

Meeting Minutes
Canadian Parents for French - Victoria Chapter
October 1st, 7:00 PM
Ecole Willows School

Present:

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A. Approval of Minutes

There was a misspelling of Yves Aquin.

B. Meeting Schedule

The second Monday of the month will be CPF meetings. Margie will email a schedule to members. Next meetings:

C. CPF B.C. -Yukon AGM

The event will be taking place from Nov. 2-4 in Victoria. We will need volunteers. Brenda will send out info. as we become aware of how many volunteers we need and for what jobs.

D. Shoreline Transportation

- Rosemary Murray and Beth Burton-Krahn are both Shoreline FI parents and they presented information concerning the poor bus connections between Esquimalt area (MacAulay feeder school) and Shoreline Middle School.
- The current BC transit schedule gets the kids to school late or unreasonably early. The lateness of the bus also encourages kids to run through traffic. There are currently 17 students taking the bus who are affected by this situation.
- BC Transit has been completely unhelpful.
- There should be better communication between schools and BC Transit.
- All relevant principals and PACs have written letters of support. Also, Sherri Bell (Associate Superintendent SD 61) has written a letter of support. Rosemary and Beth have 2 requests of CPF Victoria.
 1. A letter of support
 2. Funding to hire a bus and or driver because the Shoreline program is in danger. If the bus situation does not improve, parents will send their kids to Central.

It was discussed that CPF-BC does not have the resources to help with a bus and driver and BC Transit should provide this service.

Motion by Sophie Moore: CPF-Victoria writes a letter of support which expresses our desire for BC Transit to improve bus service so that it better serves the needs of Shoreline students

**Seconded by Brenda Henderson
Unanimously Approved.**

Laurie Ann also suggested that Beth and Rosemary send a letter to the media.

Darcy will bring forward the issue at the next FAC meeting.

It was also suggested that Beth and Rosemary should send a letter to school trustees and get on the agenda of the next school board meeting.

Brenda said she would write the letter. She will discuss with Beth via email.

AGM

The AGM will take place in Victoria from November 2-4th.

We are expected to provide some volunteers to help but we have yet to be informed as to what is required of us.

Peter Fairley has said he would like to attend a delegate.

Margie will forward an email with details concerning the AGM

Plan of Action for 2007-2008

Newsletters

Karen needs submissions by Friday, October 5th.

Erin is away on vacation until October 20th so can't distribute them until after then.

Maybe next September we should ask parents for permission to distribute newsletters via e-mail.

We should be sending e-mails regularly to our local CPF members.

Help I Don't Speak French

Not that well attended so we are not going to hold the event this year.

Theatre de Seizieme

We need to find a large facility - may determine which play we choose.

Dates for productions are: K-5 (Feb. 11 - March 14) and Grades 6-12 (May 12-23)

Darcy thinks there are fewer opportunities for middle and high school students so prefers the play for older children.

Vic High Magic Show

Funding is contingent on equality of access.

Motion by Margie Parikh and Seconded by Laurie Ann Myerscough:

CPF supports the Vic High event, if all middle school students are offered access on a first come first served basis.

Unanimously supported.

Brenda will encourage Vic High F.I. teacher to get Vic High to purchase a CPF membership.

Family Dance

CPF members should receive cheaper rates and receive earlier publicity.

Les Cornouillers will put on a dance for us.

Henrietta Langran desBrisay will coordinate the event.

Writing Contest

Sophie Moore will be our contact for this. Alliance Francais is probably willing to coordinate this, but would be for the 2008-09 school year.

Cinefete

Will take place again in 2008 with Ros Penty as coordinator.

Reading Buddies

It has been discontinued - possibly due to job action by GVPL.

Concours

Martine Janicki will not be the coordinator for 2008.

Brenda will ask Martine to go through participant parents folder and see if she can find a successor, as well as other volunteers.

French Camps

Kathy Campos is the coordinator. Submissions for same camps as last year have been sent in.

Brenda will ask Denise Sefton to contact Laurie Anne with French language jump rope songs.

Brenda will submit a funding request for a Cirque de Soleil camp to be coordinated by Laurie Anne.

UVIC Science Fair

Brenda will submit a grant application for \$50 prizes for winning French language entries.

VACANT POSITIONS

Beth Burton-Krahn is the new Macaulay rep.

Rosemary will consider the membership position (Margie will forward a job description).

Margie will be the new FAC rep.

Margie will finish job descriptions and distribute them.

Meeting Adjourned