

MINUTES

École Voyageur Parent Council

Date | time February 16, 2021 @ 6 PM | Meeting called to order by S. McClelland (President) at 6.05 PM

In Attendance

Andrea Tyler, Jenny Hughes, Candace Yaholkoski, Kayla Jenkinson, Marc Morissette, Nicole Schneider, Patlee Creary, and Steve McClelland.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

S. McClelland moved for the acceptance of the meeting agenda. C. Yaholkoski seconded the motion. All agreed and the agenda was accepted.

S. McClelland moved to have the minutes of the January 17 meeting accepted. The motion was seconded by J. Hughes. All agreed and the minutes were accepted without amendments.

Executive Reports

1. **Principal's Report:**

Key points:

- Enrollment has changed to 255.
- Festival du Voyageur week – students will be doing in-school activities for this Festival week due to pandemic restrictions.
- School team name and logo – the Voyageur Wolves/Les Loupes de École Voyageur is the new team name. The school will soon engage students in a contest to draw the new mascot.
- French Speaking contest/Concours d'art Oratoire – ÉV and the SJASD will not participate in the national competition this year.
- I Love to Read Month (ILTRM) – ÉV will observe ILTRM in March instead of February this year. There was a brief discussion about plans to include anti-racist and BIPOC books into this year's diversity theme.

S. McClelland made the motion to have the Principal's report accepted; the motion was seconded by J. Hughes. All agreed and the report was accepted.

2. **President's Report:**

No report was tabled.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

There were no changes to the account status since the last meeting; the balance remains at \$4469.21.

S. McClelland made a motion to have the Treasurer's report accepted; the motion was seconded by J. Hughes and accepted by all. A copy of the Treasurer's report is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports

No reports were tabled.

Old Business

1. Grade 5 Farewell.

- a. **Discussion:** A budget of \$500 has been set aside for the Grade 5 Farewell. Due to current pandemic restrictions, the school is still uncertain of what format the farewell celebration will take. The meeting was supportive of ideas that allowed outside activities with limited numbers, perhaps over several days.
- b. **Conclusion:** The Grade 5 Farewell Committee (which consists of C. Yaholkoski, J. Hughes, S. Schatz, and P. Creary) is not yet active.
- c. **Decision/Action:** The Grade 5 Farewell Committee will suggest options for socially distanced farewell celebrations that fit within the \$500 budget and the SJASD policies.

2. Parent Council Fundraising.

- a. **Discussion:** The ÉVPC is still in need of a dedicated fundraising committee.
- b. **Conclusion:** The ÉVPC is hoping for parents to volunteer to lead/join future fundraising efforts.
- c. **Decision/Action:** the matter of forming a fundraising committee will be revisited at the next meeting.

New Business

1. Outdoor Learning Space.

- a. **Discussion:** A. Tyler highlighted that staff are interested in finding ways to update the outdoor space to make it conducive to outdoor learning for students. The meeting thereafter discussed ideas for contributing to improvement of the ÉV outdoor space, possibly adding a track, berms, trees, and an outdoor classroom.
- b. **Conclusion:** The meeting agreed that this would have to be a long term (2-4 year) project and that it would ideally be accomplished by a joint parent-staff committee.
- c. **Decision/Action:** The ÉVPC will put out a call for volunteers to join the Outdoor Learning Space Committee via its social media pages (*C. Yaholkoski to action*). A Tyler will provide more information on some of the guidelines for that future committee.

Next Meeting & Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 6 PM, Online via Teams: [Click here to join the meeting](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 6.58 PM on a motion by S. S. McClelland, seconded by K. Jenkinson.

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Treasurer Report Feb 16, 2021

Feb 2021

Total Income		\$ 0.00
	Bank Interest – January	\$0.00

Total Expenses		-\$301.75
	*Susan Beregen – Jan 14 \$225	-\$151.75
	*Cara Yost – Jan 14 #270	-\$ 150.00

*Stated on the last report

Previous Balance (January 19, 2020): **\$ 4,770.96**

Account Balance (February 16, 2021): **\$ 4,469.21**

	Proposed Budget	Balance as of Jan 2021	Remaining
Starting Balance	\$ 5,349.06		\$ 4,469.21
Grade 5 Farewell	- \$ 500.00		
Recess Equipment	- \$ 1,950.00	-\$ 879.85	\$ 1,070.15
2021-2022 Reserve	- \$ 2,500.00		
Fundraiser(s)	+ \$ XXXX.XX		
Remaining	\$ 565.83		\$ 399.06

***Assumptions:** Fun lunches, visitors/presentations, school BBQ, dances will be disallowed for the 2020-2021 year