

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

**Zoom Meeting Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE :

*Lily WU, treasurer*

*Etienne LESSARD, secretary*

*Roja BAGHERI, director*

*Ginette MILLS, director*

*Kathryn FOWLES, director*

*Michelle JICKLING, director*

*Marta TOESEV, director*

*Laurence BOLTON*

*Patty NOYEL*

*Karin PAYANY*

*François PROULX*

*Geneviève*

GUESTS :

Michel TARDIF, principal

Frédéric BILODEAU, vice-principal

Théodore ROBINSON, student counsel

## **1. Call to order at 8pm**

## **2. Greeting and First Nations Acknowledgement:**

- Ginette Mills: Gives the welcome and overall purpose of the meeting today.
- Roja Bagheri: Performs the First Nations Acknowledgement

## **3. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda:**

- The meeting agenda was shared by email.
- Roja proposes to add the Partner Committee item in the Word from the Principal section
- The meeting agenda is adopted (Francois Proulx proposes; Frédéric Bilodeau seconds)

## **4. Adoption of the last Meetings Draft Notes:**

- October 16 2025: Roja BAGHERI proposes, Kathryn FOWLES seconds
- September 18 2025: Roja BAGHERI proposes, Kathryn FOWLES seconds
- The October meeting notes have been added to the website. Still need to add the September meeting notes to the website.

## **5. Word from the APÉ (Parent Advisory Committee)**

### Updates by Ginette MILLS:

- Fundraisers items are all available on Munchalunch (the PAC receives 10 to 25% of the sales revenue)
  - Purdy's chocolate almost 2000 sold. Final date to buy is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Growing smiles plant setters (poinsettias, etc.) available and ends on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November
  - Chef Enrick food items are available until December 8th
  - Cobs items are available until December 5<sup>th</sup>.

- This Friday, 6:30pm to 9pm, wine and cheese event for adults and movie screening for kids. The movie will be Sing and will start at 7pm. There will be popcorn and juice for the kids. Volunteer students from 7<sup>th</sup> will watch over the kids. \$5 entrance. Buy wine, beer and other drinks for sale

## 5. Update from the school administration

Michel TARDIF, Principal, addresses concerns:

- Last meeting was the one where I had seen the most parents at a PAC meeting.
- This year, we had issues with MyEd BC. There have been changes to the IB programme. December 2<sup>nd</sup> is supposed to be the first formal results, but it will be delayed by a week.
- Bullying: We are always listening to our parents. There is always some chatter around how the students act at school. There are rare situations where there repetitive behaviour that involves power struggles, which is where we focus our interventions.
- IT policy updates: We communicated with the RCMP and they will do some workshops for grades 7 to 9 about online bullying. They will happen next week (Frédéric BILODEAU).
- February will be the month of kindness. The point is to create an empathetic community.
- High School: We have a small programme but the students are doing well. Mr. Tardif congratulates the students for continuing with their associative activities. We will continue with artistic endeavours to encourage identity-building. Our IB students have had some good results with above average grades.
- We will add another day for homework club.
- Committee of partners(Comité des partenaires): We had some good meetings. The purpose is to get recommendations through discussions which is shared with the partners. The next meeting will be the Code of Conduct. We aim to focus on communication and restitution. A “code of life” was created by Monica last year. We also

developed scenarios within the code of conduct to create acts of restitution. We are working on the final details of the draft. We are still getting comments.

- Roja BAGHERI: Focusing on the dignity of the student and the relationship between students and staff. Has found in the research that acts of restitution that work the best are when relationships are created. Suspending and ostracizing are not good ways to create relationships. Of course they may be used in an extreme case. The aim is make sure students feel safe when they arrive at school. We appreciate the concerns brought up by the parents, which will be included in the “code de vie”.
- Geneviève: We try to encourage students to find ways to effect reparations.
- Parent question: Will the code of conduct work well for students with diagnosed behavioural problems:
  - Michel TARDIF: Yes, even with students with autism. The premise is to create acts of restitution. That being said, the way in which they react will be different. This code of conduct focuses on humanistic and wholistic approach.
- After school sports: Will participate in a volleyball tournament at CSF. L-P Surprenant, Frédéric Bilodeau and physical education teacher are doing good work in this area.

## **2. Update from student council**

- Théodore ROBINSON: Here are our plans for the student council. We would like to organize a Christmas Ball on Thursday of the last week before the Christmas break. We have a week of different themes for each day of that week.

## **3. Update from teachers' representative**

- No one present

#### 4. Update from the CECRÉA

- Spoke with rep from the Squamish. Will provide indigenous plants.
- There will be a first meeting for the families.
- The dancers that came was a great success.

#### 5. Update on the Schoolyard Renovation project

- Marta TOESEV: still need volunteers to create a website. We have one on the school website. Have an idea to phase the project. Hopefully get it done in 2 years.
- Would like to put together another website where people can donate to specific projects. Needs to give receipts and confirmations. Kathryn will put up a reminder on the facebook website.
- Patty is working to get a quote for a concrete pad and chairs near the daycare.
- Mr. Tardif says he has a couple of tables available.
- Basketball nets are still an ongoing project.
- Ginette MILLS: Planning a second fun run as a fundraiser

#### 6. Budget review :

- Lily WU: we received \$1,500 for Yes Tess
  - Etienne LESSARD: Was there a selection process? Does she send information about what she will present?
    1. She presents information that matches the BC education curriculum
    2. Mr. Tardif says that teachers appreciate having someone come in to discuss those sensitive topics.
    3. She will be back in April for additional sessions

4. François PROULX: This has the purpose of supporting the curriculum.
  5. Frédéric BILODEAU: Paid by Vice-Versa which offers a catalogue of activities from which we can pick.
  6. Mr. Tardif: It is the responsibility of the school, but it is an additional activity. It's better to have someone come in with a different perspective.
- Other updates by Lily WU:
    - Have money for cultural projects.
    - Bought another square
    - We spent \$58 on the APE meeting refreshments.
    - Received a request from Christine Fairburn to renew the emergency container supplies. We had reserved \$1,000 for the earthquake supplies. Christine is asking for support to pay for flashlights and bandages.

1. Mr. Tardif. The school doesn't have a specific budget

- Can someone do an inventory?
- Frédéric BILODEAU: everything in the container is in good order. However, the perishables do need to be reviewed. The door is difficult to open.
- Ginette MILLS: we gave money for the water tablets.

## 7. Parent section

- *English teaching*
  - François PROULX has no further concerns, having expressed some during the last meeting.
  - Ginette MILLS: We found out today that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher is going to have a medical leave and will need to be replaced

- Mr Tardif: We found someone to replace her and we will send an update tomorrow. The new teacher has experience with IB schools and a lot of teaching experience.

**8. Meeting adjourned (9:14PM)**

**9. Next meeting will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January**