

PIET Parent Council meeting minutes for October 4, 2016

Present :

Émilie Rosen, Jean Eric Tousignant, Jenna Guindon, Xavier Balducci, Monika Goodluck, Tamara El-Sahyouni, Christian Robert, Alexandrina Tores De Figueiredo, Delphine Urweiller, Jocelyne Auger (principal), Céline Castonguay (assistant-principal), Géraldine Savidan (teacher).

Absent :

Janey Montreuil

Decisions made:

1. Minutes from June 7th meeting accepted unanimously
2. Agenda for this meeting accepted unanimously
3. Nomination of Christian to the Parent Council accepted.
4. Dates for future meetings set
5. Tentative date chosen for Trudeau en Fête : Saturday June 3 (tbc)
6. Approval given to use \$400 from the TD fund to purchase flowerboxes

1. Welcome and introductions

- Introduction of Council members
- Approval of the June 7th minutes
- Approval of the agenda
- A word from the President (E. Rosen)
 - Structure of meetings
 - Preference for setting up sub-committees so that planning for initiatives can begin asap vs. entire council working on initiatives as they come up.

2. A word from the principal

- Jocelyne informs the council that a new project has been approved for the school, one that consists of creating a paved half-circle on the southern end of the school (Bellwoods entrance) that would allow for buses to drop off and pick up students in a more secure fashion. The School Board has approved this project and will pay for all costs involved.

- If the Parent Council can quickly determine what Phase 2 should be in the refurbishment of the schoolyard, then part of the work and the project management of Phase 2 could be managed by the contractor chosen by the School Board (still tbd).
- Jocelyne suggests that phase 2 should be installing “Earthscape”-type play structures, as per the initial proposal given by this design and building firm.

Next step:

- Ask Earthscape and other similar firms to draft up proposals
- Parent council to revisit last approved version of the schoolyard design to see if there are any changes we’d like to make, and determine how the remaining needs to be divided (2 or 3 phases).
 - Phil, Jean Eric et Tamara (members of this sub-committee), to look at this and present recommendations to the broader council.

3. Post-mortem – last year’s council:

A. PPE Contribution (Parents partenaires en éducation) :

- Last year, the Council submitted two discussion themes for the year, which were approved by the PPE:
 - Numeracy
 - Anti-bullying

Sub-committee for these initiatives will be:

- Jenna
- Tamara

B. Danse-o-thon (Fall Dance) :

- J. Auger informs us that we will not hire or incur costs for hiring outside suppliers for this event, as the goal for this event is to raise money for the school.

Sub-committee for this initiative will be:

- Jenna

- Tamara
- Monika

C. Trudeau en fête :

- Tentative date : Saturday, June 3rd
- Organization for the event to start asap.

Sub-committee for this initiative will be:

- Alexandrina
- Xavier
- Christian
- Delphine

D. School yard refurbishment

Phase 1 completed (north part of the yard, sodding and draining of the entire field)

Phase 2 : scope to be determined.

Sub-committee for this initiative will be:

Phil Goodfellow

Jean Eric Tousignant

Tamara

E. Homecoming picnic (September 2017)

Sub-committee for this initiative will be determined in the spring of 2017.

4. Rapport financier (Christian) :

- Parent council raised \$28,447 in revenues for 2015-2016 and finished the year with close to \$23,000 in surplus. This surplus in addition to previous funds raised helped pay for the \$93,000 required for the refurbishment of the northern part of the schoolyard. The Parent council finishes the year with a little over \$11,000 in its account.

- Corporate donations/ subsidies: The Council agrees that we should delegate someone to try and obtain Corporate donations/ subsidies on behalf of the school. Victoria Rioux was proposed.
 - Jocelyne or co-presidents to ask her

5. Executive Committee Election – 2016/2017 school year

Co-presidents : Emilie Rosen and Jean Eric Tousignant

Treasurer: Christian Robert

Secretary: Monika Goodluck

Other responsibilities:

Managing List of Volunteers : Emilie and Jean Eric

6. Other topics of discussion:

- At the next meeting, we will set aside one hour to discuss and evaluate potential new fundraising activities that could be introduced this year.
- Council to explore ways to better involve members of the community (families living nearby but with no kids attending PIET), as they would still benefit from the schoolyard.

Next meeting dates:

Tuesday, November 1, 6:30pm to 8pm

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30pm to 8pm

Tuesday, February 28, 6:30pm to 8pm

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30pm to 8pm

Tuesday, May 9, 6:30pm to 8pm

(Trudeau en Fête : Saturday, June 3rd (tbc))

Tuesday, June 13, 6:30pm to 8pm

End of the meeting.