

Minutes APE October 8th, 2013

Attending: Joleen D., Carolyn, Stacey, Melinda, Russel, Christine Beaudoin, Aaron, Simona, Jeanne, Laura S., Natalie

1. Adoption of the agenda: Russel (?) moved, Natalie seconded
2. Adoption of minutes from September 10th and June 11th 2013: Melinda moved, Laura seconded
3. Trustee C. Beaudoin, representative APE/CSF for North Island.
 - *High School programs are the board priority. CSF goal is to keep more students in its programs. The results of a survey done on students, parents and staff on this subject are available on the CSF site.
 - *New admission policy: a. A student may have a francophone grandparent or a grandparent who received francophone education b. A student's parent has attended a francophone college/university or has lived in a French speaking country long enough to be able to converse in French.
 - *School calendar: will be decided by each school board. CSF will consult with parents at the beginning of 2014. The present vacation plan could shift to a different model: shorter summer vacation (ex. 5-6 weeks) and spread out the rest throughout the year.
 - *Students who decide to move to Brooks in grade 8 or 9 can still go back to the French program if they choose.
4. Treasurer's report: Main account balance Sept. 30th: \$10,062.68 Gaming: \$ 262.91. We have applied for the gaming grant. The tax return is ready to be sent in. Save

On cards are available. QF cards will be available tomorrow. We will also have Ecosystems cards. A reminder to buy cards will be sent home.

5. President's report: we are still looking for a French speaking volunteer to attend the AGA on Nov. 22-23d. Russ will send a message to parents.

6. Principal's report:
 - *Thank you to all volunteer parents!
 - * "Mon Ecole en Sante'": some g 7-8-9 students will organize two activities to involve younger students. The adults are only facilitators. They will prepare a fundraising meal for parents. On Friday kids K-3 will serve soup to the school.
 - *Student Council: classes 4-7 each have a representative.
 - *School web site has been updated.
 - *Criminal Record checks: all volunteer parents and drivers will need one. They have to be renewed every two years. The school will pay for them.
 - *Workshops on bullying have been taken by some staff members. They will share the information.

7. Comite' des Partenaires: has not met yet.

8. Playground: thanks to C. Beaudoin for CSF support. Russ has to hear back from Scott Fisher about the yellow slide.

9. Update on items from last meeting:
 - *Farm to School: Vanessa Sparrow has been involved with other schools and has experience finding grants and workshops. She will look at our school ground and give us feedback on Nov. 12th.

*Classrooms' parents: they can ask Sylvie for contact numbers. Carolyn will help Inge in the K class.

10. Other:

*Hoodies: Joleen would like to have more made. She will contact Dee.

*School grants: there is money available through the Healthy School Program.

*School supplies for families in need: supplies are available from Youth and Family or the Salvation Army.

*Destination Imagination: we have two teams, Claudia's and Natalie's. We are still waiting for the French manual. An e-mail will be sent to parents to find more team facilitators.

*Read for the top: Jeanne will talk to Katja to involve our G 6-7.

*Track and Field: Jeanne will find out if our school is part of the rotation for hosting the events.

*Powell River Foundation evaluation form for playground grant will be filled in by Laura.

11. End of meeting. Next meeting Tuesday Nov. 12th at 7:00 pm