



Meeting Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Société des parents pour l'éducation francophone (SPEF)
Monday, 26 September 2022

1. Establishment of quorum; call to order at 1948.

Present: Jill Reiten, Martine Paquette, Bob Barker, Pascale Juneau, Michelle Hart, Miles Muri (Principal), Sonia Lachance (Teachers' Representative)

Quorum was met since there were enough parents present to fill the SPEF positions.

2. Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that the land upon which we are meeting and upon which École Saint-Christophe is established is Treaty 6 territory, as well as territory of the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region II.

3. Principal's Welcome. Nothing to add from the remarks presented during the Conseil d'école.

4. What is SPEF? As was explained during the Conseil d'école, in short, it's the group that organizes and plans fundraisers to help finance activities and equipment/material purchases that will benefit the students. This group is made up of parents, the principal, and a teacher. Generally speaking, the Conseil d'école comes up with suggestions and ideas of things that will support the students and the school administration, and the SPEF looks for ways to fund them, including budgeting, approval of funds, and fundraising.

5. Treasurer's report (as provided by the President (incumbent)). For the full report, see attached. Our balances are \$10,716.22 (Community Builder), \$3,783.93 (Casino), and \$50.07 (Community Share).

Jill explained the difference between the three accounts. The first account is money that we fundraise, and we have very few restrictions about how we spend it. The Casino account is money that we earn from the casino we hold approximately every four years. We must keep sufficient funds in that account to cover our costs for the following casino, which is currently scheduled for 2024.

6. Positions to be filled for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a. President
- b. Vice-president
- c. Treasurer
- d. Secretary

7. Nominations and elections:

- a. **President.** Michelle Hart nominated Jill Reiten, who accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations, so Jill was elected by acclamation.

- b. **Vice-president.** Michelle Hart nominated herself. There were no other nominations, so Michelle was elected by acclamation.
- c. **Treasurer.** Martine Paquette nominated herself. There were no other nominations, so Martine was elected by acclamation.
- d. **Secretary.** Pascale Juneau nominated herself. There were no other nominations, so Pascale was elected by acclamation.

8. New business.

- a. **Playground equipment installation.** The plan for installation was discussed during the Conseil d'école and will be coordinated by Jill for October 15, 2022.
- b. **Ukuleles.** Mme Beatriz has asked to order ukuleles for music class, for a cost of \$831.60. After discussion about funding this request, a vote will be pushed to the next meeting so that overall fundraising goals and projects can be evaluated in the greater context.
- c. **Classroom materials.** Miles mentioned that in previous years, the SPEF has approved \$150 for each teacher to spend on classroom expenses that would normally be paid for out-of-pocket.
Motion proposed by Jill: To approve up to \$750 (\$150 x 5, to include four teachers and the language monitor).
Motion seconded by Michelle.
All in favour. Motion passed.
- d. **Fundraising.** Ideas for fundraising goals (projects, activities, equipment, etc.) and ideas for fundraisers. There was some discussion about other ideas for fundraisers (including letter writing to local organizations, raffles, hot lunches), and SPEF members were asked to come to next month's meeting with ideas for fundraising goals and fundraiser ideas.

9. Discussion and open forum. No other discussion.

10. Next meeting: Monday, October 24, 2022, at approx 1945.

11. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Proposed by: Martine

Meeting adjourned at 2017.