

ÉCOLE PAULINE JOHNSON PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AGM MEETING  
Minutes  
June 11th, 2024 6:30-8pm

Location: Pauline Johnson Library. In-Person Meeting

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Attendants: Tayo, Ana, Asal, Bartek, Rowena, Siamak, Rodrigo, Samira, Paige, Sarah, Riz, Steven, Sophie, Laureline, Verena, Naz, Jenny, Linda, Claudia, Barry + 25 parents online.

1. **Welcome and call to order:** Barry Nguyen and Claudia Chavez
2. **Land recognition:** Rowena
3. **Approval of last meeting's minutes:** (May 5 2024)

Approved by Barry Nguyen

Seconded by Bartek

4. **Ice Breaker activity:** Introduce ourselves, tell our kids name and grade and describe an act of kindness that we have witness from our kids or at school.
5. **Principal's Report:** Mme. Tara Zielinski
  - Sport day, theme under the sea, lead by Grade 6s and 7s (cheers, rotation leaders)
  - Quebec trip: District decided to stop the trip. Now there will be no trip, the alternative is to have a trip during the summer to Quebec City combined with Ecole Cedardale. It will be very expensive. Still use the same tour operator. Look soon for a call out/survey to see how many parents will be interested.
  - Parent appreciation breakfast June 27 at 8:15-9 am - come and join
  - Staffing and enrollment: registration is SD45 is heavy and anything could change over the summer so it is still uncertain how the classes and students will be distributed. Academics and social emotional needs are all considered. Classes start on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> which is a Tuesday, but it will not be until Friday that students are placed in their 2024-25 final classes.
  - Bells will stay the same but lunch eating time will be the same for the entire school. Play time will be at different times however, as it is now.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) – will be involving parents in this process more in the fall as well.
  - Money items last year included flooring of the gym, sound system
    - New items = Phonak Rogers sound (\$2500 each) and view boards (\$5000 each). Wish list from the principal to PAC.
  - Thanks to all the PAC executives for all the support this year.
6. **Vote to approve 2024/2025 Executive Committee Slate**

Co-chairs: vacant

Past co-chairs: Barry and Claudia

Co-treasures: Puja and Bartek

Secretary: Vacant

Communications coordinator: Steph

Volunteer coordinator: Olivia

DPAC representative: Anna Chen

Fundraising and coordinator: Jenny Cha and Paige Huford

Members at Large:

Laureline – Canadian Parents for French

Spirit Committee- Vacant

Class parent liaison- Paige Huford

New families representative- Aaliya Gradley

Approve the upcoming slate of the executive

All in favor second Bartek

## 7. **Financial Update:** Bartek

2024/2025 Budget Presentation: Refer to the accompanying document.

There were few items that were not in the budget that had to be purchased such as the Owl System.

The gaming grant for this year was all spent and some extra \$3750 from the accumulated surplus.

We need to start fundraising more for the next years. Otherwise we will start eating our surplus.

Bartek presented the way we raise money as well as the way we spend money. For more information regarding the details of this budget is available in PAC website.

Proposed motion:

Resolved that PJ PAC executive are granted the authority to pay up 30K for immediate school classroom improvements which would include digital display boards and audio systems to improve classrooms experience for students.

First: Bartek

Second: Rowena

All in favor

Piece of learning from Barry: the budget is decided in June for the following scholar year, so it is hard or sometimes impossible to spend money on new ideas that were not decided and voted in the AGM.

## **8. Fun Lunch Program**

Sharing survey results and discussing next year changes

Barry presented the results from the survey.

Suggestions from parents:

Parents wanted local vendors

Wanted more choices (healthy, customizable)

Wanted more reminders on when to order

Some were concerned with prices in relation to quality and portion.

Pizza is staying (for the kids), but instead of having it as a fun lunch vendor, we will do Pizza day either once a month or a few times per trimester.

Fun lunch is shortening to 3 days a week instead of 5.

Two vendors are staying; one new vendor, we are sampling their food this Friday to see if we go with them.

Fun Lunch distributor volunteers were hard to get this year. Next year, we will have 10 parents for the whole year, and they can manage the dates amongst themselves.

There will be a general survey coming up early next year to all parents. The survey will focus on how we can build a stronger sense of community at PJ.

## **9. What's coming up:**

June 13: End of Year celebration (3-6pm)

July 1: Deadline to order Creative School Supply pack for free shipping. Orders after this date will have an additional shipping fee.

**10. Motion to adjourn.** Meeting adjourned

**11.** Questions and Comments

**12.** Short Mingler Event