



Meeting minutes
School Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 17th, 2017

Members present

Bryce Godenir - president, Marianne Brochu- member, Tara Decker- member, Nadia Plumb – member, Régis Castaing - parent, Véronique Cantin – parent, Magalie St-Hilaire – parent, Lyne Martineau – parent, Natacha P. Gougeon- community liaison officer, Anne-Marie Boucher – FrancoSud, Ginette Beaulieu - principal, Isabelle Mercier- teacher/vice-principal, Ashli Norheim- teacher.

Meeting called to order at 6 :38 pm

- Motion to approve the agenda, with modifications, for May 17th, 2017, proposed by Lyne Martineau and seconded by Véronique Cantin.
 - « School organization » will be discussed at the next meeting since there is still information missing.
 - « Parent's corner » will be discussed right after the opening. « Fundraisers for next year » will also be added to the agenda.
 - In the President's report « Discussion for the August AGM » will be discussed the next meeting.

- Motion to approve the meeting minutes, with modifications, for April 5th, 2017, proposed by Magalie St-Hilaire and seconded by Marianne Brochu.
 - In the French section « Mot de la direction adjointe », the word « TENDER » is modified for « appel d'offre ».

FrancoSud - Anne-Marie Boucher

April 11th :

Casey Edmunds of FJA (Francophonie Jeunesse Alberta) met with FrancoSud board members. He made a presentation on sexual diversity to explain the different seminars FJA offers. The seminars can be offered to school staff, students or parents. In collaboration with a project coordinator, the FrancoSud council will decide who will benefit from these seminars during the 2017-2018 school year.

May 9th :

- Nothing will change in the management of preschools for next year. The management of new preschools will be decided on a case by case basis.
- Nicole Buret will be the returning officer for the school board elections next October. There are two open positions for the Calgary area, including Anne-Marie's.
- The deadline for the submission of the FrancoSud budget has been extended to June 30th. The board has to deal with a payroll increase and modified funding for each student. Rest assured that student services will remain uncompromised.
- The councilors adopted the final version of the new strategic plan which will be presented shortly.
- Regarding the negotiations between the ATA and the TEBA, the voting continues on the agreement in principle for the provincial collective agreement.
- Anne-Marie has applied for the position of Vice-President at the Alberta School Board Association (ASBA).

[Mot de la Direction – Madame Ginette et Madame Isabelle Mercier](#)

School organization:

- This topic to be put on the next meeting agenda on June 14th.

School material for students:

- Payment made by parents for the past 5 years has been 50\$ / year. Next year because of higher cost for school supplies, \$10 will be added to this amount. Please be advised that a school agenda and a library bag will be included in this fee. Marianne suggests that the bags be a visible colour. They will also have the school's logo on them.

School Agendas:

- This will be the main tool of communication for most teachers in kindergarten and for grade 2 to grade 10 next year. Students in grade 1 use another method for communications. Parents are encouraged to communicate with their child's homeroom teacher for questions or issues that may arise in their respective classrooms.

Our new school:

- There is no new progress to report. Although, some parents seem to think that Tri Star has been hired to construct the new school. More to come at the next meeting.

Reminder next meeting:

- The next meeting will be on June 14th and will take place at the school. The deadline to submit the meeting minutes and the meeting agenda is May 31st.

Mot de l'enseignant – Madame Ashli Norheim

English program :

- The English program has two components : English as a First Language and English as a Second Language. Each student is placed in one of the two programs according to his / her skills and in order to bring him / her to the English as a First Language program. Students are monitored and evaluated throughout the year.

Mot de l'agente de liaison communautaire – Natacha P. Gougeon

Grandparent Fun Day (May, 13th) - We had 25 participants (9 families). One grandpa, of Chinese origin, spoke French. He is a translator by trade. At this point, we don't know whether this activity will be back next year and who will organise it.

Budding geniuses (May 25 & 26) - We have two teams: one is made up of four students from grades five and six, the other is composed of six students from grades seven to nine. The tournament is in Cochrane and starts around 17h on Thursday May 25th. It ends Friday afternoon. We had sweaters made with the school's logo for the event.

Flag Football (June 2nd) - The school will be participating in a friendly Flag Football tournament with the Francophone schools in Cochrane and Airdrie. Many students from grades three to nine are participating. Each student will receive a T-Shirt with the school's logo for the event.

Family hike (June 4th) – Natacha proposes a hike in West Bragg Creek. Some parents wonder if the hike could not be somewhere a little closer to Okotoks. Natacha will look into it.

Western Day (June 29th) - Theme for the last day of school. Activities will be organised to entertain the kids. Need to confirm with teachers how they would like the day to unfold.

Mot de l'APEBO – Mesdames Lyne Martineau, Magalie St-Hilaire et Véronique Cantin

Financial update APEBO:

- APEBO will make a profit of about \$ 6260 this year. They hope to raise around \$ 5,000 next year. There is currently \$ 7800 in the bank account. APEBO is considering moving to another bank. Currently with CIBC, there are too many bank charges. They are considering ATB.

Next steps for Casino 2019:

- The casino will take place in January, February or March of 2019. We will have the official date by the end of August 2018.

Fundraisers for next year:

- We will sell La Montagne chocolates again next year. This was the school's best fundraiser to date. We will also continue with hot lunches. The frequency of hot lunches will increase to two days a week (Monday and Friday). The committee will explore different restaurant options with Healthy Hunger and look for healthier options. A new fundraiser will be SPUD, a fundraiser that will allow parents to buy baskets of local fruits and vegetables that are delivered to their home (purchase online for delivery in different localities). The committee also wants to see if it is possible to participate in local events organized by the city (eg light up Okotoks) to sell things such as surplus chocolate. Lyne will try to contact Mark Doherty for more information.

Mot du président – Monsieur Bryce Godenir

Plans for the last meeting of 2017 :

- As mentioned above the last meeting will be at school. Ginette proposes that the meetings next year return to Thursday nights. She has prepared a calendar which she will present to us at the next meeting.

Discussion for the August AGM :

- This point will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned

- Moved by Régis Castaing, seconded by Tara Decker at 7 :45 pm.

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Council member President