



# Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 7:00 PM

Stelly's High School – Dining Room

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## ATTENDANCE

- **Executive:** Denise Tidman, Wayne Spencer, Tim Karpiak, Amy Greenfield, Sandra Author, Joël Griffiths
- **Stelly's Admin:** Sally Hansen

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Approval of agenda.

**MOVED:** Tim motioned that the agenda be approved.

**SECONDED:** Wayne

**VOTE:** Carried

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval of April minutes.

**MOVED:** Wayne motioned that the minutes be approved.

**SECONDED:** Tim

**VOTE:** Carried

4. **Presidents Report:** Nothing to update

## 5. Principals Report

- THANK YOU to Sandra for the K-12 Gift Exchange, very well organized and appreciated by teachers and all attendees, the evening ran very smoothly.
- Valedictorian selection took place last week; students were involved in selection, top 3 candidates made different and equally exceptional speeches and then the students voted, students had to be in attendance to vote. Jessica Hoe was voted valedictorian.
- Grad transitions are complete, very open dialogue between students and interviewers.
- Parent teacher's interviews went well. Only 2 complaints, one regarding the on-line booking and one regarding some noise during the interview.
- New bleachers in the gym and camera upgrades in and around the school have been approved.
- Church group supporting upgrades to the area where the breakfast club meets including new innovative lighting.
- In discussions with the Ministry to determine suitable renovations to accommodate an increase in the student population; solutions need to consider the other renovations that are planned.
- Discussion of an online program used in the Victoria District to manage parent volunteers for events.
- Jr. Girls soccer heading to the island championships next week.

## 6. COPAC Report

- AGM is on Thursday.
- 3 representatives sent to the BCCPAC conference and AGM.
- Membership is low and there is a risk of Saanich COPACs folding.

## 7. CPF Report

- Written report attached.
- Happy with the K-12 event as well as the 4 secondary students who presented.
- Small membership in SD63, 35 members, which is very low considering the # of children/families enrolled in the French program.
- French cinema festival taking place at the Sidney cinema.
- Principals in District 63 elementary schools are shuffling, the principal moving to Cordova Bay will be promoting the Core French program and parent involvement in CPF.

## 8. Treasurer Report

- Accounts are right where they should be, gaming funds have almost been exhausted, and the balance in the general account is consistent with the amount normally carried forward to the next year.

## 9. Funding Requests

- no outstanding funding requests.

## 10. Old Business

- no old business to discuss.

## 11. New Business: no new business

- a) Funding Request for \$1,673 for music stands and a case for transportation.

**MOVED:** Denise motioned to approve the request.

**SECONDED:** Tim

**VOTE:** Carried

- b) Staff Appreciation lunch

- Researched catered lunch costs and realized that the costs are much higher than expected.
- Decided to proceed with a BBQ and proposed lunch time in early June 13 at 11:15 AM.
- Discussion of where to order supplies, local vendors, and what needs to be ordered for 100 staff.

## 12. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Learning Commons

## 13. Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

**MOVED:** Denise

**SECONDED:** Tim

**VOTE:** Carried

Hi Denise

Here is the report from Canadian Parents for French (for your Minutes).

## **April/May 2018**

This has been a great year with much achieved by our small team at CPF - Saanich. There has been a huge injection of energy and great connections have been made between our group and the Saanich French Immersion schools, including Ecole Stelly's. However, it has also been a challenging year due to operating with a very small Executive team, a reduced budget, a small membership and thus having less hands-on support and less funds achieved during our annual fundraising.

**Website:** There has been an issue with the central CPF website that has rendered our normal local website unusable. We have been able to set up this page on this link, until the glitches can be fixed: <https://bc-yk.cpf.ca/chapter/saanich/>

Meanwhile, we have improved and added content on our **Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/CPF.Saanich/> and also issued quarterly newsletters. We are also grateful to Stelly's admin for adding a French Immersion newsletter page to the central school website.

**Canadian Parents for French - Saanich Chapter** hosted its' annual K:12 Gift Exchange Celebrations at Ecole Stelly's during **April 2018**. Invitations were given to the 54 Graduating French Immersion students/Grade 12 from Stelly's and 110 FI students from Ecole Deep Cove and Ecole Keating.

The K12 Gift Exchange has become a tradition in our district and has even been a model for many other districts who now engage in a similar event. The French Immersion Grade 12 students give a personal letter of encouragement written in French, presented as a "scroll of wisdom" to each of the students who are just beginning their French Immersion studies from école Deep Cove and école Keating. During the ceremony, the Kindergarten students then present a congratulatory gift to the Grade 12 students graduating from the French Immersion Program with the Double-Dogwood. In 2018 the Canadian Parents for French - Saanich Chapter gave the Grade 12 students metal water bottles and the young Kindergarten students received scrolls and Je Parle Francais buttons.

The recent **24th Annual Gift Exchange Celebration** also showcased our students' talent and achievement and included singing and speeches by the Grade 12 students in French. CPF also acknowledged the support of the parents, the dedicated teachers, support teachers, staff and administrators for their commitment to French Language programming and cultural events for students in the district.

This year we were honoured to have Mr. David Eberwein, the new CEO/Superintendent SD63 attend and address the audience. CPF Co-Chair also took the opportunity to thank Mr. Pierre Mackenzie for his many years of devotion to Stelly's students and to the teaching profession and to wish him all the best in retirement, later this year.

The 2018 K12 Gift Celebration was a wonderful, heart-warming night of recognition and nostalgia.

We should add that all of this was made possible due to a very small group of parent volunteers - who did not have students in the grades being celebrated! We also acknowledge the wonderful support from Stelly's staff: Sally Hansen, Brad Hart, Norbert Ziegler, Pierre Mackenzie, Joanne Jenkins as well as students in Grade 10 and 11 who volunteered to help with logistics support on the evening. We hope we will be successful to get more volunteer support from parents with students in Grade 12!

**Gift to Ecole Stelly's by CPF - Sooke Chapter** very kindly offered a French Theatre event to Stelly's for **May 18**. They had booked and paid but then could not host due to logistic issues. As a result, All French students at Stelly's will receive an amazing show by Theatre Seizieme compliments of CPF (SD61/Sooke).

For any parent reading this report, we hope you will feel motivated to come to our AGM on Thursday, **May 10th** at 6.30 pm Deep Cove and be more involved. Any help is much appreciated – a few hours a month can make a huge difference to the outcome of our work.

**Please note that Christine Malmberg and Sandra Arthur will be stepping down as the CPF Stelly's rep, but are remaining to support CPF in other roles. As a result, CPF - Saanich is urgently seeking a NEW School rep for the next school year. If you are interested, please do get in contact. We are also seeking a treasurer if anyone is interested to support that important volunteer role.**

Note:

You can also follow the CPF BC & Yukon blog and their social media channels for additional information on:

- +Sponsored youth events and opportunities
- +Resources, research, and tools for students, parents, educators, and French Second Language advocates
- +French-language exchanges and excursions in Canada and abroad
- +Local, regional, and national networking opportunities
- +Volunteer leadership and training such as board and committee positions, informational webinars, skills-building workshops, etc.
- +Awards, bursaries, and recognition for youth, educators and volunteers.

Best wishes

Sandra Arthur