



# Lord Tennyson Quebec Trip 2019

Kick-off Meeting  
October 12, 2017

# Agenda

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- Introduce Quebec 2019 Executive
- Overview of Quebec Trip
  - What? History, Activities, Benefits
  - How? Grant, Family Payment, Fundraising
  - When? Our kids in Quebec likely February 2019  
Quebec twins here likely May 2019
- Question and Answer
- Volunteer Signup

# Quebec 2019 Executive

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| • Toni Botham:      | Co-Chair              |
| • Nana Yenson:      | Co-Chair              |
| • Sue Horne:        | Co-Vice-Chair         |
| • Markus Griesser:  | Co-Vice-Chair         |
| • Jo Gromadzki:     | Co-Secretary          |
| • Heather Ross:     | Co-Secretary          |
| • Lily Cheung:      | Co-Treasurer          |
| • Mari Laurenciano: | Co-Treasurer          |
| • Karen Davies:     | Lunch Team            |
| • Bernie Arai:      | Lunch Team            |
| • Tracy O'Neile:    | Volunteer Coordinator |
| • Nancy Small:      | Grant applications    |
| • Samantha Banks:   | Gal Friday            |

# History & Activities

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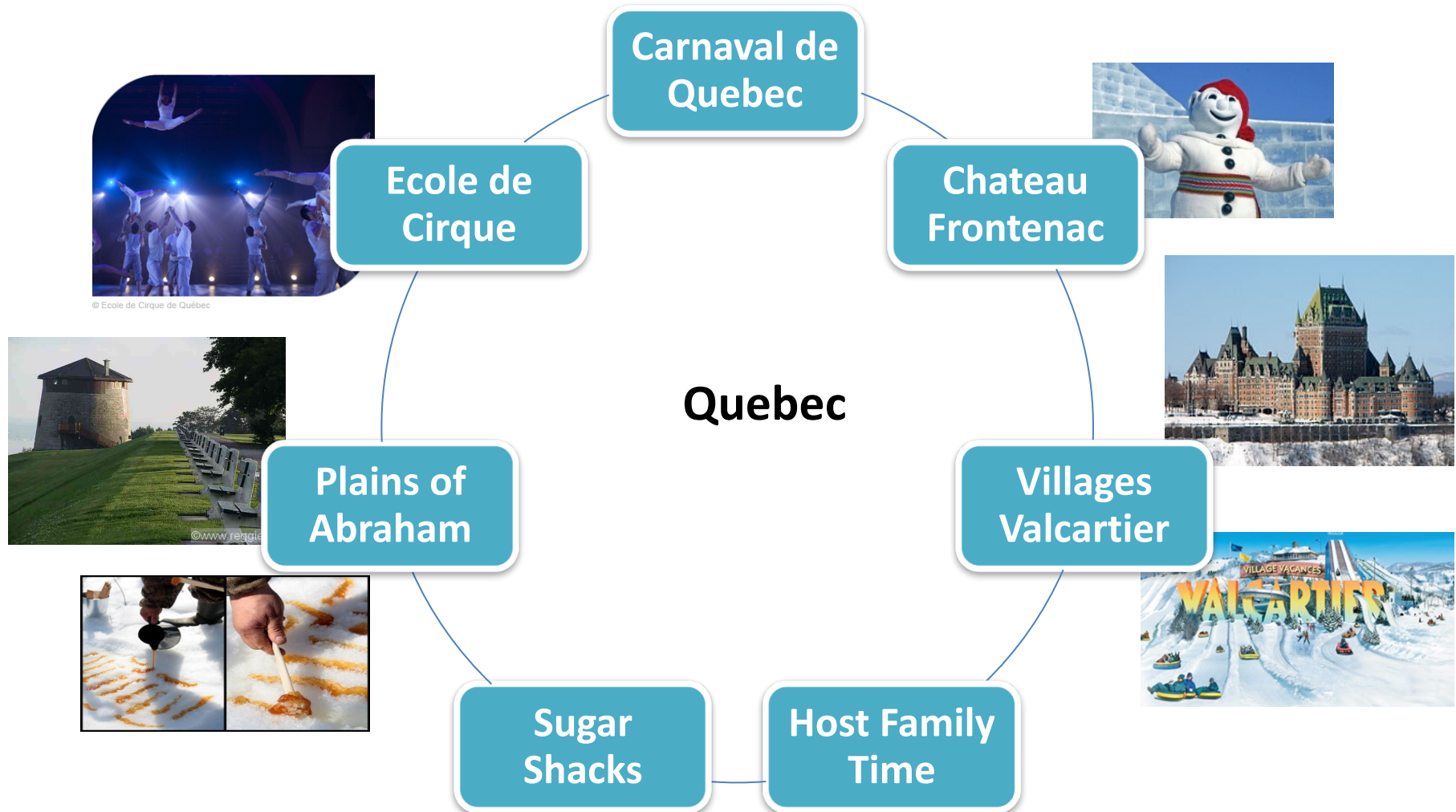
Grade 7 Students travel to Quebec and stay with a French-speaking host family (the trip is 7 nights)

