Culture with the residents. A pianist has been accompanying the choir at a cost of \$40 per performance. Maggie made a motion to spend up to \$80 for year end performances. Dee seconded, all in favor. Next year Megan can only commit to one hour per week, meaning one choir instead of two. It would be ideal to have no more than 30 students, but at the same time we would like to keep the choir open to everyone interested. Katia made a motion to bring back the choir next year, Michelle seconded, all in favor. Some APE members expressed a desire to have more music at the school. Band has been offered in the past for the older grades, but not enough students were interested. They may offer band again next year. Another idea mentioned was to ask next year's monitrice to focus on music.

7. Carnaval: June 5th 12:00-3:00. We need someone to approach the older grades asking them to sign up to help out at the carnival. Alex has asked if we would consider paying the Gr.9's with the money going towards their year end trip.

8. Grocery Cards: A cheque was made out to Safeway (Sobey west) and handed to Maggie at the end of the meeting for \$ 4,750

9. Hot Lunch – April's profit was \$525.10. Some parents have expressed that they don't want their children to have more than one serving. We will monitor the older students appetites and keep this in mind at future lunches.

10. Differences between Francophone Program and Immersion Program - Andrea expressed her concern with the number of attendees at the April meeting who work for SD47, and James Thomson School in particular. She is concerned that parents working for the school district may be partial to the immersion program at JT.

Next meeting and elections: June 14th , 2016