

Cartier McGee and Louis St. Laurent
Annual General Meeting
and
School Advisory Council (SAC) - Minutes
November 23rd, 2020

Members Present: Gerald Barlage – Acting President, Michelle Dupuis – School Principal, Patrice Teveniuk - Assistant Principal, Valerie Gibbs – Vice President, Sid Eriavaz – Treasurer, Kathy Kovacs – Secretary, Catrina Cowan, Athella Desierdo, Breno Diogenes, Dulcie El-Hayek, Melanie Eriksen, Gill Knuckey, Tanya Nalli, Kim Nerbas, Lindsay Payne Pynten, Susan Rajakaruna, Sandra Reaume, Nadine Seed, Laurie-Anne Sirois, Michelle Weisgerber.

Meeting Called to Order @ 7:05 pm

7:06 pm – Prayer and Treaty Acknowledgement by Michelle Dupuis – School Principal

7:07 pm - Mme. Dupuis welcomes the group and introductions are made.

Old Business

7:17 pm – Approval of Last Meeting’s Minutes

Kathy Kovacs motions to approve the meeting minutes from October 19th, 2020.
Unanimous.

Motion Approved.

7:50 pm – Agenda Approval

Terry Cantor motions to approve this meeting’s Agenda;
Seconded by Lindsay Payne Pynten.
Unanimous.

Motion Approved.

New Business

7:19 pm - School Advisory Council Mandate

- Gerald Barlage reads mandate of the School Advisory Council and what its duties entail.

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

1.0 School Council’s Objectives / Purpose / Roles

- Discussion included how best to implement learning via remote sessions and how it affects students and teachers.
- Keeping religion, faith and its teachings via strategies within the curriculum; currently, students have pre-recorded prayers that they’ve written as part of the daily routine; Spanish Bilingual Mass at beginning of December to be filmed live in the school chapel.

2.0 Implementation of the Pedagogical Process and Curricular Connections

- Assessment for learning with proper intended outcomes, ensuring students will ultimately be successful.
- Acknowledgement of the on-going difficulties of remote learning due to COVID-19.
- Support for the diverse needs of all students and recognize the need for community programs ie. the WINN Program, as many families continue to struggle.

3.0 Response Team

- The Response Team is available to assist every student as we navigate through unprecedented times.
- Counsellors, Student Resource Officer, psychologists, administrators and teachers are all working together and pooling their resources to best support all students.

4.0 Accountability Pillar Results

- PAT Exams numbers are presented.

5.0 School Budget Report

- Discuss grants, funding, which 'envelopes' are earmarked for different divisions and allocations.
- Total allocations include staffing expenses, school operating expenses.
- Presented Financial Statements

6.0 School Council Communication

- School Council plans to meet with the PAC to discuss various activities, events and other organized programs being planned.
- Discussion about current cohorts with respect to having lunches and recess staggered.
- Teachers were surveyed on how certain activities could be rotated in future; ie: having gym classes outside or incorporating other activities within COVID-19 guidelines.
- Students continue to be extremely successful at adapting to ever-changing COVID-10 guidelines.

7.0 Junior High Lunch and Recreation Changes – HR Activity Kits

- Board games were purchased for cold day activities; still looking for chess boards.
- Tables were purchased in order to play ping pong (hallway) and game/play stations have been set up in classrooms.
- Discussion about the possibility of Council sponsoring a game with further discussion to take place in future PAC meeting(s).
- School to ask Parent Council to pay for the games already purchased.

8.0 Grade 12 Graduation and Commencements

- No formal banquet or dance for 2021 due to COVID restrictions.
- A Student Grad Council will be created to promote and celebrate graduation; families will be notified of graduation activities.
- Special activity days for Grades 9 and 12 are also being planned with PAC to brainstorm ideas.

9.0 Wellness Wednesdays - Patrice Teveniuk, Assistant Principal

- Patrice presented the possibility of having on-going themed Wednesdays featuring 70's, 80's and 90's music played to welcome students along with short videos high-lighting the importance of mental health and wellness, confidence, cell phone use, etc.

End of Principal's Report

7:57 pm - Discussions as per Parent/Guardian SAC Survey - Initiatives/Ideas/Feedback

Fundraising

- PAC was asked to consider being a part of the fundraising sub-committee with Kim Nerbas and Terry Cantor stepping forward.
- Fundraising idea/discussion included the possibility of using FlipGive, Value Village, donating items for an online auction and a Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser.

Communication

- Discussion over how to better promote school council information ie. posting minutes online, creating a facebook page, tab on the school website; would also assist in promoting up-coming meetings.
- Patrice suggested a separate newsletter request that focuses on parent updates.
- PAC to consider developing a Communications Sub-Committee; Gerald and Mme. Dupuis to assess and summarize results and present at a future date.

Other Agenda Items

Socks for YEG

- A program called Socks for YEG provides warm quality socks to the city's homeless with 4,000 pairs donated last year. Discussion included bringing in a bin for collection, possibility of setting up a sub-committee to help coordinate. Mme. Dupuis suggested a letter be with all donations being collected by December 11th, 2020.

School Trustee Invite

- Gerald Barlage suggested we invite School Trustee Lisa Turchansky to an up-coming PAC meeting to get an update on various initiatives, including advisory reports, the current 3-year plan, and any policy updates.

ASCA - Alberta Schools Council Association

- An online workshop is being made available to PACs to discuss school council's duties and how to best operate; Council to extend this information for invites.

8:18 pm - Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Nikki motions that the meeting be adjourned. Terry seconded the motion.

All in favour: Unanimous
Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm.

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Members Present:

Gerald Barlage calls meeting to order at 8:20 pm.

8:20 pm – **Minutes Approval**

Kathy moves to approve the minutes of the School Advisory Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2020.

Seconded by Terry Cantor.

Motion Passed.

1.0 Treasurer's Report - Sid Eriavaz

- The two school accounts, as of this date state:

Casino Account:

- \$18,123 for chrome books
- Account maintenance fee only

General Account:

- \$3,674.81
- Account maintenance fee only
- TOTAL \$80,850.80 Total

- The school Business Manager requested for \$337.66 for the purchase of books; was approved last year;
- Sid makes motion that council pays for this purchase of books for library.
Terry Cantor motions that the books be paid for.
Valerie Gibbs seconds the motion.
Motion Passed.

- Casino money to be used for the purchase of five ping pong tables at \$300.00 each plus GST for Jr. and Sr. High.
- Various board games purchased at a cost of \$120 to benefit 17 Junior High classes.
Gill Knuckey motions to re-imburse the school for the purchase of board games and recreational items.
Valerie seconded motion.
Motion passed unanimously.

2.0 Fundraising Report – Valerie Gibbs

- No new news to report
- Discussion of raffle funds and request for leaders to assist in creating a sub-committee; Kim Nerbas, Nadine Seed, Terry Cantor and Melanie Eriksen agree to assist; Valerie to coordinate email communication.

- Possible requests in future include raising funds for a new(er) school vehicle/van mini bus
- Other fund-raising suggestions included hosting a bingo
- Discussion over whether the school is able to accept sponsorship money; Mme. Dupuis citing examples of the Smash and Green and Gold Tournaments doing so with the other option including contra agreements for items such as printing, etc.

8:42 pm

Terry Cantor motions to end School Advisory Meeting;
Seconded by Nikki.

Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm

Next Meeting: TBA.