Students participate in group activities as well as experience speaking French in a home environment

In return, Quebec students or “twins” travel to Vancouver and are hosted by Tennyson families here

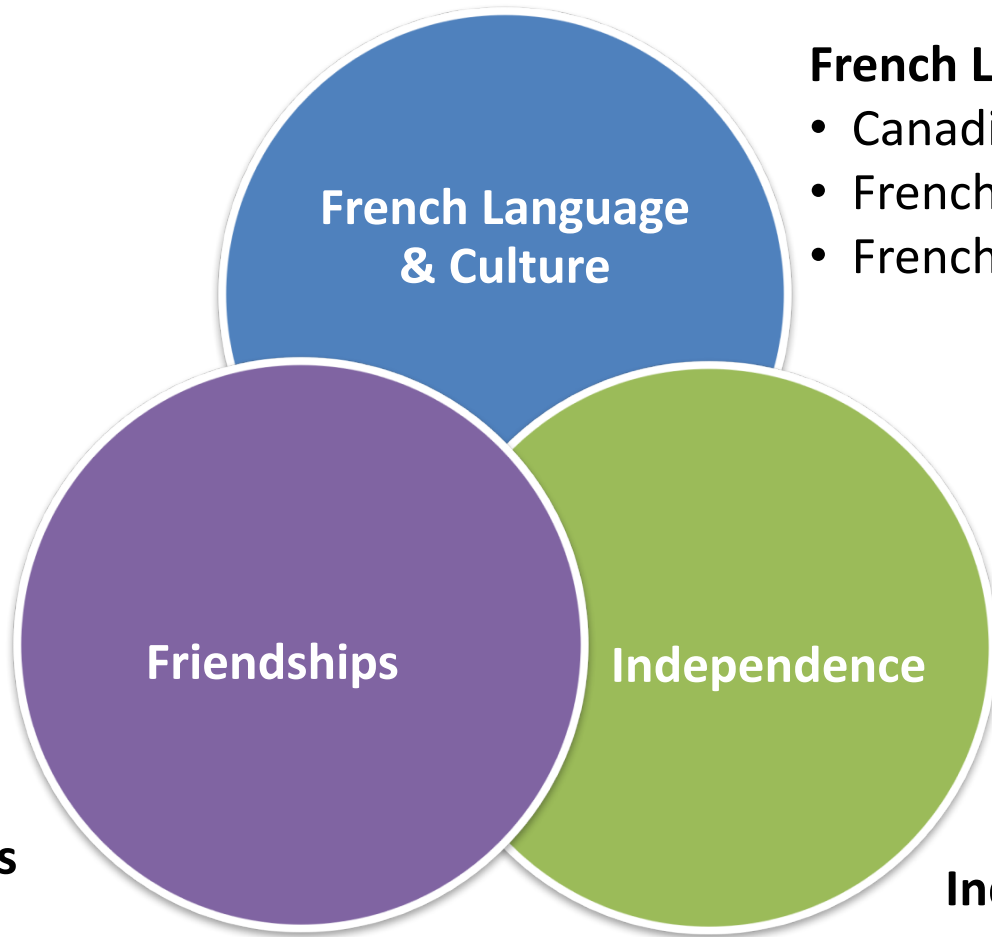
The expectation is that our students speak French for the ENTIRE week in Quebec.

