

APE MEETING January 12, 2016

Attendance: Austen, Joleen, Maggie, Genevieve, Dee, Andrea, Simona, Carolyn, Jeanne, Natalie, and Wendy

1. Adoption of Agenda: Natalie motioned, Maggie seconded.

2. Adoption of Minutes from Nov. meeting. – Joleen motioned, Maggie seconded.

3. President's report (Simona)

- The second picnic table has been built by a parent and is ready to be picked up. Dee has volunteered to pick it up at his house and deliver it to the school. It will need to be chained to the railing.
- Birds and Bees – Leta is looking into grants to get more money to run groups in schools. She will get back to Simona in February.
- The old blue bikes are still in the school basement. Simona spoke to Chris Morwood about it in the past and he said he was interested. She will also look into the biking lessons they do with students and about the possibility of doing it at our school.
- Xmas concert – really well done, interesting, and good quality of performances.
- District PAC mtg – Jan. 19 at 6:30 pm. Wendy said she will attend this month's meeting.
- Childcare for APE meetings – We are paying someone \$20 per night to watch the children that come. Simona asked if we are still all in favour of this idea and the answer was yes.

4. Treasurer's report – Chequing account balance : \$8440.89 Gamming account balance: \$2109.89. \$190 was donated at the Christmas concert, \$94.05 was raised at the Christmas Lunch, and Samantha Lambert donated \$100 from her birthday party which was held in the school gym. (Jeanne said that she does not mind if parents want to have parties in the gym as long as it is left clean).

5. Principal's report

- Jeanne thanked all of the parents who help out at the school for their time. She said that the Hot Lunch program is really appreciated, and that Maggie's excellent organization of the Grocery Cards is appreciated by Sylvie.
- The upgrades to the school will be delayed and the tearing down of the far end will not happen before the end of the school year. The concern for noise, dust, and safety of students will be addressed.

- Wishes for teachers – Jeanne asked the staff and she didn't get a reply. Her suggestion is to cover the cost of one item (ie. Drapes for stage) rather than contributing to smaller items.
- Open House – Jan. 27th. Parents of preschool students invited to walk around school and visit classes. Jeanne apologized for not coming to the December meeting. Simona brought up how to best introduce new parents to the APE. She said in the past she attended the open house to meet new parents but it was not really worth it. Jeanne suggested inviting them to the year end potluck or to do a breakfast for parents and students on the first day of school.
- Andrea asked Jeanne about statistics of student marks comparing CFS students to non CFS students. Jeanne thought that she could view them online.

6. Jeux de la Francophonie – Games and activities for kids ages 14-18, usually held in different cities during the May long weekend. This year it will be held in Powell River. Kids will stay in the school (expected to be around 120). Simona, Jeanne, and others in the community are helping to organize this event and they are looking for Francophone people in town with special skills (sports, theatre, journalism, etc). To best reflect Powell River and the community, they are thinking about including activities such as kayaking, canoeing, biking, etc.

7. Letter regarding communication between school and parents – Wendy, Simona, and Maggie met and wrote up a letter to be presented to the school staff. Some of the issues addressed in the letter include: the lack of agenda's being used, important information not being communicated to parents, and the request of a monthly newsletter for parents. Austen proposed a motion to accept the letter as it stands with minor editing and translation. Genevieve seconded, the majority were in favor (Andrea voted against and Dee abstained). Jeanne suggested that the letter be translated into French. Jeanne will forward the letter to the staff.

8. Farm to school grant – Schools can apply for a grant to support monthly school events, visits to local farms, etc. Wendy and Simona will look into this and apply by March 2016.

9. Fundraising : Hot lunches, others – Christmas Lunch was by donation. Total expenses for this lunch were \$248.25 and donations came to \$94.05. Three hot lunches are planned for January. The profit for the first one (breakfast burrito – Jan.8th) was \$131.50. The anticipated profit for the month of January is \$380.00

10. Grocery Cards – Instead of purchasing \$5000 from QF, Maggie purchased \$2000 from QF and \$2000 from Mitchell Brothers.

Next meeting will be February 9th, 2016.