



École du Pacifique & Chatelech

Francophone APE/PAC

In Person & Via Zoom

Minutes from APE meeting Wednesday, January 25th, 2022 6:00pm

Present:

Mélanie Vallières (Principal), Ione Smith (President), Natalie Gerum on Zoom (Secretary), Tanya Staunton (Treasurer), Jennifer Garden (Counsellor/Comité de Partenaires), Alistair Ellis (President-to-be), Chloe (Petits du Pacifique), Loïg (new staff member – teacher assistant/supervisor)

Parents: Melanie Cloutier, Sachiko Folinsbee, Robyn Anderson

Principal's Update

- Changed the superintendent – returning Monsieur Bertrand Dupain
- Superintendent makes all the central decisions, budget, meeting with representatives
- For the entire French school district
- Want to reinstate the Comité de Partenaires . – likely same mandate as in the past; working on the objectives
 - Teachers should have a seat at this table as well, but union has not allowed it
- Realizing that they need new policy – opening doors to encourage people to come to the school, registering new students. Likely to occur in the springtime. Will wait until Ann-Marie is back
- This weekend is the first ad to have students register for the school (for literacy week) – have a small budget for ads
- Finding ways to make the school more visible – signage on the outside, at the ferry, etc.
- Consider a Facebook page – free
- Consultation is coming for the budget for 2023-2024 (budget happens in May/June)
 - Bring up the new school in the consultation (7 years ago, Supreme Court decision)
 - Apparently there is progress on purchasing land
- Family Literacy Week
- Lots of new staff – Loïg has started, musician and having music classes

- Cameras have been installed for security, theft prevention, etc. Motion-sensored, kept for 30 days and then erased. Police don't have access to server, neither do parents, just on an incident by incident basis
 - Server is in Richmond – is it hard-wired, wifi, battery backup?
 - Signage will be installed notifying the public of presence of cameras recording
- Library system is changing. Old system very time-consuming. Now using Destiny. New system will be installed during March Break, Loig is new librarian
- Sexuality course for students, parents. SOGI (Sexual Orientation Gender Identity) – in English
- Virginie is taking her class to the beach, but cars not stopping at cross walk. Can she bring a portable stop sign? Can we write a letter to have lights
 - Road is MoT, so needs to go to province. Also sending along to RCMP
 - Lone will draft letter; Natalie will find contact at MoT
- Upcoming Activities
 - Ski Day – fundraising was successful to cover costs
 - All School concert in Vancouver with one school bus – April 13th - Possibly looking for parent volunteers
 - Dance and Percussion, Theatre, Musicians all visiting the school in the spring
- End of Year Activities Planned?
 - High school graduation will be back at SFU
 - Grade 6/7 – looking for dates (possibly before June 16th) – 11 students graduating
 - Melanie will provide more details as they come
- Deborah is on sick leave, planning on returning in February

President's Report

- Fundraising – Raffle for Herve's Class (\$5000.00), Veggie Box (very positive review from parents),
- Purdy's Easter fundraiser: orders due March 12th
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/959672-105482>
- Will try to apply for Veggie Box fundraiser again, \$1400.00 in profit in 2022
- Great to have more parents here at the PAC meetings

Yearbook

- Interest in doing that again? Is it valued by the kids? By the parents?
- Is their room in the budget for the yearbook?
- Looking to make it more substantial, more photos and content
- Doesn't work well as a fundraiser, instead do by donation? As a gift?
- Robin and Jenny have been spearheading and neither have kids in the school anymore

- Could there be a rep from each grade? A grade 6/7 leadership role? Shift it into a student committee? There are Assembly Leaders
- Need to stick with the current company for FIPPA compliance
- Melanie will bring up at next staff meeting
- Victoria Trip – is it every 2 years? Is it possible to reinstate for this year? Melanie will look into it

Loïg

- Happy to join the team, from France, living in Vancouver for 10 years
- Musician – built his own studio, moved in October to Gibsons
- Songwriter – Loïg Morin
- Wants them to write a song all together, have a school band, wants to have a music club after school; during Spring Break music camp
- Loves the feeling of the school
- Can we ask parents what they have in their homes for instruments to lend?
- Next Spring – make a short film to advertise the school, promotional video
- Possibility for cultural funding – needs to be put in budget (equity)
- Welcome Loïg! Keep us posted with what you need!

Les Petits du Pacifique

- Leslie Sala has been instrumental in getting trivia night going – March 4th, 2023
- Chloe will email poster and invitation
- Roberts Creek Hall – cash bar, snacks, 50/50, Toonie Toss, no minors, English event
- Tickets are through EventBrite – search through Petits Du Pacifique
- 604-989-6054
- 130 tickets available
- Volunteer sign-up, looking for donations for silent auction (?)
- Also do Purdy's Fundraiser for Valentines? Easter?
- Funding was looking sketchy because of low enrollment (focus on Francophone families). More kids coming in now, fees were raised by 20%. There's new funding from the government that means families are actually paying less (2 days per week is 220.00 per month)
- Still a culture of picking kids up from daycare by 3pm, and only 3 days per week continues to pose difficulty for parents

Fundraising

- Purdy's Christmas fundraiser was \$586.00
- Purdy's for Valentines and Easter? Will do for Easter – Due March 12th
- Burger and Beer at Batch 44 – sell a minimum number of tickets (40-50), \$25-\$30 per ticket, plus 50/50, etc.

- March 4th already taken, looking for another date. Thursday March 30th as the day requesting
- Playground needing to be repaired – parts have been ordered but supply chain issues
- SD46 working on other playgrounds, ours is in dire need of repairs

Next Meetings

- March 1st
- April 12th
- May 31st