

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

## *General Meeting*

*held online via MS Teams  
Wednesday October 18th, 2023, 8:00 PM*

### MINUTES

#### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE :

Melissa POWELL, President  
Julie DEZIEL, President  
Lily WU, Treasurer  
François PROULX, Secretary  
Julien HÉNON, Director  
Annick VACHON, Director  
Ginette MILLS, Director  
Aurelia MERADOU  
François LANDRY  
Magali LARIVIÈRE (parent and Library Teacher)  
Sarah McCURDY  
Sebastien KINDSVATER  
Jean-Michel LAUZON  
Faza RAZAFINARIVO  
Geneviève NOËL (CÉCRÉA Rep)  
Andrée RICHER  
Marta TOESEV

#### GUESTS :

Monica MARTIN, Principal  
Valentine BARETTA, Student Rep  
Audrey COCQUERY, Teacher Rep

1. Meeting called to order at 8:06 PM.
2. Land Acknowledgement done by Melissa POWELL.

3. Agenda

- **Julie DEZIEL proposes that « Mot des présidentes » be given to Sebastien KINDSVATER, who wanted to address the meeting.**
- **Julie proposes that the Library Teacher be invited to speak after the Principal.**
- **Julie DEZIEL proposes that the Agenda be adopted as modified above, Annick VACHON seconds.**

4. Minutes from September 20th, 2023 General Meeting

- **Julie DEZIEL proposes that Minutes be adopted as circulated, Lily WU seconds.**

5. Sebastien KINDSVATER invited to speak.

- a. Sebastien wishes to bring up the SEA situation in school.
- b. Sebastien wonders if we may have access to certain programmes with attached funding that the school may be unaware of, which could fund SEA positions.
- c. Sebastien says that there should be 1 or 2 SEAs per class.
- d. Sebastien says he has approached school Principal.
- e. Monica MARTIN says that SEAs positions are funded by the Ministry of Education based on number of students with Designations. Monica says school currently has 23 students with such a Designation, these students have access to SEA. SEAs assigned to students and not to classroom, but not every student with a Designation will have a 1:1 full time SEA.
- f. Sebastien wonders who is in charge of applying for SEA funding. Sebastien wonders if a child is violent in class, can the school remove a child from that class?
- g. Monica says that funding for SEAs goes from the Ministry of Education to the CSF, the CSF then allocates a number of SEA hours to each school. Monica says there is a Ministry formula to allocate supports.
- h. Monica says that if a student meets certain criteria, such as having certain medical diagnosis, then the

Ministry of Education is informed and allocates funding. Monica says that school team may share with parents concerns that they have about a certain student, for parents to seek assessments, school psychologist may also get involved. Monica says that students may get a designation at any point through their school years, some may start Kindergarden already with relevant diagnosis. Monica says that parents or school based team may initiate seeking a designation.

- i. Monica says that teacher is first line intervention with disruptive student, teacher can seek assistance of school based team and school district professionals. Monica says every student is entitled to an education and to attend school.
- j. Monica says we have 8 or 9 SEAs, and that all SEA positions at the school are currently filled.
- k. Sarah McCURDY says that, from her own experience as a teacher, some students may need help but not have a designation. Sarah suggests writing to MLAs and Ministry about schools needing more resources.
- l. Sebastien says he has heard from teachers we are lacking SEAs. Sebastien says there are federal funds that may be used to hire SEAs. Sebastien says he has inquired what are the rules at CSF level to allocate SEAs.

#### 6. School Principal

- a. Monica MARTIN reminds everyone to dress students for rain.
- b. Halloween costume parade being planned, High School students planning Haunted House.
- c. Remembrance Day assemblies will be split in two, and organized by High School students, parents are invited.
- d. Students currently sitting through BC Foundation Skills Assessments.
- e. Food Security programme going well, but we may run out of funds. Parents invited to remind children that those snacks are for students in need.
- f. "Entente Communautaire" document now on school website, makes explicit our school values, conflict resolution approaches

<https://andrepilat.csf.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/ressources/NOTRE-ENTENTE-COMMUNAUTAIRE.pdf>).