# Activities



# Student Benefits

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## **French Language**

- Canadian Culture
- French Culture
- French as a real, living language

## **Friendships**

- Bonding
- High School Transition
- Shared Experience

## **Independence**

- Confidence to travel
- Confidence in language
- Outside of comfort zone

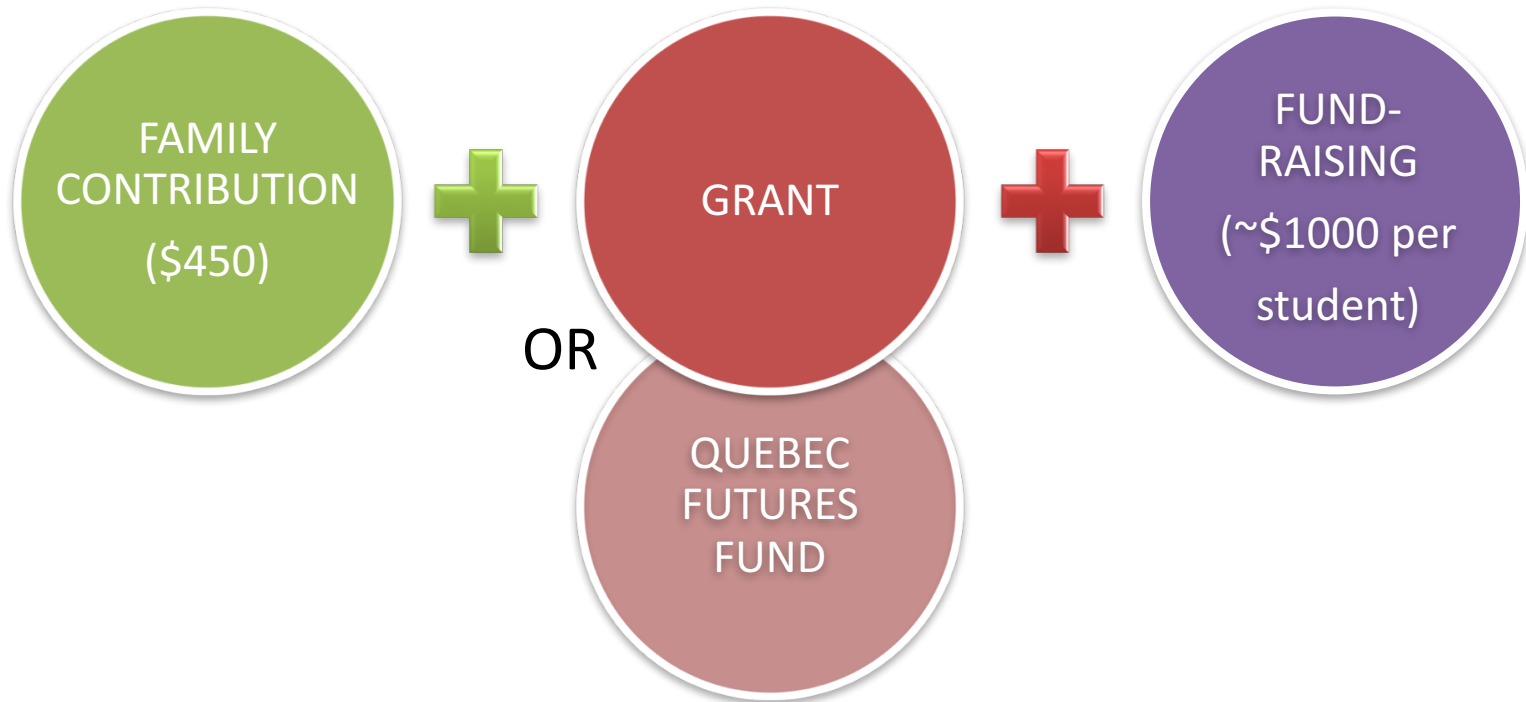
# How do the students get paired?

