



WHO :	Parent Action Committee (PAC) / Comité Action Parents (CAP)
WHAT:	Monthly General Meeting
WHEN:	First Wednesday of the month (March)
WHERE:	School's Library / Bibliothèque d'école

1. ATTENDEES

Andrey Dashkov	Torsten Eder
Stephanie Campbell	Florence Chazal Zweig
Rosemary Yum	Patricia Bonillas
Catherine Simon	Christine Tam
David Isopo	Monika Pabbi
Qiongli Wu	Golnar Ghazi
Kara Misra	

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

2. UPDATE FROM ALAIN

- Cousteau passed the CIS membership!
 - The full CIS report is available to any parent who would like to see it, just inform the PAC.
- Suggestions from student reps have come in and include movie night with pizza; pizza day one time per month. One parent already organizing a subway/pizza day to raise money for middle school field trip to San Francisco. Subway/Panago to give school approx.. 25% kick back on food revenue.

Important Upcoming Dates to consider:

- March 20th – Francophonie Day. Alain would like to make it bigger this year, planning a whole day of activities for students and teachers.
- April 3 – Climate Strikes. Although Cousteau is not directly participating, the school urges parents and students to get involved.
- April 16 – Water Conservation.
- April 22 – Earth Day. Activities are being organized for this, volunteers may be required. Eco-School Committee suggests that students have one of the environmental activities coming up in April outside and one of their mandates is to reduce waste at the school.

- **Kermesse**

- The Friday schedule has been further defined.
 - GS, G5 and G9 – Graduation Ceremony to take place in the gymnasium in the morning.
 - Parent volunteers and teachers to set up grounds for Kermesse in the morning;
 - PAC to organize international buffet instead of bringing in food trucks;
 - School is considering using a bracelet system instead of selling tickets, PAC/School to decide on pricing for this based previous years revenue;
 - Passport system where kids have to go around to all stations has been proposed.
 - David and Monika have volunteered to head up Kermesse Organizing Committee, call for volunteers will be announced soon.

- **Track it Forward**
 - Parents are reminded to get their hours in, don't wait until the end of the year.
- **Movie Night**
 - This has been postponed to accommodate April movie night for middle school field trip fundraiser (mentioned earlier)
- **White Caps**
 - This year it has been decided to go with Saturday June 6th @ 4pm vs. Montreal. Andrey to finalize with White Caps and send information out to parents.
- **BC West Coast Seeds Fundraiser**
 - Less than 10% of parents participated
 - Fundraiser still raised \$325 for the school and \$70 worth of seeds will be provided to the Eco-school committee for school community garden.
 - If Cousteau were to do this again next year, it was suggested that the event be advertised better so that parents/children can go out and sell seeds to neighbours and family to raise more money
 - Other ideas included the potential for building planters in future at the school for classes to grow their own gardens, spend more time outside which is in line with eco-school committee initiatives
- **Chinese New Year Follow up**
 - Rosemary suggested adding a link to school website that promote volunteer parents who have local business' as a way of appreciation for their efforts
 - Conversation steered towards ensuring volunteers who help with events be thanked immediately after the event in the newsletter etc., and the best way to capture this is for the event organizer to take good notes on who came out to help and sharing that information with the PAC immediately after the event takes place.
 - Fall out from Chinese New Year celebration included children asking about Calligraphy and Kung Fu programs be added to after school clubs. This idea is good and should be brought to the School more formally to potential be included in the next calendar year.
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- **Persian New Year**
 - Golnar updated the PAC on planning for this event
 - A 30 – 40 minute presentation for the children highlighting the significance of the Persian New Year celebration has been planned for 2pm on Friday March 13th
 - So far money has been raised by all Persian families and event has been organized directly with the school.
 - The PAC may be asking for volunteers in school correspondents.
 - Meeting adjourned
 - **April PAC Meeting** – the next meeting will be held on April 1^h at 8:40am.