#### 7. Library Teacher

- a. Magali LARIVIERE says library used to have \$2,000 yearly budget from PAC, but got no money in last 2 years (\$3,000 was allocated for a certain year during the pandemic).
- b. Magali says she supports student projects in various academic subjects in her role as Library Teacher.
- c. Magali wishes to improve library collection in terms of First Nations (and suggests \$500 for that purpose), and gardening project.
- d. Magali wishes to buy Makerspace material to facilitate such workshops in the library. Material from Kaplan, Model Magic.
- e. Melissa POWELL asks whether CÉCRÉA funds could be used. Monica MARTIN says CÉCRÉA budget is used to fund First Nations worker in school, CÉCRÉA would not be able to fund library books.
- f. Andrée RICHER suggests that Scholastic be looped into library funds.
- g. Magali wonders about a book fair.
- h. Geneviève NOEL wonders about parents donating money at Haunted House.
- i. Magali can receive book donations from parents, but books must be suitable for school library collection.

#### 8. Teacher Rep

- a. Audrey COCQUERY says books can also be traded in the box in school yard.
- b. Students are preparing Halloween, Remembrance Day, IB projects.
- c. No Career teacher.
- d. Julie DÉZIEL asks if 11<sup>th</sup> graders are planning to continue into grade 12. Audrey says 9 students are registered into IB programme, 2 students going for certificate.

#### 9. Student Rep

- a. Valentine BARETTA says student council planning for Haunted House.
- b. Grad Committee planning bake sale for Halloween.
- c. Student Council arranging a number of events and activities.
- d. François PROULX asks whether graduating students were able to get elective classes they needed for post-secondary applications. Valentine says for the most part they have, but there were some issues with grade 11 Physics. Grade 12 students will do physics online.

#### 10. CECRÉA Rep

- a. Geneviève NOEL says they are meeting regarding biodiversity in schoolyard project.

#### 11. Budget 2023-2024

- a. Lily WU presents Budget (attached) at length.
  - i. Lily reminds us that budget was focused on school yard project in last few years, Executive wished to broaden scope of spending this year.
  - ii. Lily also reminds us that income from Gaming Funds must be spent on items that benefit a large number of students. Annic says it cannot be for strictly academic items.
  - iii. Lily suggests options to support grade 3 Brackendale trip.
- b. Sarah McCURDY reminds us that this year's grade 12 will be the first cohort to graduate in a really long time. Sarah asks whether school will put some funds towards graduation.
- c. Monica MARTIN says she cannot commit any funds at this point, but wishes for school to celebrate graduation. Monica reminds us there is a CSF wide graduation ceremony held yearly at SFU.
- d. Sarah says parents will contribute towards graduation, but cohort is small, so PAC support is appreciated.
- e. Julie DÉZIEL asks whether CSF will cut its contribution if we fund more of it ourselves. Monica explains that CSF will not allow fund specifically for school-specific grad.

- ***Sarah proposes that PAC up its grade 12 grad contribution to \$1,500. Melissa POWELL seconds.***
- ***François PROULX proposes that funds be allocated for scholarship(s) for graduating students. Annick VACHON seconds. Annick suggests 3 x \$300 scholarships. Monica suggests that parents set up criteria.***
- f. Julie asks whether school can fund Brackendale trip, Monica says there are no funds for this, but will help families in need. Andrée RICHER reminds us that amount given last year was lower due to request being put last minute by M. Litalien.
- g. Annick reminds us that this particular item can be taken from gaming fund.
- h. Ginette MILLS wonders about adding more Gaming Fund monies towards Brackendale, but Annick explains that Brackendale item needs to be budgeted as such, irrespective of how much of it comes from Gaming Fund.
- i. Melissa wonders whether this item could be revisited at a subsequent General Meeting. Annick says that only \$2,000 per meeting.
- j. Annick says that amount given for Brackendale was higher, but this was for 2 cohorts (grades 3 and 4).
- k. Ginette suggests that we set aside a fixed amount that will be stable year over year.
- l. It was discussed that PAC cannot cover the entire cost of Brackendale.
- m. Andrée suggests increasing the amount set for helping families in need.
- n. Andrée wonders if school would take used items for families in need. Monica remembers Swap Days held in some of her previous postings.
- ***Julie proposes redistributing CPR funds (line 24) for Brackendale (line 14, now \$3,950) and Help for Families in Need (line 1, now \$1,600). Andrée RICHER seconds.***
- o. Andrée asks whether schoolyard reno money is set apart. Melissa says it is. Lily shares accounts balances.
- p. Julie suggests that Library teacher could also apply for Subject Teacher fund. François suggests that money for Library books should be for books, and that other projects come from Subject Teachers

items. Sarah suggests that Library teacher be in charge of picking books. Sarah suggests that PAC funded be booked be 'stamped' as such.

