

Cartier McGee and Louis St. Laurent
School Advisory Council (SAC) – Minutes
January 25, 2021

Members Present: Gerald Barlage – Acting President, Mme. Dupuis - School Principal, Sid Eriavaz – Treasurer, Kathy Kovacs – Secretary, Valerie Gibbs – Vice President, Michael Mauro – Assistant Principal

Attending via Zoom: Kim Nerbas, Nadine Seed, Patty Salazar, Carmen Dragan-Sima, Melanie Eriksen, John Gamba, Mary-Elizabeth Dunn, Lisa Turchansky – School Board Trustee and Parent

Opening Prayer and Treaty Acknowledgement by Mme. Dupuis – School Principal

7:05 pm - **Meeting called to order @ 7:05 pm by Gerald Barlage**

Old Business

7:06 pm - **Approval of past Meeting's Minutes**

Valerie Gibb makes motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 23rd, 2020.
Kathy Kovacs seconds the motion.

Motion Passed

7:07 pm - **No New Items to report**

New Business

7:12 pm - **Ward 76 School Trustee Ms. Lisa Turchansky joins the meeting via Zoom.**

Topics of discussion include:

- COVID and all recent pandemic updates;
- ECSD's current funding and division budget cuts and whether wards have adequate funds for PPE and other COVID related supplies;
- New school building plans within our community;
- Overall mental health and well-being of all students within the ward and the limited resources available due to funding cuts; Trustees to reach out to schools directly should any critical issues arise

7:25 pm - **School Admin Report – Michelle Dupuis, School Principal**

1.0 School Website

- Mr. Mauro gives School Council a virtual tour of the school's new website which can be found at: <https://www.ecsd.net/8409>. He and many other staff members continue to build the website which includes junior and senior high pages on a number of rich platforms which include:
 - Four distinct sections under the SAC which will allow council to provide updates, promote fundraising initiatives and post school Meeting Minutes;
 - The ability to stream live team events;
 - A more streamlined online school registration process;
 - A personalized learning map with a breakdown of course requirements;
 - Detailed information about the school's various programs, including the I.B. Program, the Spanish Bilingual Program and the Hockey Program.

2.0 Open House 2021

- Louis St. Laurent will be offering a public virtual tour and an Open House signature video prior to the February 18th 2021 Open House.
- Staff to promote various social media links, sites and hashtags under LSL_ecsd, with anyone attending one of the live events being eligible to win an autographed Connor McDavid Oilers jersey.

3.0 School Drop-off and Pick-up Areas

- The school continues to experience parking and pick-up/drop-off issues due to city by-laws of no parking areas and a substantial increase in vehicles since return to school in January where we appreciate the commitments of parents to drive and pick-up students during COVID.
- Various alternatives have been discussed along with how to educate families on the proposed changes which include:
 - The roundabout near the Junior High entrance and its availability as a parking lot vs. a pick-up/drop-off area depending on time of day;
 - The west side Handicap Stall which is being used by non-decal holders and needs to be monitored;
 - The on-going need to emphasize using 114 A and 114 B Streets as alternative exit routes rather than making U-turns to get back on main road(s).

End of Principal's Report

7:49 pm Sub-Committee Reports

Fund-Raising Committee

- Kim Nerbas shares updates on various fund-raising activities including the Boston Pizza and Sabrosa fund-raisers;
- Nadine is working on grocery Gift Cards;
- Melanie is planning a Purdy's Chocolates fund-raiser for late February/early March

Communications

- The Communications committee continues to work in conjunction with the fund-raising committee to get parents involved without being bombarded by numerous requests; Patty Salazar suggested a Welcome Package that highlights all fundraising activities and includes a brief description for each which would appear on the school website.
- Other website content will include the definition of an Executive and more details into who we are and what roles we play within the school community.
- The website would also include a series of reminders and/or tidy up messages; Mme. Dupuis suggested we provide a calendar for updates and on-going initiatives.

Other Needs

- Gerald Barlage raises the topic of Graduation and whether more events should be planned for Grades 9 and 12;
- Graduation photos have been approved with safety precautions in place, and portraits will take place the second week of February;
- Commencements are still scheduled for Fall 2021 whether it's in the gymnasium or outdoors.
- The PAC will continue to recruit other parents to volunteer for other fund-raisers: ie. a bike-a-thon, tennis-a-thon, etc.

8:14 pm - New Business

- Sid Eriavaz reminds PAC that this is his final year; he'll be willing to assist a new Treasurer; PAC to look for a replacement to fill the role of Treasurer;
- Gerald suggested we consider a 50/50 draw to assist with fund-raising.

8:18 pm – Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Sid moves that the meeting be adjourned. Kathy seconds the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm

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School Advisory Meeting called to order @ 8:25 pm

8:26 pm - **Minutes Approval**

Prior to the November 23rd, 2020 Minutes being approved, Gerald Barlage proposes two edits:

- that they include Sid Eriavaz's Treasurer Report;
- that the spelling of Terry Cantor's name to be edited to Terry Kantor.

1.0 Treasurer's Report – Presented by Sid Eriavaz.

Please see attached.

2.0 Fundraising Report

- Kim Nerbas reported FlipGive raised \$27.00;
- Council discussed various forms of payment since personal cheques are no longer and accepted form of payment; eTransfers are not an option either; Mme. Dupuis suggested a gmail account be set up, to be used specifically by the SAC.

8:33 pm - Kathy motions to end School Advisory Meeting:

Seconded by Sid.

Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 pm

Next Meeting: TBA
