

CPET Parent Advisory Council

Administrators' Report

September 14, 2016

1. Staffing:

- **Amber Kjernisted** returns half-time from medical leave of absence for 1st semester. Mme **Elise Ahrens-Townsend** hired term to teach half-time English first semester in the afternoons. Library clerk Mme **Rita Vernaus** returns from medical leave of absence full-time. Counselor **Lillian Klausen** now working at .87. Mr. **Éric Miron** hired half-time as Inclusion Specialist with RETSD Student Services. Half-time second semester position vacant as a result. New teachers **Alanna Zaluski** and **Stephen Grégoire** (former candidate teacher) hired full time on term contracts. Educational assistant Thérèse Garroni retired over the summer. Position filled by former P.A.C. chairperson Mme **Kelina Parent**.

2. Updates:

- **AAA school initiative** continues with 2nd year of a 3-year divisional plan to train designated staff members in various Aboriginal themes. Year 2 includes smudges, tipis, circle work and 7 sacred teachings. AAA Team members will receive more professional development. CPET will continue with the MUNCH mentorship program.
- **School building** was updated over the summer. New chain link fence put up on south side of property. Refurbishment in progress in staffroom. New window installed in library along with recently installed projector and screen. Future projects include updating washrooms and rebranding the student services area.
- **Start-up** – Student schedule changes completed. Student population at 370 students. School and Divisional student services on hand to help deal with sense of loss and grief in our school community on tragic passing of a parent on first day of school.
- **PBIS program** in full implementation this year. Divisional program aligns with Safe and Caring Schools priority and aims to improve school climate to foster social and academic success in the school. Teacher Advisors began with first of four planned lessons targeting two of our four goals.
- **Parent Advisory Council** currently sits without a chairperson and executive for 1617. Currently no fundraising mandate. Member of MAPC in good standing.

3. **Mot juste** – Fall (1st) edition of our quarterly **newsletter** to published towards late October-early November.

4. **Reporting** – Interim communication concerning student progress is scheduled for October 20 while the first official report card will be available November 18 with parent-teacher interviews to follow November 22nd and 24th. There is discussion about opening up the parent portal in the next year.

5. Staff Professional Development –

- My Referrals training for gathering discipline data in support of our PBIS program.
- French immersion instruction and wellness remain important areas to continue developing.

6. **Calendar of events** - Posted on school web site. Upcoming events of note include:

September/October

- Open House Sept 21st – Meet the teacher
- Journée d'accueil – Sept 23
- School Photos – Sept 27

- PEH30 Spruce Woods – Sept 28-30 and Oct 6-8
- Grade 9 Band Camp – Oct 11-12
- Interim reporting – Oct 20
- Boo-ha-ha gym assembly – Oct 28 - tentative
- Take Kids to Work – Nov2.

7. Trip Planning -

- Grade 09 Music Camp and Brandon Jazz Festival are scheduled for this year.
- Giants Ridge 2017_Awaiting on approval in principle.
- Bolivia trip_includes service learning for some students in Grade 12 World Issues course.

8. Athletics-

- Volleyball under way. Four teams competing in SCAC...
- Hockey team tryouts under way starting Sept. 15.
- Track and Field under way.
- Curling team unconfirmed.
- Basketball program pending coaches.

9. Music –

- Program continues with increased numbers. Spring and summer concerts scheduled.
- Jazz Cabaret, Grade 9 Band Camp and Brandon Jazz Festival planned.
- Peak of the Market fundraiser_ late November

10. Student Council –

- Possible fundraising campaign to be determined.
- Will be selling Student Price Cards this month.
- *Journée d'accueil* Friday Sept. 23 at Kildonan Park.

UNESCO –

- UNESCO advisors expecting many students to participate this year.
- *Building Bridges... Locally, Nationally, and Globally* the UNESCO ASPnet theme for the year.
- Peace Days conferences this year in collaboration with World Issues course and Murdoch MacKay.
- Peace Week exhibition - *Semer l'espoir* – (Sowing Hope) – on display September 26-30.

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