



## MEETING MINUTES

CPF Nov 16, 2017

Wings

*In attendance: Sarah Grielens, Seth Downs and Carolyn DeFreitas*

Call to order 7:05PM

### Old Business

1. Membership Drive Results: Seth reported we generated 19 new and renewed memberships. The \$10/yr membership offer was generally felt to be successful, and we should gain approximately \$189 from CPF BC from this special deal.
2. Halloween @ Heritage Park: The Maison Hantee saw 1,432 people through the gates at Heritage Park. This number was up 250 people from 2016. Thank you to the many volunteers who decorated our cabin, handed out candy and the “Learn French in Terrace” info flyer. A special merci to AFFNO volunteers and teens from Skeena and Caledonia who supported this event.
3. School meetings: Carolyn and Suzanne met Oct 13<sup>th</sup> with Cory Killoran at Skeena Middle School. The following was discussed:
  - ✓ Highlighted the FI population has grown to 3 straight classes in the 2017/2018 school year, with 17 Gr 7’s, 25 Gr 8’s and 26 Gr 9’s;
  - ✓ We requested a French Immersion “tab” on the SMS website. It would have a link to the CPF facebook page, our upcoming webpage, meeting minutes and upcoming events of interest for the FI community at SMS.
  - ✓ Requested that all FI classes be in one location. Currently the FI Gr 9’s are in a portable trailer.
  - ✓ We’re looking at contributing to a Carnival week at SMS by providing “la tire sur la neige” in Jan/Feb 2018;
  - ✓ We expressed the need for administrators to collect information on why FI students leave the program at SMS. We provided a sample “exit slip” that students could voluntarily fill-in to explain their reasons for leaving FI. This data would be invaluable to FI managers for ways to both improve and plug the leaks of program attrition in Terrace.

- ✓ We requested for more subjects to be taught in French now that the program has such healthy numbers. Noting that SMS offers only the minimum French required to maintain a FI standard; and
- ✓ We requested administrative support for teachers who want to connect with both EMV/EJC and Caledonia French language students to do joint activities.

Carolyn and Seth met with FI SD #82 Coordinator Eric Gearey on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- ✓ Creating a French Immersion presence on the SD #82 website. Including contact links to all 3 CPF Chapters, schools offering FI within the SD, and other helpful information to families;
- ✓ Collecting data on program attrition. Formalizing the “exit slip” for students to voluntarily fill-in upon leaving the FI program. Mr Gearey planned to bring it to the Education Committee.
- ✓ Mr Gearey is planning to bring all FI teaching staff together during a NID this year to discuss mutual issues of concern and to share resources.

### **New Business**

4. CPF Website: Katherine Pratt, Sarah and Carolyn continue to work on the development of a new CPF website. They are currently selecting a template and developing content.
5. Christmas Event: We have agreed to be part of the Festival of Lights event on Dec 8<sup>th</sup> with Bonhomme involved in the mascot parade. Sarah will find a volunteer and helper to give out candy canes at the event.
6. Treasurer’s Report: General acc’t balance of \$3,222.84. Gaming acc’t balance of \$2,671.15.
7. Socio Cultural Grant: We were approved from CPF BC for \$1,065 towards the Sand Northrup performance in June 2018.
8. Onion Lake event: Sarah will coordinate a meeting with Kitimat CPF and Amy Kleptar to discuss a winter carnival event in the new year at Onion Lake.
9. June French Dance Event: Sarah will bring to EJC PAC to host a family dance in June at EJC. *This would be instead of a spring event, as we have several other events planned for that time of year.*

Next meeting: Jan 17, 7:00pm @ Wings

Adjourned at 8:30pm