

		Meeting Date:	08/01/2020
	<b>WHO :</b>	Parent Action Committee (PAC) / Comité Action Parents (CAP)	
	<b>WHAT:</b>	Monthly General Meeting	
	<b>WHEN:</b>	First Wednesday of the month (January)	
	<b>WHERE:</b>	School's Library / Bibliothèque d'école	

## 1. ATTENDEES

Andrey Dashkov	Pamela Banillas
Guvem Agas	Florence Chazal Zweig
Rosemary Yum	Tanya Scache
Catherine Simon	Christine Bilbao
David Isopo	Kara Misra

**Note:** The purpose of the meeting was to discuss agenda items provided.

## 2. GENERAL UPDATES

- **Kermesse**
  - Kermesse is still on
  - Alain would like to celebrate Kermesse on a dedicated day the day after the last day of school in June (Last day of school falls on a Thursday)
  - Proposed name change to "French International Kermesse)
  - Items such as bouncy castle, fire fighters, food vendors need to be contacted now
  - Alain would also like to see a pay for entry where parents/children will receive a bracelet and have access to all events after paying the entry fee (amount to be determined)
  - Another change would be to limit the amount of food trucks and have parents bring food from their respective countries of origin to share with the school, this would save money on hiring food vendors (Ice cream vendor would be the only exception)
  - **ACTION ITEM** PAC to ask for volunteers, mix of parents and teachers to form a Kermesse committee to start planning activities
- **Fundraising**
  - PAC chair - Fundraising strategy of the PAC/School needs to be revamped so there is less emotion/effort from specific parents and more money for the school
  - Andrey to take on trying to raise fundraising profile of the school without asking parents for more money
  - One idea is to focus on one project instead of several
  - Alain suggests coming up with school priorities such as lights/sound for school stage and have year-round fundraising efforts dedicated to this
  - Alain suggests that our kids are not in stage enough and with adequate lights and sound system teachers can do more theatre activities with students

- Corporate money is available, School/PAC need to figure out a way to access this. HVAC company recently called the school to offer money for advertising, Alain to follow up. This can be a template that the school follows for corporate dollars
  - Corporate social responsibility is something Cousteau can capitalize on with large industry (ie. Mining) in Vancouver due to the Eco School designation
  - Rosemary suggested that the school needs a business department with dedicated staff to focus the school on certain fundraising efforts and integrate goals from school, Board of Directors and PAC
  - **ACTION ITEM** Alain will poll teachers to identify what their priority needs are for the near and distant future along with a budget and this will be provided to the PAC and Board of Directors
- **Technology**
    - Another thing the school is lacking is technology integration, another potential focus for fundraising efforts
    - Alain's experience in Toronto was there was a full-time technology person who helped all teachers understand more on how to integrate technology in day to day learning
    - Once teachers understood certain concepts and seen how using technology will make their jobs easier while allowing children to learn more, teachers were on board
    - **ACTION ITEM** Guven willing to help study an e-commerce website to be attached to school website where parents and outside community can purchase school swag such as t-shirts, coffee mugs, etc. with items that are developed by the students like the attached School Values art work which incorporates First Nations theme
- **Chinese New Year**
    - Rosemary has been working diligently in developing a full day program with itinerary for the students and teachers to take place January 24<sup>th</sup> to recognize and celebrate Chinese New Year
    - **ACTION ITEM** Rosemary to work with Alain next week on timing of the event, to ensure teachers are aware of all that will be required from them and the students
    - **ACTION ITEM** Alain will reach out to international consulates such as the French consulate to join the Chinese consulate who will be attending
    - Sandrine suggests that the children wear red, this will be included in school bulletin and dedicated emails regarding this event
    - **ACTION ITEM** PAC will ask for volunteers to decorate gym/hallway etc. and Rosemary will work with the decorating committee to ensure all is done accordingly
    - This event has been funded by certain Chinese parents for this inaugural year, depending on it all goes, future years the PAC will raise money to hold this event.
    - One of the parents has offered to print up posters for the event to be included in the gym decoration.
    - Meeting adjourned
    - **February PAC Meeting** – the next meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:40am.