- **Andrée proposes \$1,000 for books, François seconds.**
- **Annick proposes \$200 for student clubs, Andrée seconds.**
- **Lily proposes budget as modified, Julie seconds.**

#	Dépenses prévues de l'APÉ: 2023-2024	Approuvé 13 juin 2023	Actuals Oct 18	Proposé A Oct 18 2023	Proposé Oct 18 2023
1	Aide aux familles (e.g. sorties de classe, repas chauds)	\$ 1 000		\$1 600	
2	Allocation par Division (discrétionnaires) - 24 div x \$300	\$ 7 200		\$6 600	
3	Comité d'urgence (i.e. Matériel pour tremblement de terre)	\$ 1 000		\$1 000	
4	<b>APE Opérations:</b>				
5	La Rentrée APE - Soirée avec alcool & nourriture	\$ 400	\$106		
	<b>APE- événements communautaires</b>			\$750	
6	APE - Impressions pour posters, pamphlets etc. ...	\$ 30		\$30	
7	APE - Soutien aux activités communautaires	\$ 250	\$51	\$250	
8	APE - Fédération Parents Francophones de BC - cotisation	\$ 50		\$50	
9	APE - Timbres, Enveloppes, Chèques, Cartouche d'encre	\$ 150	\$63	\$150	
10	APE - BC Society Annual Report S0046987 APE	\$ 40		\$40	
11	APE - Système en ligne pour repas chauds (Munch a Lunch)	\$ 350		\$350	
12	APE Constitution Transition Fees	\$ 40		\$40	
13	TBD	\$ 500		\$750	
14	Camps Brackendale (e.g. Transport scolaire) - plafond	\$ 2 000		\$3 950	
15	Gr 12 Graduation	\$ 500		\$1 500	
	Gr 12 scholarship			\$900	
16	Lunch appréciation des enseignants (Sept)	\$ 200		\$200	
17	Allocation par Division pour Beaux-arts - 18 div X \$0				
	<b>Achat livres à la bibliothèque</b>			\$1 000	
18	Support au Conseil étudiant				
19	<b>Club des élèves - initiatives des élèves</b>			\$200	
20	<b>Allocation Enseignement Spécialisé (musique, anglais, sports, etc. ...)</b>			\$1 500	
21	Album du primaire/secondaire de type "Yearbook"			\$1 000	
22	Propositions parents & enseignants			\$1 500	
23	G6 Graduation			\$300	
24	<b>GPR (secourisme)-G7-et+</b>				
<b>Dépenses prévues (Y23-Y24) - Total</b>		<b>\$ 13 710</b>		<b>\$ 23 660</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>AP APE - Account Name Balance</b>					
	Independent Business Account (Sept 1 2023)	\$42 003,56			
	Gaming Account (includes \$9,937.75 Sept 2023 Grant)	\$19 377,75			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$61 381,31</b>			
	Escalating Term Deposit 3Y	\$10 737,31			
	Community Service Package-RENOVATIO	\$89 448,05			

## 12. Wine & Cheese November 03rd, 2023.

- a. Geneviève NOEL regrets that Halloween Party not held this year.
- b. Julie DÉZIEL says a Halloween themed movie may be shown to kids during Wine and Cheese.
- c. Julie invites interested parents to volunteer to organize events such as a Halloween Party.

- d. Geneviève asks what is the purpose of the Wine and Cheese. Julie says that principal, staff, teachers, parents, CSF Board Member have been invited to discuss vision for the school.
- e. Geneviève wonders if Halloween party could have been combined with this, and says children will miss it. Some members discussed their individual perspectives.
- f. Ginette MILLS points to a need to vary events to vary attendance.

13. Varia.

- a. Ginette MILLS sent an email to solicit volunteers for class reps, some classes still don't have a rep.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

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Francois Proulx, Secretary.