

**École Crescent Park Elementary School –
Parents’ Advisory Council Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on Monday, November 7, 2016

In attendance:

Kathy M. (Co-Chair)	Yvette C.
Katherine B. (Co-Chair serving as secretary for this meeting)	Lisa S.
Laura L. (Co-Treasurer)	Catherine W.
Susan V. (Co-Treasurer)	Shirley Y.
Jackie V. (Past Chair)	Hilary G.
Anna M.	Tanya D.
Carla P.	Catherine N.

1. Welcome

Meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. PAC Chair Kathy M. welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table.

2. Minutes from the October 2016 meeting

Motion was made by Laura L. to approve the minutes from the October 2016 meeting, seconded by Jackie V., motion passed.

3. Principal’s Report

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Halloween Parent Patrol

Thank you to Paul Botelho, Robert Doolan, Mike MacGregor and Troy Spracklin for assisting with the parent patrol on Halloween evening.

Christmas Hampers

We are just awaiting the wish lists for the Christmas Hamper drive. I should have more details by the end of the week. Once in our possession, I will work with Pam on start up coordination.

Student Clubs

- We have two more clubs up and running for students - a Mat Making club and a Knitting Club. Both of these clubs are being facilitated by parents, in collaboration with some folks from Alexandria House. The teacher sponsor is me. These clubs will run after school on Mondays until 3:45 pm in the Learning Commons and will alternate weekly.
- A group of boys that began the Mat Making club will be visiting Sources to deliver their completed Mat to a

person that can use it. We are incredibly proud of the work these boys have done. Some district personnel visited a few weeks back to film and interview the boys. We will receive that video in the near future.

School Safety

Just a reminder to all parents that school doors are locked during instructional time and parents should access the building via the front door and check in at the office. With the amount of new staff and families, it is very important that we follow these procedures for everyone's safety.

Annex

The Annex is now up and running with two district programs. There is a challenge program that runs upstairs two days per week and an early learning program for 3&4 year olds that runs downstairs. Another program called iPALS will begin in January.

Murals

Jason Craft will begin the gym mural later this week. It will be followed by the Annex mural and then the library mural.

Upcoming Dates

November 9th – Remembrance Day assembly at 10:30 am – Parents welcome

November 10th – Non-Instructional Day

November 11th – Remembrance Day – school closed

November 18th – Cross Country Pancake Breakfast

November 30th – ArtStarts presentation at 1:30 pm

4. Guest Speaker – Jason Craft (Upcoming Murals)

Jason presented two designs that he has been working on. The mural to go in the gymnasium will feature a family of cougars as well as eagles flying. The other mural will feature the Crescent Park Annex and will go in the hallway between the office and the gymnasium. Feedback was positive with a suggestion to put the established date on the Annex to acknowledge the history of the building.

5. Guest Speaker – Beverley Bunker (Roots of Empathy)

Ms. Bunker (Grade 6/7 Teacher) outlined a program her class is involved in that matches the class with a local baby and mother who visit the class throughout the year. Through the program, students learn how babies develop and in addition, the program helps students develop empathy and awareness about how people's emotions are shown. Different ways of exploring self-regulation and making connections with students who are old enough to babysit are also goals of the program.

6. Treasurer's Report

Susan V. provided an overview of October's activities. See Treasurer's report at the end of these minutes. Suggestion to put money in a short term investment vehicle if we do not have plans to use it. Susan V. and Laura L. will look into options.

7. Other Business

Christmas Traditions at Crescent Park

Mr. A’Bear brought forward a discussion around Christmas traditions at Crescent Park and asked for feedback from parents regarding past traditions and some ideas for moving forward. The group discussed ways of celebrating the season in a way that would not be disruptive to teaching and could include the entire school. Some past activities like the lantern walk were not attended by the entire school and other activities took away a great deal of instruction time from teachers. One parent suggested that we do a Pancake Breakfast on the last day of school. It was a popular tradition at their previous school and could include a visit from Santa as well as carol singing etc. It was decided that we would have a Breakfast with Santa on the last day of school. Carla P. offered to coordinate.

Christmas Hampers

We are anticipating receiving the wish lists from our sister school next week. Pam R. will get the giving trees up asap.

Cobbs Bread

An inquiry has been made to Cobbs Bread regarding the school fundraising program– we are waiting to hear back.

Lunar New Year

Lisa S. proposed some new ideas for the Lunar New Year Celebration. Mr. A’Bear asked if we could do it during the Multicultural Day later in the year. Many parents have come forward who are interested in doing something for multicultural day. There would be no issues with decorating the entire school for Lunar New Year and the primary classes would likely still be on board for a luncheon.

Mandarin Club

Lisa S. would like to open a Mandarin Club in school to learn pronunciation and simple words and sentences. Mr. A’Bear requested a written request outlining more detail about how the club would work.

PAC Bank Accounts

Laura L. would like to change the bank for PAC accounts. Currently, there are too many service charges and the hours are not ideal. A suggestion was made to move to TD Bank. Laura and Susan will get more information.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 10:36am by Kathy M. Seconded by Katherine B. Motion passed.

Crescent Park Elementary PAC

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October 2016 Treasurer Report:

Prepared by: Laura Langton and Susan Vanin

Bank Balances:		
Gaming Casino Fund School Grant	4-Nov-16	\$15,341.15
Crescent Park PAC	4-Nov-16	\$68,292.06
School Account*	4-Nov-16	\$770.00
District Held PAC*	4-Nov-16	\$2,055.00
<i>*amounts to be confirmed</i>		\$86,458.21

PAC General Account: Nov 4, 2016	Income:	Expenses:
Hot Lunch	\$28,557.00	\$5,169.28
Spirit Wear	\$4,999.00	
Movie Night	\$1,570.00	
Other	\$2,638.00	\$2,590.29
	\$37,764.00	\$5,169.28

Gaming: Nov 4, 2016	Income:	Expenses:
Stream of Dreams		\$1,292.00
Movie Night Ticket raffle	\$106.00	
Grant	\$6,168.00	
Balance	\$6,274.00	\$1,292.00