

This meeting was an opportunity for parents to get an overview of the Quebec 2019 trip. Much of what is expected to happen is based on the experience of prior years.

Presentation

Toni Botham led the group through a PowerPoint presentation that covered various aspects of the Quebec exchange, including:

- how the trip is funded
- fundraising opportunities
- volunteering expectations and opportunities
- what our kids do in Quebec trip
- what the Quebec kids do in Vancouver

A couple of key points from the presentation:

- forms must be completed for all Grade 6 kids indicating whether they will be participating or not participating
- participants can opt in or out of the volunteer requirement. Fee with volunteer hours is \$450, fee without volunteering is \$2285.
- deadline for submitting the form—and payment for participants—is November 3.
- **cost is NOT a barrier for participation.** There is funding available for any student in need. Contact Mme Alain if a bursary is needed.

Questions/Discussion

Who are the adults who travel with the group?

- they are accompanied by Tennyson teachers, in a 1-10 ration, with at least one of the teachers being male.

What's the typical participation rate?

- in past years there has always been a handful of students who do not participate (10% class, 4-6 students have not participated). They will be able to join the activities that take place in Vancouver.

What are the volunteering opportunities?

- Winterfest

This is one of the primary fundraising activities. All families are expected to contribute three silent auction items and volunteer time at Winterfest. Setup will be Thursday, Dec 7, and the event will be Dec 8.

- lunches

There are three lunches running through the year: Monday sushi, Wednesday pizza, Thursday lunches from C'est Mon Café. Volunteers are needed to help with lunches on those days.

- There will also be opportunities to fulfill volunteer hours next year, including:
- volunteering for day trips while the QC twins are here
- admin and organizing activities for the twin visit

There will be an opportunity to purchase Purdy's chocolates for Christmas as a fundraising activity. Watch for more details about ordering coming out soon.

The evening concluded with:

- Winterfest volunteer position signup. These were mainly lead positions; the full list of shifts will come out closer to the event.
- distribution of Participation/Commitment form