



## French American School of Princeton Parents' Association

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### Minutes from Parents' Association General Meeting October 21, 2016

#### Attendance:

Kristina Corvin

Gael Marin

Adeline Bouchet

Corinne Gungor

Marie Lavigne

~20 parents (didn't have a sign-in sheet, unfortunately)

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1. Review of Activities this year to-date: Welcome families, fall picnic, Maternelle playdate, coffee break for parents, picture days
2. Upcoming Activities: bowling for middle school, book fair in December, ice skating in February, grade 1-2 movie night, grade 3-5 dance party, end-of-year picnic, yearbook
3. Looking for more volunteers for: Yearbook, PA Board member (secretary)
4. Yearbook: still looking for a coordinator and also photographers. This year's yearbook volunteers requested a meeting with last year's volunteers (Heda, last year's volunteer, was present at meeting and suggested this would be a good idea) to learn best practices. A tentative date was set for November 5; Kristina will send email connecting the groups (Helena interested in helping out with sponsorship/ads)
5. PA dues—goes for paying for events above and also, t-shirts, half the price of library bags and transport for field trips
6. Passive fundraising: collecting boxtops for education (on top of many products sold); collecting McCaffery's receipts, amazon.com/.fr link via FASP website; recycling brand-name printer ink cartridges with Staples (and mentioning FASP when doing so)
7. Gael (PA Treasurer): went over financial reports. Money from gala (in 2014) was spent on creating two libraries (one for younger and one for older children). See accompanying documents for reports for past two fiscal years. Purchases were also made for the playground (merry-go circle). The PA could also support games, science lab, and other playground equipment in general as the need arises.
8. Marie: See website and school FB page for photos of new libraries. It has become clear now that everything has been set up that we need more books for the libraries. Barnes and Noble book fair in December will be helpful for that. We also want to create a listening center for the younger children's library.
9. Bowling event: Adeline (former PA president) will email current volunteers to let them know what to do.
10. Barnes and Noble Book fair: December 2. For the whole day, a portion of any purchase made (you HAVE to mention FASP while making purchase) will be donated to the school. There is also a fair for the kids with story time, art projects and face painting, and a chance to directly buy books requested by teachers to donate to the school.

11. Add Cecile Boutry and Cyril Daumas as extra volunteers (no spaces left on signup genius)
12. Gala: last gala was in 2014. We will plan to have one for the next school year. Planning will start in January. It is a lot of work, so we have to start early. People expressed interest in having it again. Helena (son Marc) said she would like to help plan. Last time it was celebrating the school's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so next year's may or may not look a little different.
13. In the past we had casino nights to fundraise. Also have to plan ahead, as we have to apply for a NJ gaming license beforehand.
14. Fundraising/events suggestions from meeting participants:
  - a. Second-hand book/yard sale fundraising event in winter on a Saturday—we sell the tables and people bring their stuff to sell. Suggestion was made that part of this would be donated to charity. (Laetitia Brichant will email interested volunteers).
  - b. Moms and Dads nights (so as not to create the need for babysitters)—fundraiser or social event.
  - c. Breakfast event at school

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