

# AGM PAC Ecole Du Pacifique Minutes Jan 18th, 2024

Call to order 6:10pm

Attendance :

**Zoom** – Melanie Vallieres, Tanya Staunton, Alistair Ellis, Ione Smith, Melanie Cloutier, Daniel Fouillard, Natalie Gerum (minutes)

## Agenda

Update from the Directrice

- Changeover in the staff – Isabelle as Admin Assistant
- Loic replaced Isabelle, Ambassadeur Francophone, Autochtone
- New staff as substitute for support staff
- Starting Kindergarten registrations for next year
- Movie night – one for the families, one for teenagers/adults – very expensive for public showing.
  - Can purchase a yearly license – some other schools have it purchased by the l’APE. \$500.00 per year – asking to use Gaming Fund.
  - Emeline proposed Vision West – much cheaper.
  - Look into using Raven’s Cry instead if Chatelech (300-400 for technician) in terms of cost. Langdale has dropped the license because the movie selection doesn’t seem worth it. Does Raven’s Cry have the license? Can we rent DVDs through the library and not need a license? Advertise for the school through ads at the beginning. Can we jump on to a movie already being shown at the Raven’s Cry Theatre and just have it shown in French?
  - Ione asked what number will actually come? Proposing that the La Societe Francophone should host the event to show thriving culture and we are the benefactors.
  - Access to movies through the license depends on what level you pay for. Is there a one-time license fee? Do we want to do other kinds of events, not just a movie where we’re quiet and not connecting
- Hot Lunch on Friday – dropped by Run with Soup. \$6.00 per kid, but might change depending on what is offered. Angelic Vision (based in Davis Bay) now providing the catering.
  - Is the high school program different? Scarlet’s mom makes the food and is a caterer. High School was never asked to pay \$2 per week but Elementary students are asked – some weeks were missed so that compensates for the difference.
- Playhouse is going to be repaired – ticket has gone into SD46 maintenance system for repair
- Our school calendar is missing 2 days of instruction compared to SD46. When will these days be made up? It’s complicated with Easter weekend, but EDP is still within the requirements for numbers of days of instruction for the school year. Message needs to get out to parents about difference in days – Melanie to send

- High School teacher Yvonce is telling students he is applying to teach in other places. Larger conversation about staffing at school.
  - Is it too soon to give an update on staffing for 2024-2025?
  - Is Melanie able to advertise ahead of time so that teachers can be interested in working on the Sunshine Coast?
  - CSF HR says they are recruiting and let folks know that postings will be open soon (special list to be emailed specifically). But are they mostly for the Lower Mainland or anywhere in the province? How does the recruiting process work given that schools are so spread out? CSF attending job fairs interprovincially and internationally
  
- Jacques Dufresne Visit
  - 9am -walking through the school
  - 9:40am – parents takeover school tour
  - 11:00am – Chatelech
  - Lunch with Alistair
  - New Site Visit
  - Meeting with Roger
  - Come back for parent meeting
  
- Discussion re: arranging details for meeting with Jacques – Natalie/lone/Jenny food; Natalie/Chloe send email to all parents, Melanie will send email to parents
- Reminder to attend the Federation meetings and nominate someone for Volunteer of the year
- Passport et Vice-Versa – Federation funding? Did Melanie apply on our behalf or did another organization apply on our behalf? Natalie will look into this
  
- Fundraising
  - Discussion of other possible fundraising avenues
  - Balance between community-building and fundraising
  - Family dance - \$350.00 for DJ + gym, could sell pizza and snacks
  - Square Dance – probably for Fall 2024, bring in musicians and make it a BIG event (more in line with former fundraising for the school)
  - Support for moving towards one large fundraiser (e.g. Petits du Pacifique trivia night) rather than selling many things throughout the year
  - Natalie will continue to pursue information for different possible events