

# **L'ECOLE BILINGUE PAC AGM MEETING MINUTES**

Date: June 13th, 2023

7:00pm-8:30pm

L'école Bilingue School Library

1166 West 14th Avenue

All parents and caregivers of current students are invited to attend

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1. CALL TO ORDER 7:30pm. 13 people in person. 10 people on zoom.
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: VP Alice Jungclaus.
3. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 26th, 2023) - hard copies provided. Stina made the motion and Jasmine seconded. Approved. Motion to approve the agenda - Stina, seconded by Jasmine.
4. ADMIN REPORT: Principal Jacquie Lavoie.
  - a. Thank yous;
  - b. QE: as a staff we did meet, to discuss field studies as we know the landscape has changed considerably. As a staff we came up with some pillars around what it could, should and would look like. So those include sustainability; cultural authenticity in terms of how it connects to core curriculum; financial feasibility and stewardship, make it affordable; also community stewardship and connection. Those are the main aspects that we as a staff feel are important. The district did review the policies. We as a staff had to step back and look at what field studies look like to us. Especially in overnight camps and larger and longer trips. There will be no billeting for next year; the current grade six parents have been informed by letter earlier today. Billeting will not be possible again next year so we will not be participating in an exchange for the coming year. But we want everyone to continue being engaged in meaningful activities. We will be working closely with grade six parents in terms of what it will look like in the coming year. We will not be engaging in an exchange.
  - c. Questions from Jenn Baker: who will coordinate communication in the fall? Second question .... Jacquie: teachers are required to supervise for 24 hours when billeting, for example.
  - d. Questions from Rachel Butler: wanting clarification on trips and what is the plan for the future and future grades. Parents are appreciative but we are curious about what will be happening for the grade fives, for example.

- e. Cheri Leigh - we would like clarification and communication about what we could and should do (re fundraising and for our kids), and what events we have on the calendar, and it's easy to accomplish, if we find the right people early on, in September. Jasmine: knowledge transfer to the younger grades, it would be good to have more information provided to younger cohorts.
- f. Nancy Cameron - list of activities and fundraisers - lots of holes - multiple purposes - letting parents know, what it is, whether it's a fundraiser or what, so that parents can start planning, etc.
- g. Darren: what was missing was more frequent and better communication between admin, the PAC Exec, and parents. The QE tradition is changing and there are a lot of questions around it.
- h. Lorie - we'd love to get more people involved. We had a good year despite many challenges.

#### 5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

- a. Chair: Lorie Metz.
  - i. We have positions to fill: Vice-Chair; Secretary; Member at Large. Treasurer: nomination of Stina Morrissette, seconded by Jeni. Passed. Any nominations for Vice-Chair, Secretary or a member to join the exec as a "member at large"?
- b. Vice-Chair (if necessary) - nothing to report.
- c. Treasurer Darren: budget review and proposal. In the near future we will need to vote on the QE fund - for which we may need to hold a special meeting. Current budget will be left as a draft and can be approved at the next meeting. Nancy - suggestion: kill churchill scholarship and remove it as a budget line item, seconded by Jeni. Passed. Future: will need to vote on restrictions around using the savings account for future grade 7 cohorts.
- d. DPAC representative (Jenn Baker) - nothing to report.

#### 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- a. Munch-a-lunch (general, or specific to pizza / sushi etc.) lead: Parents with Munchalunch credits will receive refund cheques by the end of the year. Cheques will be available for pickup at the school office. Parents will receive an email when their cheques are ready to be picked up.

- i. People had paid into Munch for a babysitting course; so there are refunds; cheques will be processed by end of June.
- b. Denise: Yearbook and Grad (2023) committee lead - all is well and ticking along and either done or about to be done.
- c. Rose: after school activities.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nancy Cameron (tentative but secretary will speak on her behalf) re: changing fundraising model:
  - i. We change the fundraising model to a percentage model rather than a grade / cohort / event based model;
  - ii. We, at a minimum, recruit a volunteer to manage all the signups, similar to a lunch administrator. We could set up a landing page that lists all the volunteer opportunities at LEB and we can consolidate things better; a nice to have option: we pay for the \$99/year US Campus Signup account so we get additional features and, I believe, we can ditch the ads. Another nice to have: get someone to help me put together the list of activities & fundraisers.
- b. Discussion on fundraising:
 

Points made on historical fundraising efforts, how committees were organized, how funds were distributed.

Jasmine question about Galiano.

Lorie suggested a survey.

Jennifer said it's a larger discussion and complex.

Cheri Leigh said we would need more information before being able to do a survey.

Nancy said her document may answer some of the questions. Nancy suggested a sign-up coordinator. Pay for the account .. possibly.

Lorie said she will do that - take on the position as coordinator for Signup - centralizing all the volunteer positions.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. QE, school-wide meeting, next steps - "things change from year to year," Jacquie said; she isn't sure what the value would be of doing a school-wide meeting. QE not going ahead. Discussion in the fall - admin would work with the committee. Parents: we need more advance notice about costs. Rachel - we are registering for possible trips a year from now.

Parents with kids in different grades need to know about this coming year and subsequent years. Fundraising operation - can't reinvent the wheel every year. Rachel - proposed.... Comments from Julia Smith, Kelly, Jenn Baker, multiple parents are asking that since QE is not going ahead, it needs to be communicated to the whole school, not just the incoming Grade 7 group of parents. Discussion about the idea of having a "capstone trip" for grade 7s.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT: Jeni motion to close 8:27 pm, Jasmine seconded, all in favor.