

Minutes – P.E.T. Parent Council meeting January 17, 2017

Attendance :

Émilie Rosen, Jenna Guindon, Jean-Eric (JE) Tousignant, Alexandrine Tori De Figueiredo, Monika Goodluck, Christian Robert, Delphine Urweiller, Janey Montreuil, Tamara El-Sahyouni, Xavier Balducci, Jocelyne Auger (Principal), Céline Castonguay (Vice-Principal), Nathan Vretou (teacher rep)

Absences: none

Decisions taken :

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Approved budget of \$1500 to buy tents for Trudeau en fete celebration
3. For the workshop on self-esteem: ask for a payment of \$5 / family to register and book a spot; the Parent Council will set aside \$600 for the workshop (materials, pymt for facilitator) + \$100 for food
4. New ideas brought forward will be proposed for the next school year

Item	Details	Follow-up action
Adoption of the agenda and previous meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varia add to the agenda. Then the agenda was adopted • Latest version of minutes was not distributed - adoption delayed until the next meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monika will send the latest version of the minutes tomorrow by email
Financial report (Christian)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was presented by Christian and is attached. Revenues and expenditures are in line with the budget 	--
Principal's report: Conseil Viamonde's schoolyard project, February activities (Jocelyne)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About the schoolyard project by the school board (Viamonde): • Keep parking and build a roundabout for schoolbus dropoff/pickup • Level and improve the asphalt from the schoolyard until the soccer field • The wading pool area will be removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jocelyne will ask if there is a cost for the anti-bullying workshop and connect with Tamara and Jenna. Depending on the cost, a decision will be made if the Council will also continue the workshop proposed by Jenna.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The playground will be made more accessible • The plans for the construction will come later in the year (perhaps March/April) and Jocelyne will share them with the Council • A parent volunteer mounted some plant boxes higher • Idea: the Council can present ideas to parents for the subsequent renovation for the playground and ask for their comments, as well as explain all the work done to date, including pictures of before and after • Month of February - Jocelyne presented an overview of activities plan for February. Here are some details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop about bullying - 23 February; being offered as part of "PEP" program ○ Spelling bee - it's a fundraising event - half of the money goes to the Foundation (PGL) and the other half goes to 'Kids Up Front' organization that helps disadvantaged children in Toronto 	
<p>Trudeau en fete: update of the Subcommittee (Delphine, Alexandrine, Xavier, Christian)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary update was distributed (attached) • The event is confirmed for 12 h - 15 h • Silent auction - discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jean Eric will take the lead on donations for the auction with Naomi ○ It was suggested to have not too many prizes for the auction to increase their visibility and also to communicate to parents in advance to promote the auction ○ Use the smaller prizes for the raffle • Next steps in planning for the Subcommittee: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamara will send the Karine's contact info to Alexandrine to ask her if she can MC • Xavier will communicate with Maria Segarai about potluck • The Committee will communicate the number of tables needed to Jocelyne • Emilie will search for the name of the family who cared for the crafts station last year and send it to Christian

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking for a MC for the day ○ Confirm activities and activity leads ○ Requests for volunteers and donations (it was recommended to give examples for donations of prizes) ○ prepare a small leaflet that can be distributed at the entrance for the day ● Idea to setup a 'photo booth' where people can take and buy photos ● Decision : a budget of \$1500 for purchase of tents ● Popcorn - Jocelyne suggested to buy pre-popped popcorn and put in small bags rather than rent a machine; she can recruit students to help prepare the bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alexandrine will inquire about the cost of buying tents ● Alexandrine will confirm the availability of the police and the ambulance to come to the fair (Jean Eric will send the contact for the police from past fairs) ● Subcommittee will contact Jocelyne to get the info re suppliers of cotton candy machines and then will reserve them
<p>Update: PEP evenings to come (Tamara, Jenna)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Numeracy theme - the workshop is scheduled for April 12 ● Bullying theme - a workshop about self-esteem has been proposed by Jenna by email: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Council proposed a budget to respond to the proposal ○ Decision : Ask for a payment of \$5 / family to register and reserve room (window Viamonde); the Council will put next \$600 for the workshop (materials, pay for animation) + \$100 for food ○ The first week of May has been proposed for the event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jean Eric will ask Victoria about possibilities for finger food to offer for the workshop on self-esteem
<p>New ideas for the year 2016-2017</p>	<p>Three ideas chosen via vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Painting - it's better to wait until after the asphalt is redone ● Healthy cooking workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop for older children and their parents ○ Opportunity to do in the gym or Jocelyne suggested that we can rent the teaching 	<p>--</p>

	<p>kitchen of Toronto Ouest high school for free</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flea market - rent tables to people who will sell their goods • Decision : These ideas will be proposed for the next school year because the activities calendar is quite full for this year 	
<p>Varia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance-a-thon: Tuesday, April 11 (dance of the tulips) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use Guichet Viamonde for fundraising • Questions asked by some parents to the members of the Council- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why so much salt is placed on the playground?-Jocelyne replied that it is for the insurance ○ Why can't children play on the play structures in the yard in the winter? Jocelyne replied that it was because of frost - it's dangerous - and she said that it is a regulation in all schools in Ontario ○ Was the school closure for bad weather announced on Viamonde's website? Jocelyne said it was announced via social media but that the Board recently redid their website so it was possible that it was missed on the website. ○ 20 min for lunch is a little tight - possible to extend it? Jocelyne replied no, because the teachers need an uninterrupted break of 40 min. She said she has asked teachers to give children more time to eat after 20 mins if necessary and possible. Jocelyne suggests that parents communicate directly with the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jocelyne will ask for a dj through Toronto Ouest for the dance-o-ton • Jocelyne will remind teachers to give kids a little more time to eat, as needed

	<p>teacher if they think their child is not eating well at lunchtime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is it possible to have more follow-up about what is going on in the classes? Jocelyne said that she asks the teacher (s) to send information about what is happening in classes once a month; If there is not enough information, Jocelyne invites parents to let her know ○ Pizza and disadvantaged children who do not receive the pizza – does it encourage inequity? Jocelyne replied that normally the school pays for children who do not have the means to pay (for pizza and other activities) 	
Date of the next meeting	Tuesday, February 28; 6:15-8:15pm	--
End of meeting	8:45 pm	--