

# Association des parents d'élèves de l'École André-Piolat

## General Meeting

Wednesday 20 September 8PM via ZOOM

### Minutes

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE :

*Melissa POWELL, president*  
*Julie DEZIEL, president*  
*Tim ROBERTS, vice-president*  
*Lily WU, treasurer*  
*François PROULX, secretary*  
*Julien HÉNON, director*  
*Ginette MILLS, director*  
*Andree RICHER*  
*Jean-Michel LAUZON*  
*Louise MELANSON*  
*Aurelia MERADOU*  
*Nathalie CHALOIN*  
*Mathieu LEGARE*  
*Robert FOUQUET*  
*Sara McCURDY*  
*Isabelle MIRABAUD*  
*Sebastien CRESPIN*  
*Simon ROBERTS*

#### GUESTS :

*Monica MARTIN, principal*  
*Jean-Philippe SCHALL, vice-principal*  
*Audrey COQUERY, teacher*  
*Valentina BARETTA, student*

#### REGRETS;

*Annick VACHON, director.*

1. The meeting was called to order at 8PM (Melissa POWELL).

2. Minutes

Draft minutes from June 13th, 2023 General Meeting shared with members adopted (Natalie CHALOIN proposing, Ginette MILLS seconding).



3. First Nations Land Acknowledgement.

Performed by Geneviève NOEL.

4. Agenda

Draft agenda shared with members adopted (Natalie CHALOIN proposing, Lily WU seconding).



5. Introductions (Melissa POWELL)

Melissa thanks previous year's Executive members for their hard work. Members of the PAC Executive Committee, school principal and vice principal introduced themselves.

6. School Principial & Vice Principal Update (Monica MARTIN & Jean-Philippe SCHALL)

Monica goes through deck of slides with attendees.

- a. Staffing: Monica updates that Ms. Ghita is new office staff. Ms. Magali is new library staff. Ms. Geneviève LAUZON is new 4/5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Still hiring for Career teacher for High School
- b. Food Security: Monica updates that a Feeding the Future grant has been received for food security: hot lunches provided to families in need, snacks made available to students in each class.
- c. Truth & Reconciliation Day: Monica says students encouraged to wear orange shirt, educational content to be provided as appropriate to each class.
- d. Open House: Monica says two are planned. Sept 21<sup>st</sup> for gr. 1 to 6: not a time for private 1:1 meetings with teachers. Open House for High School on October 05<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Sports: Monica says Cross Country and Soccer competitions coming up. Jean-Philippe updates that school looking for basketball, volleyball, soccer coaches from within school community
- f. « Comité des partenaires » ("school based team") : Jean Philippe explains that this is a school based committee that looks at school development plan, 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.

- i. Need for volunteer parent(s) to be appointed as member of Comité by October 15<sup>th</sup>. Monica clarifies that school does not require parent member to be appointed by PAC.
- ii. 5 meetings through the year; student, ancillary staff, school leadership, parent representation.
- iii. Geneviève NOEL asks for CÉCRÉA representation on the Comité des partenaires, Jean-Philippe agreeable.
- iv. A discussion was had of having Geneviève represent both PAC and CÉCRÉA on that Comité.

7. Teacher Update (Audrey COQUERY)

- a. Ms. COQUERY coordinates IB, teaches High School French, and is happy to assist with PAC events through the year.

8. Student Update (Valentine BARETTA)

- a. Student Council being formed.
- b. Council intends to plan for Elementary and High School events through the year.
- c. A Grad Committee is also being formed, as this is the first time in a really long time that our school will celebrate the graduation of a grade 12 class, Grad committee planning to fundraise for Grad Event.
- d. Halloween committee will be formed, as in previous years, for Haunted House event.

9. CÉCRÉA Update (Genevieve NOEL)

- a. Geneviève introduces the Committee.
- b. Geneviève says there are 18 member families in our school this year.
- c. Committee reflects diversity of First Nations heritages represented at school, including francophone First Nations, First Nations from Eastern Canada.
- d. Geneviève invites families with First Nations ancestry to join, form available through Ms. C. FAIRBURN at school office.
- e. Activities being planned through the year.

10. Election of new Director to Executive Committee of PAC (Melissa POWELL)

- a. Nathalie CHALOIN candidate. Proposed by herself, seconded by Julie DEZIEL.

