

CPF *Canadian Parents for French*
Ardrossan Chapter



Minutes for meeting dated
October 13, 2015

Attendees: Judy Whetstone (Elementary Principal), Helene Hewitt (Assistant Principal), Jennifer Mailer (President CPF, Ardrossan Chapter), Janice Brownlee (Treasurer), Terri-Ann Trohubiak (Secretary), Lisa Fortin, Amy Provencal, Richard Wharmby, Amy Robertson

Regrets: Alicia Ponciano, Janelle Hurlburt, Karen Hauber, Vicki Wishart

1. Meeting called to Order at 9:35 a.m., by Jennifer, introductions made.
2. Motion to approve Agenda, made by Jennifer, seconded by Terri-Ann.
3. Motion to approve Minutes, as circulated, dated April 14, 2015, made by Terri-Ann, seconded by Janice.
4. Chair report:
Canadian Parents for French - Ardrossan Chapter is a part of the Canadian Parents for French (Alberta Chapter), which is part of the national Canadian Parents for French organization. Our mission is a network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and which is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French second language opportunities for young Canadians.

Through fund raising and grant opportunities, we are able to enhance learning opportunities for our French Immersion students. We also provide these opportunities to our non-French students to expose them to the French culture.

Besides supporting cultural opportunities for our students such as our annual Carnival celebration and French theatre and music group productions, we also provide a scholarship to a grade 12 French Immersion student, subsidize parental costs of a grade 4 day camp and subsidize substitute teacher expenses for the grade 9 Quebec trip.

-In 2009, there were 13 members on board.

-June 15, 2015, we accepted resignation, via email, from Sonia Rovang, as a Director.

Election of Officers for a two (2) year term.

No one steps up as President.

Janice accepts nomination of Treasurer by Jen, Terri-Ann seconded.

Terri-Ann accepts nomination of Secretary by Jen, Janice seconded.

A membership drive is needed.

-With the DELF exam, it helps one obtain funding for studies for overseas learning.
Grade 12 can register to see if they can get financing for DELF exam.

-CPF, Alberta Chapter, will hold their Annual General Meeting October 24, 2015, in Canmore.
All CPF members welcome to attend meeting as well as the Family Falling into French weekend.

-Vicki Wishart attended one of our meetings in 2014, wherein it was asked as to why different Chapters of the CPF receive different % of the membership fees. Should find out at AGM.

-Funding request has been made by the grade 9 for their Quebec trip in May 2016.
Twenty-six (26) students going for one week.

Janice made a motion to subsidize for the substitute teacher in the amount of \$800; Jen seconded.

Jr/Sr High report: No French as a second language, disappointing. Third year in a row.
Dan Vanderburg looking into the feeder schools and maybe look into a split class for same.

-AccentAlberta.ca for French programming and activities.

-Vicki is helping redo the promotional pamphlets, looking at the target audience.

-CPF Fort Sask folded last year. CPF Sherwood Park folded last year as well, but has been inactive for about 5 years. There are three schools Ecole Park, Campbelltown and OLPH that we should be looking at extending invitations to join us

-What can we do to recruit better FI teachers?

Inventory: Bonhomme Costume (ability to rent);

Five containers of sashes;

Two tri-folds;

Brochures and archived newsletters (should be getting new brochures soon);

Ski races;

Pails and shovels;

Flags (4);

One hot plate.

E-mails to send administration bulletins and calendar events:

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5. Treasurer Report: Thank you to Alicia for helping audit the books.

Janice moves that the Financial Statements be accepted as presented, Terri-Ann seconded.

Janice moves that the Current Draft Budget be accepted as presented, Terri-Ann seconded.

Janice motions that Alicia be appointed Auditor of the books for this year (2015/16),

Jen seconded.

-Funding request to County Clothesline for Carnival was missed as well as the MLA's fund deadline of September 11.

6. Administration Report, from Judy: Booked "Dufflebag Theatre" for the Spring for FI, and in April for English.

Corn Festival is usually the grade 5 and grade 1 FI. "l'épluchette de blé d'inde" is where the corn remains in the husk and there is one kernel dyed in each gender pile. The person

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who picks the corn with the dyed kernel is the “king” or “queen” of the day and receives special privileges. This year all FI classes did this. Would like to make it an annual event, of course it needs the help of parents/volunteers.

Ryan Layton is a Second Language Consultant and previous FI teacher at Campbelltown. He is also Chair of ATA Tech Council. He is bilingual and has various roles including being on the Board for the new report cards. It has been at least two years without someone in the role of Second Language Consultant.

School Education Plan – since August there has been a three year plan underway generating ideas. In August we worked with staff to align goals with district with reps from grade 4, 5 and 6. Had parents give ideas at the last School Council meeting. Using this information to form a baseline document. Have sent the link home via newsletter and it is on the website, posted under visioning. Deadline for submissions is October 15.

7. Old Business:

- Carnival was successful, not as profitable as the record holding year before. Likely due to higher cost of products.
- Freezies have been purchased for year end bbq in 2016, \$47.25

8. New Business:

- Planning list for 2015/16 CPF Ardrossan activities is made and will be provided to new Chair.
- Jen will stay on as Past-President.
- JP (Chair for School Council) mentioned that he would be willing to serve on CPF Board once he pays his membership. JP would like to see the three Ardrossan parent groups work together even if it means doubling up on board members.
- Selina Verkland, grade 12, will receive the \$250.00 scholarship for 2014/15.

9. Adjourned at 10:40 am. Thank you for attending. Your input is appreciated and valued. **MERCI !**

Next CPF Meetings are
Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 9:30 am, and April 12, 2016 @ 5:30 pm
Ardrossan Elementary School

EVERYONE Welcome and Encouraged to Attend

***Approved unanimously at January 12, 2016, meeting.**