

Cartier McGee/Louis St. Laurent
School Advisory Council (SAC) - Minutes
November 6, 2019

Members Present: Maria Collett, Tanya Nalli, Nikki Poulin Snow, Sandra Reaume, Valerie Gibbs, Sid Eriavaz, Kathy Kovacs, Michelle Dupuis, Gerald Barlage

Called to Order @ 7:08 pm

Opening Prayer led by Mme. Dupuis

New Business

1. **We Day** – Valerie Gibbs was in attendance at last month's We Day in Edmonton and is inquiring whether Louis St. Laurent would be interested in participating in future We Days. We Day is a city-wide initiative that focuses on social justice; tickets can't be bought but rather, have to be earned via leadership or contributions to the community; it's usually held in mid to late October of each year. The committee is very open to participating in future We Days and will discuss in more detail prior to the 2020 event.
2. **Junior Achievement** – Valerie brought up the importance of junior and senior high students learning about financial literacy; the school has been supportive of this initiative and will continue to be; Valerie and Mme. Dupuis to share details/information.
3. **Enactus** – Valerie to provide more information about this program which also involves social partnerships and is open to groups of children, aged 15 – 29.
4. **School Demographic Report and Budget** – Mme. Dupuis presented details of the school's current budget and funding allocations in light of recent government cutbacks.
5. **Casino Update** – Casino Chair Gerald Barlage reported that spots are slowly filling up for next month's casino. No feedback was received after sending out an email last month but there was some response from parents after the November School Newsletter went out. There are currently 17 un-filled positions. Gerald indicated that there is always a bunch of last minute volunteers who come forward and is confident this will be the case again. Gerald will send out reminders every two weeks and will also include updates on how many spots are filled/un-filled.
6. **Student Verification Process**– E-mails have been sent to a significant number of parents regarding the Student Verification Process. Tanya Nalli is concerned whether the I.T. system is working properly after a couple of attempts to re-send the forms. Kathy Kovacs also had trouble with this online process and had to fill out each form twice.

7. **Raffle Ticket Sales** – Ticket sales have been slower than anticipated; tickets will continue to be sold at this weekend's Jr. High Volleyball Tournament, November 7 – 9th, 2019 . Valerie has also arranged to sell tickets at No Frills on 40th Avenue and 113 Street on Saturday, November 16th 2019 from 9:00am - 3:00pm and Sunday, Nov. 17th from 12 noon -5pm. If students want to volunteer, the time can be put towards their Service Hours. Could the Grade 7 classes possibly become more involved and how difficult would it be to account for returned tickets, collect money, etc.? Discussion included ways to generate more sales and possibly selling at Confederation Rec Centre; Canadian Tire, Sobeys on 111 Street and 23rd Avenue. The committee will wait to reach out to other stores/venues based on the success of sales during the Parent/Teacher conferences on November 20th which run 3:30pm – 5:00pm and 6:30pm - 8:00 pm in the gymnasium.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28pm

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8:29pm Nikki Poulin Snow motioned to open PAA Meeting; Sid seconded Motion. Motion:
Passed

Sandra Reaume put forth a funding request on behalf of Molly Danko and the presentation of *Big the Musical*. The presentation has an overall budget of \$6,530.00 but the submitted request is for \$1,500.00. Due to this being an immediate need, the committee agreed to hold a vote. Tanya motioned that the committee provide \$1,500.00 for sets and props. Sandra seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

‘Wish List’ – Mme. Dupuis presented the school’s ‘Wish List’ in an effort to provide equitable support to the various requests. Discussion was held as to how to best allocate funding. The committee would like to incorporate a long-term plan that outlines specific dollar amounts for each program on a yearly basis since many of these requests are not ‘one off’ expenses.

Nikki moved that we table the Wish List items until the next meeting; Valerie Gibbs seconded motion. **Motion passed.**

The committee welcomes anyone who would like to come to this meeting to speak in support of their request.

With voting tabled until December 4th, 2019, the committee continued to go over the various requests in an effort to better understand their specifics. Discussion and explanations of the ‘Wish List’ included, but were not limited to:

- Grade 12 Grad Retreat
- Dance Program - Looking for dance costumes as well as a new floor in the ancillary room. There was discussion about considering a system being brought in place, similar to the ones the sports teams have implemented (based on a 4-year plan). Sid reported to the committee that \$8,000.00 was previously allocated in 2018-19 for dance costumes
- Student Services - Discussion over the Safe Space Tree; Mme. Dupuis to request a sample to present at next meeting; this request was put forth more than a year ago.
- Computer Lab – Mme. Dupuis indicated a request for a new computer lab which would be in excess of \$50,000 to replace old equipment.
- Athletics – Request for a SMASH historic winners and GREEN and GOLD historic winners board in the Louis Gym. Sid to check if there has been previous billing for similar player boards/banners in the past.
- Fashion - Includes a request for an embroidery machine at an estimate of \$5,000.00 which is not documented on the current Wish List.

Banking – Sid raised several concerns over the lack of support and customer service provided by the school’s current bank, most notably with the issue of signatures/changes to the board. The committee is open to considering a new bank; branch should be in close proximity to the school. The committee agreed that more research will be done. Sid suggested that this topic be re-visited at end of current school year in order to keep the accounts in order.

Theatre Rental - Sandra brought up possibility of renting out the theatre. The committee was open to this as a way to generate extra income, however, it would have to go through the city or the shared services agreement.

Bills – Sid presented two bills for re-payment: Valerie Gibbs' purchase of the raffle tickets at \$226.45 and the Raffle License at \$99.75. Maria Collett motioned that Valerie be reimbursed the full amount of each bill. Sid seconded the motion. **Motion Passed.**

Maria Collett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nikki seconded motion. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Next Meeting Dates: December 4, 2019, February 5th, 2020, April 1st, 2020, and June 3rd, 2020.