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- Assuming a grant is received, Experiences Canada pairs our school with a Quebec school
- Students fill out a personal questionnaire
- Teachers from both schools work to match students based on interests and personality
- Students connect (FaceTime, Skype, phone, email) multiple times before meeting in person (parents connect too!)
- All participating families provide 3 references & parents get a criminal records check

# How does the trip get paid for?

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**TOTAL costs cover all expenses for 2 full weeks:**

- Lord Tennyson students exchange in Quebec (teachers costs, TOC costs, gifts, spending money, insurance, bus to airport, Experience Canada Fees, etc.)
- Quebec students in Vancouver (all activities in Vancouver)



# Family Contribution

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Family payment:  
\$450/student or  
“buy-out” of \$2285

2 Payment Options:  
Lump Sum of \$450  
(Nov 3, 2017)  
3 cheques of \$150  
(Nov 3, Feb 1, May 1)

- Details on payment options and volunteer expectations will be handed out at end of this meeting
- Bursaries (full or partial) are available (from the Quebec Futures Fund) – please speak to Mme Alain

# Grants

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## Experiences Canada (formerly SEVEC)

- Provides free airfare
  - Provides billeting with Quebec school (enables student exchange and provides free accommodation)
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- Application submitted in Grade 6 year
  - Can apply for similar grants from YMCA and 4H
  - Not guaranteed--but we have received it for past 10 years
  - If no grant is received...
    - Students stay in a hotel in Quebec
    - No hosting by Tennyson families
    - Quebec Futures Fund helps with cost difference

# Quebec Futures Fund

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- **Purpose:** helps subsidize fundraising if no grant is received
- Created from excess fundraising from previous years and mandatory contributions
- Also used to provide bursaries

## For our year:

- Excess fundraising goes to Quebec Futures Fund or PAC
- If no grant, we can draw from Quebec Futures Fund

# Fundraising and Volunteering

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Grade 6  
parents/students host a  
variety of events to  
raise funds; goal is  
\$40,000

A variety of events  
planned; both  
traditional and perhaps  
some new ideas

All grade 6 families will  
be asked to volunteer  
for these events

Send additional  
fundraising ideas to Toni  
Botham and Nana  
Yenson

**Volunteer Sign-up TONIGHT**

# Fundraising Events

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**Hot  
Lunches**

**Hot Lunches...** huge potential for income...come help out! \$20,000+

**Sports Day  
& Welcome  
Back BBQ**

**Eric Rallison rocks!**  
(and his team) \$3800

**Winterfest  
(Dec. 8)**

**Winterfest** is #1 fundraiser for Quebec  
... We need everyone! \$12,000+

**Purdy's  
Chocolates  
(Christmas)**

**Purdy's Chocolates**  
(Markus) \$1500+

**Your Great  
Idea!**

# Winterfest

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Friday,  
December 8

#1 fundraiser  
(\$12,000+)

