

Were present : Faculty : Cyn Koukos, Jody Pearcy , Fabrice Raud, - Parents : Véronique MacDonald and Nancy Lufrano - Students : Willa Frej, Emma Kitts, Alice Duquesnoy and André Nguyen - Parent-Association : Yasemin Winkler - Administration : Alain Weber, Carine Guieu and Jean-Pierre Plaa,

- Supervision on the school bus: the service was a parent initiative put into place this year, but there are a few safety concerns: the bus driver has mentioned that some of the young children do not remain seated. Considering the growing number of children using the service, it appears there might need to be an adult on the bus. Maybe a middle school student could ride the bus as chaperone (as a community service activity)? Since it is not a school initiative, we cannot impose, only recommend. M. Weber will recommend that one or more students volunteer. This means that students would need a copy of the bus route.

- Calendar 2009-2010: M. Raud suggested that a teacher survey be conducted on the final version of the calendar (the difficulty, though, is that the calendar is confidential before being unveiled). The solution is to consult with other Conseil representatives.
Question regarding the February vacation: should the 17th be added to the teachers' vacation? It can only be done if school starts a day earlier in September, or if the in-service day is moved to March 10th. It is mentioned that the new staff pre-back to school prep day is long enough (at least for secondary school teachers). It is reminded that the February break was originally extended so that families could travel to France for less money, and because students are more tired and run down during that time of year. It also works out for the 9th grade internship. It is noted that parents are more affected by the half-day Wednesdays.

- Chicago as a Bac exam center: M. Weber has made the request, and there has been a positive reaction. The request letter was sent to the cultural attaché, and the consul general is to write one also. The reasons for this request are the problems experienced by the students in adjusting to a different city and traveling, the high cost, and Chicago would be perfect because of its size and central geographic location.

- Lunch service-follow up: A survey was conducted with teachers and students. In a class of 20 students, only 3 were registered for the hot lunch service (one being the daughter of the primary school director). The rest do not eat it because it is too expensive for the low quality of the meals. The menu should be reviewed, but the lunch company says that they are limited in menu variety because of food allergies and it is difficult to offer variety to such a limited clientele. We could ask

for bids from other companies, but it might be the same issues might occur. Complaints will be presented to the food service, and an update will be provided.

- Dress code for 8th grade: the students understand that they must dress appropriately, but why is there a color code? It is only an obstacle when buying clothes and when trying to express oneself. The students' representatives suggest that the color code be abandoned at the Middle School. In all cases, Mrs. Guieu wishes that visible logos remain forbidden (as they mark too great a difference between students who can afford brand names and others who cannot). The parents' representatives suggest maintaining a color code for all or no color code at all. They will conduct a survey among the families and report to the Conseil at the next meeting.