

L'ÉCOLE BILINGUE PAC MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 17th, 2023

Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm

L'École Bilingue School Library - 1166 West 14th Avenue

All parents and caregivers of current students are invited to attend.

1. CALL TO ORDER (7:00pm); attendance: approximately 20 people
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Stina Morissette) (7:00pm)
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, AND MINUTES of AGM on June 13th, 2023 (7:02pm)
 - a. Approve agenda, passed
 - b. Approve minutes, passed
4. ADMIN REPORT (Jacqueline Lavoie) (7:05pm)
 - a. Full classes at LEB but for one; new Grade 1 class, new to FI
 - b. Slideshow on the new VSB reporting order - three reports instead of two; reasons for why this was implemented; meant to align better with the Provincial Proficiency Scale: "Proficient is the goal for your child" by the end of the school year.
 - i. CSL is now called "learning updates" and "written learning updates" - now there are three, on provincially-determined specific dates: Dec 1st, Mar 12th and June 24th. Two informal learning updates are district-specific: Oct 25/26; Feb 14/15. May be student-led, may be parent-teacher - could be different forms. For more info, talk to your child's teacher, refer to BC's curriculum, or refer to the document "K-12 student reporting information" online.
5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:
 - a. Chair: Sarah Willson (7:15pm)
 - i. Vacant positions: Vice-Chair, DPAC rep, School Streets/Bike Lead
 - ii. Vote in the new executive committee: Sarah (chair), Lorie (past chair), Heather (secretary): all were approved into their new positions.
 - iii. Communications: Weekly newsletter, WhatsApp community groups
 - b. Vice-Chair: n/a - position still vacant
 - c. Treasurer: Stina Morissette (7:20pm)

Present and vote on PAC Budget 2023/2024:

Notable changes we propose now are funding for PE: an increase from \$1500 to \$2K this year including replacement for worn equipment, and a class set of new equipment, such as yoga mats.

Technology upgrades: many laptops and ipads are broken and/or unusable - we don't have a full class set anymore. For example, we would need \$6K to purchase 10 iPads (must be purchased through VSB, and allow for time lag).

Arts and cultural programs (ie., Bollywood, etc) would be reduced from \$9K to \$4500; teacher funds increased by \$75 to \$200 (per teacher).

If we spent the above, altogether, the budget for the year would be roughly \$3K short.

Quebec legacy fund discussion - need to discuss with school community and admin re: decisions about how to use the funds.

i) Topic tabled until the next meeting (Nov 30th).

Direct donation historically brings in about \$20K; last year was down to \$16K; uncertainty about what it will bring in this year. Discussion about how to meet the budget shortfall. Some confusion as to where/how the funding shortfall will be met.

Rose motioned to approve the changes to budget; Nancy and Kelly seconded; all in favor - passed.

- d. DPAC representative (position vacant): there is ongoing discussion at the district level about school space (the city-wide population of students and the shortage of spots in specific geographical areas). The DPAC rep position would entail attending DPAC meetings (online). It is useful to have a rep from our school present to keep abreast of changes, and potential changes, within the district, what is happening at the admin level of the district and how it would affect us as a school.
6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (7:30pm)
- a. Grade 7 Grad committee leads: Jenn Baker and Jeni Vlahovic - all is going well; they are keeping parents informed
 - b. After school activities lead: Rose/Allison: it's all going well, more good things to come;
 - c. Any other committee leads (special events, other fundraisers)
 - i. Veggie Fundraiser: Jenn Baker: just short of minimum, closing soon, please order
 - ii. Halloween Haunt: Siri Jordan, Anya Seibt, Heather Bradbury, Kelly Little, Jennifer Halyk: all is well but it's busy, please volunteer!
7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (7:40pm)
- a. Sign-Up coordinator: Jonathan: will present at next meeting with suggestion
 - b. Fundraising model discussion: table to next meeting
8. NEW BUSINESS (7:50pm)

- a. Karla Thomas and Shannon Wong have fundraising suggestions including Purdy's, poinsettias, etc, saying these would be ways to bring in more money without a lot of labor on the part of parents. Perhaps a 50/50. Scholastic: we have someone lined up for this. Karla and Shannon will strike their own "general fundraising" committee with support from other parents who know the historical fundraising model & context at our school. Question - how does this fit into our current fundraising model; won't it dilute the efforts for direct donations? Need further discussion and clarity on logistics in relation to already-established fundraising efforts (see above, unfinished business).
9. ADJOURNMENT (8:00pm)
 - a. Kelly motioned to adjourn; Sarah seconded, all approved. 8:06pm.