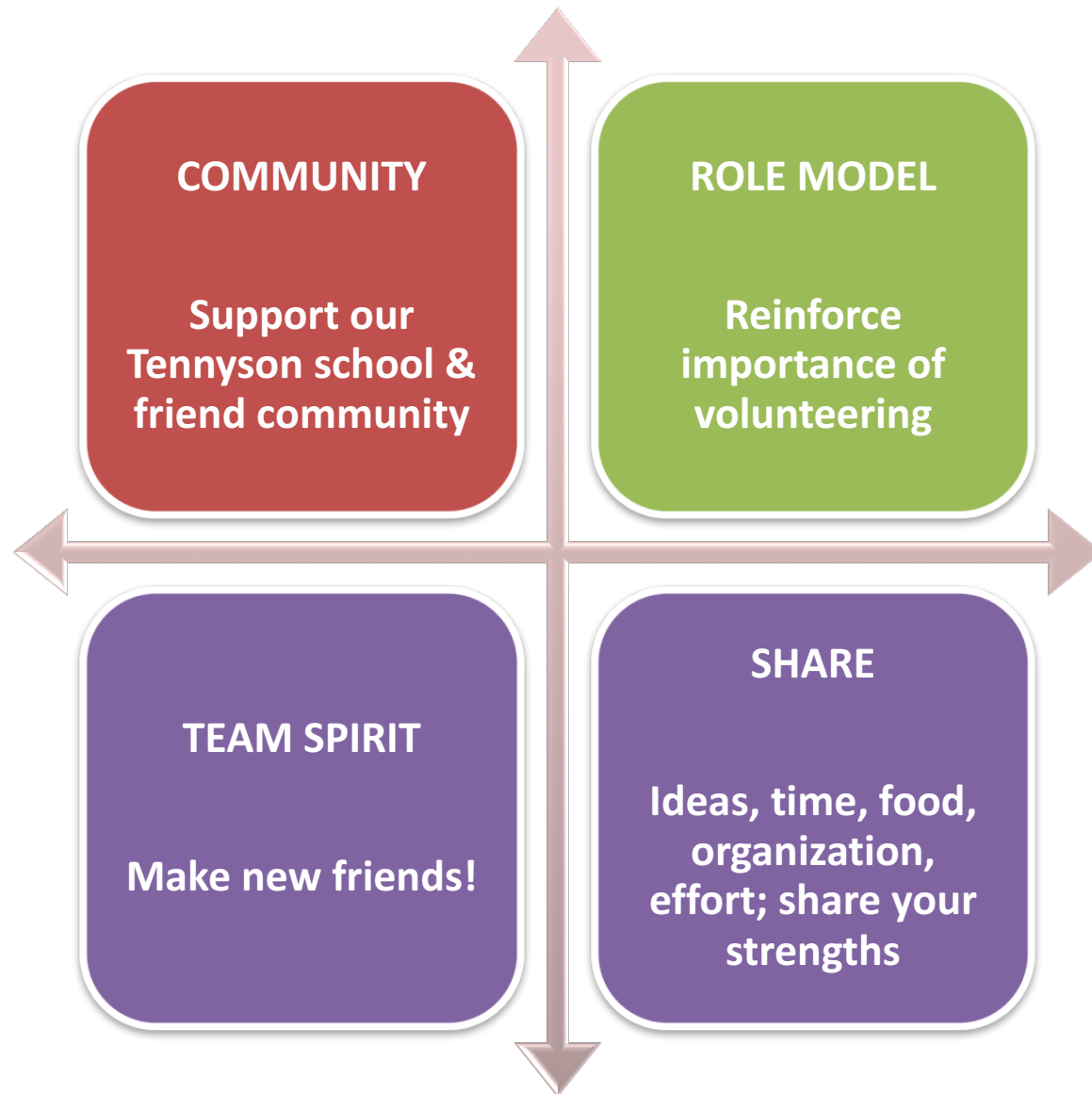
**Needs everyone's involvement (mandatory)**

- 3 silent auction items
- selling wine raffle tickets
- volunteering at the event / set

*Grade 6 students volunteer too*

# Other Benefits of Volunteering

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# Parent Participation Agreement

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- Outlines requirements for volunteering and contributions
- Provides option to pay full cost to avoid volunteering
- **Must be signed by Nov. 3, 2017**
- Why so soon? We need full commitment to apply for grants (very little flexibility to change numbers after grants are submitted)



# Next Steps (Tonight)

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- Question & Answer
- Sign-up for volunteer positions
  - Winterfest is important – need leads for Silent Auction, Wine Raffle, Food, Bake Sale, Talent Show, Sound and Lights, Book Sale, Crafts
- Handout Payment / Participation Agreement

*Questions?*

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# One more thing ...

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Montreal (Max)



Quebec City (Jay)