

**Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the Commission Langues
November 17, 2011**

This was the second meeting but the first official minutes, so let's catch up;

We've said goodbye to three very active members of the committee over the last two years. Isabelle Sarquiz Turrini has changed schools, Anne France Prestat has a new full-time professional commitment and Aimée Levy Thibaut has changed teams and now teaches English at the Petit Collège. Many thanks and au revoir.

We've had the pleasure of introducing 2 new members: Lea Verny who'll be tutoring in Russian and Charlotte Puckette who'll tutor in English in tandem with Katy Debost. Welcome!

Matters at hand:

Extend support for the Ouverture International program

Katy will meet with Morgane Ellinger to see what we can do

1. Now that the guides are completed and online, we need to assure 100% delivery to students and parents. (Perhaps send guide ourselves to concerned students programmed for exchanges during the year?)
2. Offer to have an experienced committee parent present at the exchange information meetings. Share first-hand experience from the get-go.
3. How we can help students who want to apply to international universities? Purchase books and reviews concerning tests and applications? Online subscriptions to support services? Where to place them at school for best effect?
4. Explore possibility of organizing contact with EA alumni who attended international universities. Their experience is valuable as well!

English books at the CDI

We need to energize this collection. Improve attractiveness with new titles? Horse books? Popular book series? Magazines? Also looking into offering online subscriptions to databases and resources that the teachers could use with students.

Articles for the APEEA web site

Caroline turned in two wonderful articles -with photos- for the blog. They are the pride and joy of the Commission Langues section of the website. Baby birds are hungry for more. Once again, I strongly INVITE you to choose 1 of your childrens' exchange experiences to write about. Read and inspire yourselves from Caroline's prose. Do Not Panic. All styles of presentation accepted. The point is to share your parental experience.

"English Challenge"

Lea mentioned the "English Challenge", nation-wide competition organized by M. Tourtelotte last year. Let's find out about it and see if we can get involved.

Things to look into

Mary Ange suggested organising language tables in the cafeteria. During lunch period, one table at which the kids only speak English, Italian, Spanish, etc...

Send reminders to language teachers about the ateliers de conversation. M. Pilven is preparing an article on his experience with the ateliers fro the APEEA web site.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD DEC. 14th at 9h00 at the Café le Bullier