

Canadian Parents for French Vancouver East Chapter  
Founding Meeting Notes  
Thursday, April 3, 2008

**Attendance**

Lord Selkirk Parents: Stefanie Gajdecki, Kathy Scull, Lynne Mieland, Kate Polsky, Lee Bang, Martha Casey-Knight, Susie Ly, V. Maria Dibiri, Diane Macqueen, Nelda Chaovarria  
Laura Secord Parents: Diane MacDonald, Kristin Nielsen, Kylie Ellis  
Hastings Parents: Frances Pollock, Toni Pritchard  
CPF BC-Yukon: Elyn Dobbs

Stefanie Gajdecki called the meeting to order. Kathy Scull seconded.  
Meeting started at 630pm.

**Outcome of Meeting:**

Stefanie Gajdecki introduced herself to the group and explained her reasons for starting the Chapter:

- Provide information and support to parents in East Vancouver
- Plan and provide extracurricular activities in French.
- Promote the availability and quality of French Second Language programs. Monitor and respond to issues that affect French Second Language learning opportunities.

Stefanie introduced Kathy Scull and then invited the members to introduce themselves and tell what school their child attended. Stefanie then explained her desire to launch the chapter and how the members would need to officially start the chapter by passing the following motions.

**Motions**

Motion to establish the "Vancouver East Chapter" of CPF.

**Motion proposed by Kate Polsky, seconded by Martha Casey-Knight. The board unanimously agreed.**

Motion to adopt the Vancouver East Chapter Bylaws with the following changes made to the existing CPF BC/Yukon Bylaws - changed from 5 to 3 executives needed for Chapter and revised the number of meetings members would attend from three to two.

**Motion proposed by Lynne Mieland, seconded by Martha Casey-Knight. The board unanimously agreed.**

Motion to approve the priority list for the first year of operation:

- To establish one contact person per school (Laura Secord, Hastings, Selkirk, Strathcona and VanTech)
- To attend all Kindergarten French Immersion orientation sessions to give information on what parents should expect in the French Immersion program
- Survey to determine current needs for parents in French Immersion and Core Immersion programs
- Membership drive for majority funding of the Chapter
- Grant applications – need to find out what are the qualifications and deadlines for the Socio Cultural Grants via CPF BC/Yukon and also Direct Access Grants for community programs
- Social activities – learning what other chapters are doing to make money, what activities have been successful, what resources they have found helpful. Main activities are:
  - Movie night for kids, age appropriate

- Parent survival night – maybe to be held in November – overview of basic pronunciation, connecting with other parents, book fair, sharing resources
- Ideas presented by members: Picnic in June, Parent French Lessons

**Motion was proposed by Diane MacDonald, seconded by Toni Pritchard. The board unanimously agreed.**

Stefanie discussed the proposed budget and explained that she researched other chapter budgets to determine appropriate items to have in the budget. Because the Vancouver Chapter has been inactive and will be dissolving into three new smaller chapters, Vancouver East Chapter will receive membership dues collected but not distributed to date and held in trust which totals approximately \$1700 as well as one third of the remaining cash of the Vancouver Chapter which is approximately \$350.00. As such the amount of income starting out the Vancouver East Chapter is \$2050.00.

Expenses to cover cultural and social activities, membership outreach materials, admin/office supplies, childcare for meetings, and scholarships were presented in the proposed budget. Note on Scholarships – The Chapter will need to discuss how much to we give and qualifications for distributing the scholarships. This year's scholarships have already been taken care of via the Vancouver CPF Chapter prior to it dissolving so this will be discussed during the next meeting.

Motion to adopt the first year's budget.

**Kate Polsky brought the motion, Maria Dabiri seconded. The board unanimously agreed.**

Election of Chapter Executives. **The board unanimously agreed.**

President – Stefanie Gajdecki  
 Vice President – Kathy Scull  
 Treasurer – V. Maria Dabiri  
 Secretary – Martha Casey-Knight  
 Chapter Rep – Lynne Mieland

Stefanie will talk to Vancity about opening an account since she already has a relationship with them for the Selkirk PAC bank account. CPF Vancouver East will have 2 signatures required for all cheques written for the Chapter. Signing authority for the Chapter cheques will be: Stefanie Gajdecki, Kathy Scull and V. Maria Dabiri.

**Banking resolution to open the Vancouver East Chapter bank account was accepted by all members and passed unanimously.**

Discussion concerning tutoring programs for Selkirk students and helping Lord Strathcona parents settle into their new French Immersion Program launching in September 2008. A strong effort will be made to reach out to Laura Secord, Hastings and VanTech to hear parent concerns and ideas for children at those schools.

Stefanie Gajdecki thanked everyone for coming and welcomed members to socialize after the meeting if they could.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm