

**Ecole Sperling School**

**PAC Annual General Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 31, 2005**

<b>In attendance:</b>	Wanda Pierson	Chair
	Iva Vincalek	Vice-Chair
	J.R. Westgate	Past Chair
	Luba Banuke	Principal
	Bettina Charpentier	Treasurer
	Carolyn Sluis	Parking & Safety
	Pat Ratcliffe	Secretary
	Karen Hum	Fund Raising & Hot Lunch
	Yvonne Chand	Fund Raising
	Coreen Moroziuk	CPF – Treasurer
	Tony Wong	Website Designer
	Dena Domijan	Head Teacher
	Carol Cosco	SPC
	Moira Rockwell	
	Sheri Evans	
	Micheline Kambe	
	Sonya Scaglione	
	Ross Powell	
	Jennifer Reiss	
	Tony Wong	
	Hunter Moroziuk	
	Coreen Moroziuk	
	Lorraine Bruyere	
	Sajeeda Kassam	
	Tess Frost	
	Robin Frost	

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairperson Wanda Pierson called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm and had everyone at the table introduce themselves.

**2. Announcements:**

“Many thanks to Karen Hum, Yvonne Chand, Bettina Charpentier and Veronica Tsang for organizing another successful Fun Fair. Also, many thanks to the volunteers who assisted with the event.

Three risers have again been ordered from Wenger. The cost is higher due to the cost of shipping.

Staff and volunteer appreciation will be June 22 from 11:30am to 1pm in the gym. Planning will begin closer to the time of the event.

Sports Day is Friday June 17.”

Many of those in attendance expressed their appreciation and gave positive feedback on the value of a Fun Fair for their children.

### **3. Fun Fair Report**

Karen advised that the accounting is not final, but she expects a profit close to \$4,000 from the Fun Fair. There were a lot of parents that volunteered to assist. This year the passports sold out quickly. Dominos was a profitable venture.

Luba commented on how happy the kids were and thanked the committee for all they did. She felt the fire truck was a hit.

Sajeeda appreciated the experience to have the children in a safe atmosphere where they could interact with other children and be independent.

### **4. Budget:**

Bettina presented the budget to date.

\$7,030 has been received from the Ministry of Education to "advance well being of students and promote parent participation". This is a one time grant.

Bettina summarized the projects paid for this year including: new jerseys, music room equipment, curriculum support (French social studies texts and math manipulatives), traffic safety equipment. \$5,900 is still remaining to come out of the budget for the music room equipment.

Suggestions for 2005/06 projects included:

The French Encyclopedias are over 20 years old. Madame Kanjer is researching cost to replace these.

Refresh computer equipment/software: some of the computers are 8 years old & frequently go down. We are eligible for District funds to update our computers. We will be considered first by the district next year to upgrade. Luba suggested we wait for the District's contribution and reevaluate this item then.

The dictionaries the children use are also very dated. Children must be taught how to use the dictionaries. Coreen will approach CPF to see if they have dictionaries we can purchase for a reasonable price.

Luba advised that the Math/Science storage room has been cleaned and an inventory of the storage room and the classrooms has been done. Staff has been surveyed for their wish lists and a committee has been formed to determine what is needed.

The computer system for the school has crashed and information has been lost. Tony advised that the school board is responsible for back up equipment so the PAC does not need to fund this.

JR suggested we use some funds to encourage social responsibility. Cleanstreams.org rehabilitates streams and will assist with funding & help teachers with curriculum. Decorating with fish, wildlife or plants could include getting seniors involved by having them cut patterns. PAC can apply for a grant for this or apply to match a grant. Sperling could plant an indigenous garden which would include species from different areas of Canada. Money to assist could be available from Van City or the school board.

Carol brought forward a suggestion to purchase risers for the parents to sit on during programs

and concerts. Wanda mentioned that the cost of shipping risers has increased. Approximate cost of risers is \$2,000 for 3 risers.

The “Math Makes Sense” program is coming to Sperling and may need some funds to run it efficiently. Each teacher needs a teacher guide to implement the program. 1 per grade level will be provided. Luba would like the PAC to support the implementation of this program by funding additional teacher guides. She estimates we will need approximately 10 more at \$250/guide. Carol motioned that we set aside \$3,000 to purchase guides. The motion was passed. JR advised that she will contact the Board & Ministry to determine if they will be providing all funds to completely implement the program.

**5. Parking & Safety**

Carolyn Sluis reported that the walking sidewalk is going well. She will be working to staff the walking sidewalk for September. Volunteer appreciation is this month.

Luba showed the Parking Safety spirit award that Sperling school was awarded at the BCAA awards. Luba thanked the volunteers for increasing safety at Sperling.

**6. Parent Handbook**

Carolyn is working on a parent handbook for the parents of children that are new to Sperling. She asked those in attendance to bring forward any ideas they have to include in the handbook.

**7. Student & Class Pictures**

There were comments received by PAC from parents that were not satisfied with MJM. Luba called MJM after receiving an advertisement and was told that a contract for 2005/06 has already been signed by Sperling. Karen offered to find out if we are obligated by the contract.

Wanda presented “Yearbook Alive” which will provide video clips of each child and school functions. If 150 videos are purchased, they will be price at \$19.75 each. There was little interest at the table in this venture.

**8. Principal’s Report**

Luba expressed her gratitude to all parents for the support Sperling has received throughout the year. She also praised the teachers and advised that a lot of them were networking and upgrading their education to provide more skills to Sperling.

In the next school year, teachers will be taking collaboration time on Fridays from 11am – noon. One Friday, the primary teachers will collaborate and the intermediate teachers will cover their class; the next Friday the intermediate teachers will meet and the primary teachers will cover their class. Each class has a “buddy” class so the time will be spent building social responsibility or reading.

Sperling has a fabulous librarian that has promoted literary and love of reading with many programs.

This year the children put on 3 concerts. There are also many sports teams at Sperling that take the efforts of the teachers to organize.

Luba commented that “every single child is cared for” at Sperling.

Academically, Sperling has had wonderful results. Teachers have seen growth in reading for information.

At the beginning of the new school year, Grades 1 to 7 will spend the first 3 days in groupings that will be the same as sports day. French immersion and English classes will be mixed. The teachers will be in stations helping the children learn to play, support each other and cooperate. The kindergarten children will go to their classroom.

**9. Outgoing Chairperson:**

Pat presented Wanda Pierson, the outgoing Chairperson, with a card and gift of appreciation for all her work during the past year. She has worked extremely hard and been a devoted Chairperson.

**10. Election of New Officers:**

Wanda announced that the Executive for 2004/05 would be stepping down and nominations for the Executive for 2005/06 were open.

The new executive will be:

Chairpersons: Pat Ratcliffe & JR Westgate  
Past Chair: Wanda Pierson  
Vice Chair: Iva Vincalek  
Secretary: Moira Rockwell  
Treasurer: Bettina Charpentier  
Fundraising:  
    Parent Donation: Ross Powell & Sheri Evans  
    Millenium March: Carol Cosco & Sheri Evans  
Hot Lunch: Karen Hum  
Speakers: Trish Alsop  
Webmaster: Tony Wong  
Lice Control: Ruby Chow  
Christmas Crafts: Veronica Tsang & Lorraine Bruyere  
Parking & Safety: Carolyn Sluis & Sheri Evans  
Emergency Preparedness: Ross Powell & Rob Sawyer  
CPF: Karen Dalla Tina (2<sup>nd</sup> position vacant)  
DPAC: Coreen & Hunter Moroziuk  
SPC: Carol Cosco, JR Westgate, Amanda Ashton

**11. Teaching staff 2005/06:**

Luba advised the following teaching changes:

Mr. Mundy will be retiring.

Ms Nixon will be leaving.

Mr. Lucarelli is on a temporary contract that ends in June.

Mrs Miller is not on staff for 2005/06 at this time.

Mrs Redford will be returning with Angela Brnjac

Mrs. Slobodnick will be returning from maternity leave.

They are interviewing for 3 positions: 1 primary French, & 2 English/French

**12. SPC : School Planning Council:**

Carol Cosco advised that the school plan was almost complete. The first goal is to increase

communication of mathematical concepts & processes. The 2<sup>nd</sup> goal is inclusion, which is a continued goal from last year. Tools have been purchased by the school board to implement this. The 3<sup>rd</sup> goal is to increase Student/Parent/Community Involvement.

Anyone who wishes to know more about the goals can call Carol at 604 775 7158 or can call Luba at the school.

**13. Mission Statement:**

The new mission statement for Sperling was developed by: Madame Marto representing the teachers, JR Westgate representing the parents and Luba representing administration. The children presented the idea for the draft and the committee fine tuned it.

**14. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.