



# École du Pacifique & Chatelech Francophone APE/PAC

*Via Zoom*

**Minutes from APE meeting Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 6:30pm**

**Present:**

Mélanie Vallières (Principal), Ione Smith (President), Tanya Staunton (Treasurer), Robyn Anderson (Secretary), Jennifer Garden (Counsellor/Comité de Partenaires), François Blais (Vice-President), Roger Lagassé (School Trustee)

Parents : 4 parents in attendance

Call to Order: 6:32 pm start time

**1. Principal's Report: Mélanie**

- Monitor de langue – Kyle – he's at school by 8:30 in gym for all kids
  - also art club at recess/lunch
- Ski trip is still a go for Grades 4-7
- school website is updated – check it out ☺
- protocols – a lot of information has been sent out by email

*main points include:*

- avoid big groups (assemblies to be done virtually) – she's postponed January assembly
- staggered times for Grades 2/3 and 4/5 classes so they don't cross each other by lockers/hallways
- classrooms have been reorganized to have more space
- restricted visitors to school (meetings to be held with Zoom or outdoors)
- teachers used week after winter break to prepare for possible long absence (plan for and have materials ready to go)
- 3 possible interruptions of learning:
  - 1) if too many students absent
  - 2) if too many staff absent and not enough substitutes available
  - 3) if transportation staffing is an issue
- if closure, it would be a temporary 3-10 days
- 1st day to prepare families and staff to hand out materials (iPads etc)
- Covid symptoms updated: runny nose on its own is not considered a symptom
- Melanie will send out updated symptom/procedures checklist to families

**Questions:**

parent: "Is it 2 or 3 symptoms that we should keep kids at home?"

Melanie: "with 1 symptom, keep them home until they feel better"

parent: "when there's short staffing at school – example not enough supervision at lunch time- how is the decision to blend classes made? Why can't we stagger breaks?"

Melanie: "Wednesdays are tough, it was me who made the decision. I was in a meeting and couldn't be available to supervise. The kids are not allowed to move around, they're in there for only 15 minutes and all the windows were open."

## **2. Update from Petits du Pacifique – Chloe**

- Bravo to staff for all their efforts in the past month!
- the CDC had inaccurate information for Early Years centres – lucky Les P du P have not been affected by closures
- recommendation is to have a Hepa filter in the center, it has been approved and will happen
- fundraising – open to suggestions for the Spring!

## **3. Update from APE/PAC – Ione**

- things pretty quiet right now...
- start thinking about Grad hoodies
- bursary for Grad students (applications come)
- usually do a fundraiser in Spring – most likely will be Purdys Easter fundraiser (maybe connect with Les Petits)
- brainstorming for ideas ... ice skating (can't do it because vaccination required), Iris Griffith (closed), outdoor activities??

## **4. Fundraising/Grants - Robyn**

- Grant opportunity \$2500 from Scotts
- Opportunity for a \$2,500 grant that the school could apply for to do garden work.  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6681868/2022-Gro-for-Good-Garden-Grant-Application>  
The program provides grants to deserving communities, schools and non-profit organizations seeking to develop sustainable community gardens and green spaces.

## **5. Financial report update : Tanya**

- Purdys fundraiser: \$743.57 (a couple hundred less than last year)
- not much spending this year
- reminder to teachers to spend \$ for classroom books – must use by year-end
- class ski trips – PAC is funding \$600 per intermediate class
- no news from primary classes – reminder to teachers to organize something!
- Tanya has info about a field trip opportunity to farm in Gibsons for Spring
- reminder to **PLEASE use IGA cards** – such a good way to make money for PAC!!

## **6. Other Business:**

- parent question – any news on the new school? Roger's answer: No news, there is a school board meeting on Saturday morning, there could be a real estate update then.
- CSF meeting on Saturday morning 8:30am – look at CSF website and Facebook live
- question about road on Shorncliffe – in bad condition, it's the District of Sechelt to repair

Adjourned: 7:25pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. 6:30pm