11. President Update (Julie DEZIEL)

- a. Julie discusses 4 pillars of PAC action, and which Executive members are in charge:
  - i. Extracurricular activities: goals are to create community by meeting outside of school time, share interests, and to fundraise. Executives in charge are Julie, Lilly WU, Nathalie CHALOIN.

- ii. Events: goal is also to create community through gatherings, fundraising. Executives in charge are Melissa POWELL and Ginette MILLS. Members invited to reach out to them with any ideas and offers of help.
  - iii. Education: goal is to offer representation to parents who may wish for it in their dealings with school teachers and administration, follow up on parents concerns. Executives in charge are Julie and Annick VACHON (regrets tonight). Julie reminds members that school outings should be initiated by teachers, while PAC may consider financial support.
  - iv. Facilities: Julie points to increasing need for space at our school year after year, and ongoing school yard reno project. Executives in charge are Tim ROBERTS and Julien HÉNON.
- b. The PAC Executive email was shared (ape\_piolat@eyahoo).

#### 12. Schoolyard Reno Project (Tim ROBERTS)

- a. Tim updates that there have been a number of meetings last school year during which feedback from school community was obtained.
- b. Tim updates that PAC has decided to pause project for the time being, while we solicit feedback from CSF about feasibility of 3 proposed concepts.
- c. Tim will update again at coming meeting, and invites members wishing to help with project to reach out to Julien HÉNON or himself.
- d. Marta TOESEV asks what her role will be going forward, as she was project manager last year, but has not heard anything this year. Tim says 1<sup>st</sup> priority is to get CSF feedback, then reengage with members, including Marta.
- e. Marta asks what particular questions have been asked to CSF. Tim clarifies that no meeting has occurred so far, and that he is trying to find out who to talk to. Tim emphasizes need to get CSF perspective on what they see as feasible vs not.
- f. Marta agrees CSF feedback is missing, and wishes to be involved in those conversations.
- g. Genevieve NOEL wishes to be involved for CECRÉA representation on the school reno committee, Tim agrees.

#### 13. Wine & Cheese (Julie DEZIEL)

- a. October 11<sup>th</sup>
- b. Invitations to be sent.
- c. Students, parents, school staff and administration will be invited.
- d. Goal is to open conversation about a community vision for the school.

#### 14. Varia

- a. Nathalie CHALOIN wishes welcome back to school to principal Monica MARTIN.
- b. Andée RICHER asks about direction that reno project is taking.
  - i. Julie DEZIEL explains that Reno Project Committee is sub committee of the PAC. Julie explains that PAC needs to have oversight over how fundraised money will be sent. Julie explains that Tim ROBERTS and Julien HÉNON will be liaison with Executive.
  - ii. Andée says she found it unsettling to learn that Marta TOESEV was not included in project committee this year. Andrée emphasized need for transparency with members and school community. Andrée wishes for everyone, eg Trottin, to have a voice on project.
  - iii. Nathalie clarifies that previously involved people are welcome to stay involved, but that there was a need to delineate responsibilities amongst this year's executive, that goal is not to exclude Marta, and that executive would be happy for Marta to stay involved.
  - iv. Geneviève NOEL emphasizes that CÉCRÉA and Marta should be included in conversation with CSF.
  - v. Julien emphasizes that nothing has happened so far, that him and Tim are just trying to arrange a first meeting with CSF. Julien emphasizes need to have clear terms for project from the start, with input from CSF, which is a key stakeholder.
  - vi. Marta wishes for an earlier PAC reno committee meeting about the project before the committee would meet with CSF, a meeting to which everyone that was on the committee last year would be invited, and the committee could then determine who will head it, who wants to stay.
  - vii. Julien agrees.
  - viii. Monica would also like to participate.
  - ix. Genevieve updates that CÉCRÉA had paid honoraria for a Squamish First Nation Ms. Cease WYSS (<https://tuyttanatceasewyss.ca/>) for there to be First Nations to have input on the reno project, Geneviève feels that Ms. Wyss should be invited again to this prospective early committee meeting.
- c. I asked Genevieve to explain to new members and myself what CECRÉA is, and what acronym stands for (Comité école pour la revitalisation de l'éducation autochtone). Geneviève explained the mandate of supporting First Nations education and well being in school community.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM (Melissa POWELL).

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Francois PROULX,  
Secretary.