

## Minutes – P.E.T. Parent Council Meeting – November 1, 2016

### Present :

Émilie Rosen, Jenna Guindon, Xavier Balducci, Monika Goodluck, Tamara El-Sahyouni, Christian Robert, Delphine Urweiller, Jocelyne Auger (principal), Céline Castonguay (vice principal), Janey Montreuil, Nadine Woods (observing parent)

**Absences :** Jean-Eric (JE) Tousignant, Alexandrina Tores De Figueiredo, Géraldine Savidan (teacher)

### Decisions made :

1. Minutes of October 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting accepted
2. Agenda accepted
3. School yard
  - a. Wait for more information from the Viamonde Council before taking next steps
  - b. Plan and implement some small scale fundraising projects this year and engage the surrounding residential community
4. Date for Trudeau en Fête : Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
5. Set aside \$500 max, if needed, to contribute towards paying for Lice Squad visits.
6. Contribute \$500 towards the purchase of children's helmets for skating outings.

Item	Détails	Mesures de suivi
Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes of last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda accepted</li> <li>• Minutes of October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting accepted after several minor changes made</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monika will make the changes and forward the minutes to the principal to be shared with all parents</li> </ul>
Roundtable : Members' introduction of their professional roles	Council members introduced themselves	--
Financial report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30,000 balance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We still have to pay for the cost of the pizza (for</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian will update the report and send it to the</li> </ul>

(Christian)	<p>pizza days) for the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is still \$11,000 outstanding to pay for the past year's work on the school yard</li> </ul>	Council
Update : School yard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal's update : Viamonde will pay for the construction of a circular sidewalk and passage for the school buses to use and so the students can get off the bus safely. At the same time, the school board will redo and level the asphalt in the entire schoolyard so that it requires less maintenance/upkeep. While this work is happening, it is possible that the existing play structures will be relocated in order to create a more harmonious play space. Jocelyne hasn't yet received the work plan or details from the Board but this means that it will not be possible to do work on the schoolyard play structures during the upcoming summer.</li> <li>• Émilie confirmed that Phil, the architect who helped with the playground project in the past, is able to support the project again. We need to develop and communicate an update for parents in regards to the status of the project.</li> <li>• Monika looked into other companies (apart from Earthscape) that build « natural » playgrounds. Some of them offer a project component that is a community build, which we could consider as a way to include parents as well as the neighbouring community</li> <li>• Decisions : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wait for more information from the Board before taking any more steps on the playground project.</li> <li>○ Engage in a few small fundraising projects this year and find ways to engage the surrounding neighbourhood.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monika will send the names of other businesses to consider to Phil</li> <li>• Jocelyne will share the plan from Viamonde once she receives it</li> <li>• Emilie and JE will connect with Phil re a message to send to parents to update them on the status of the school yard project</li> </ul>
Trudeau en Fête : update (Delphine, Xavier)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trudeau en fête is confirmed for June 3<sup>rd</sup> and it will be a 'fun fair'</li> <li>• Subcommittee would like to extend the fair length by 1 hour.</li> <li>• The committee created a list of activities divided into</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tamara will ask Maria Segarai about the potluck</li> <li>• Committee will communicate with</li> </ul>

	<p>categories : games, activities, potluck/food and snacks for sale (cotton candy, popcorn, samosas, etc.). Machines for popcorn, etc. need to be reserved now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was discussion about potluck vs food for sale as well as length and start time for the event in consideration of volunteers available.</li> <li>• The committee would like to hold a silent auction for large prizes and hold a raffle for smaller prizes, selling tickets ahead of time via Guichet Viamonde.</li> </ul>	<p>Jocelyne to: (1) get contact info for the businesses who rent the popcorn and cotton candy machines and reserve them; (2) explore the option of using Guichet to sell raffle tickets.</p>
<p>Principal's report (Jocelyne Auger)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school is part of several educational committees. Several initiatives happening now at the school are related to:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grammar and writing : Grades 1-3, then older grades in the new year</li> <li>○ Numeracy : Grades 4-6, then 103 in the new year. The school will receive 30 new iPads as part of this project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• During the PD day, teachers developed a plan of improvement for the school related to wellbeing, numeracy, and literacy</li> <li>• Lice : there are lice in the heads of some children at the school. The incidence or prevalence of lice at PIET is comparable to other schools. Jocelyne would like « Lice Squad » to come, as in past years. The cost is \$2 per child but not all payments come through. The Council voted to provide up to \$500 to cover this service, as in the past, if there is a shortfall in covering costs.</li> <li>• The school needs children's helmets for skating outings. The Council unanimously agreed to contribute \$500 towards the purchase of these helmets.</li> </ul>	--
<p>Update - PEP evenings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bullying theme :</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenna will share more info about COPA's</li> </ul>

(Tamara, Jenna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jenna communicated with COPA, a francophone organization whose mandate is to « prevent child abuse and promote positive social change.» <a href="https://infocopa.com/a-propos/?locale=en">https://infocopa.com/a-propos/?locale=en</a>. Their workshop is excellent but expensive and it would be just for parents. Cost is \$700 for 2. 5hrs of presentation. Available dates are november or early December. COPA doesn't have other availability.</li> <li>○ COPA needs a reply but the Council wants more info and to consider other possibilities given the cost</li> <li>● Numeracy theme :             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tamara participated in an interesting workshop on numeracy – she requested information and is awaiting a response. It would be for the spring. Tamara could also facilitate a workshop on this topic herself.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>workshops via email</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Other options will be presented at the next meeting</li> </ul>
New ideas for 2016-2017	Each person briefly shared a few ideas for new activities. Émilie suggested an electronic survey to choose 3 activities to pursue this school year.	Members will send their activities to Monika by Nov 7th and she will prepare an electronic survey for voting.
Next meeting date	Tuesday, Jan 17, 615-815pm	--
Meeting end	815pm	--