



Les Petits Caméléons Annual General Meeting

Friday 20th June 2014

Meeting took place at the Cambridge International School, Cherry Hinton Hall, Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge, CB1 8DW. Meeting opened at 8pm and closed at 9pm.

Attendees:

Lenaïk Baron, Thierry Bonnaud, Amélie Chappaz, Sophie Cox, Jonathan Delahoche, Marianne Ellalasingham, Virginie Friend, Nadia Henrique-Murray, Anne Pajon, Pierre Potier, Christophe Riera, Sylvain Sauvage, Lisandre Taylor, Valérie Turner-Grilhères.

A quorum was achieved: 14 members out of 69.

Apologies

Sylvie Russell, Marion Bellier, Félix Weis, Nathalie Belloir.

Introduction and Chair's report - Lisandre Taylor

Lisandre provided a run through of the work done this year and how much has been achieved, highlighting that 56 families representing 60 pupils come to Les Petits Caméléons' sessions every week. Eleven hours of tuitions are held every week across three sites: the Cambridge International School (Cherry Hinton Hall), the Alliance Française of Cambridge (Hills Road), and the Morley Memorial Primary School and are given by five teachers and two assistants.

Lisandre thanked everyone. A special thanks went to all the families who trusted Les Petits Caméléons on their first year of operation; to all the volunteers including the members of the committee : Jonathan Delahoche, Anne Pajon, and Félix Weis; to the parents who came and helped both on Tuesdays and Saturdays' sessions; to the different commission's members who helped in the early days of the project; to the Alliance Française of Cambridge; to the French government and the French North Europe Zone MP who gave advice, grants and general guidance. Lisandre thanked also all members of the Education Committee : Marion Bellier, Carole Douillot and Anne Pajon; the teachers and their assistants : Lenaik Baron, Marion Bellier, Amélie Chappaz, Marianne Ellalasingham, Veronica Gaudencio, Garance Monfort, and Christelle Potier ; and all the volunteers.

Treasurer's report - Jonathan Delahoche

Statement of receipts and payments was presented and accepted (please see financial statement attached). In summary, total income was £20,940.24 mostly from the tuition fees and memberships as well as a French donation of £4,800. Total expenditure was £17,736.72.



Head of Education Committee's report - Anne Pajon

Anne explained how the classes are organised and tailored to the age and level of each pupil. Three levels were created based on the Alliance Française's expertise from previous years: oral, reading and writing. On Saturdays, there are 36 pupils: two oral classes (9+11); one reading class (11); and one writing class (5). On Tuesdays, there are 15 pupils going to the Alliance Française: one oral class (3); one reading class (5) and one writing class (7); and 9 pupils going to the bilingual French club at Morley Memorial Primary School.

Anne also ran through the process of recruiting teachers : job ad, interview and selection. She explained that the Education Committee met formally four times a year with the teaching team: at the beginning of the academic year and at the end of every term. This year was particularly rich in Education Committee's meetings during which equipment were chosen as well as new methods and books to start up a library.

Anne highlighted some areas of possible improvement: pupil progress could be monitored better, the organisation of Saturdays morning's session could be modified to include a common break time of 30 minutes allowing the teaching team to talk to each others, two sessions of one hour each, an overall morning session running from 10h00 to 12h30 and an allocated classroom per class.

Anne also mentioned that this year all pupils are offered the opportunity to visit the Fitzwilliam museum on Saturday 5th July with their teachers.

Election and Re-election of Committee Members

A call for candidates prior to the AGM without necessarily specifying a given role was sent out by email prior to the meeting.

The outgoing committee is:

- Jonathan Delahoche stood up for re-election.
- Anne Pajon stood up for re-election.
- Lisandre Taylor stood down as Chair.
- Félix Weis stood down as Secretary.

Only one new candidate originally stood up:

- Pierre Potier, candidate for the role of Chair.

However, this left the structure without enough persons to continue the work for another academic year. So after some discussions to convince the audience, the following persons kindly stood up:

- Lenaïk Baron,
- Nadia Henrique-Murray,
- Christophe Riera,
- Sylvain Sauvage, and
- Valerie Turner-Grilhères.



A closed vote took place. The following were elected as Committee Members:

- Lenaïk Baron 13 votes
- Jonathan Delahoche 14 votes
- Nadia Henrique-Murray 13 votes
- Anne Pajon 14 votes
- Pierre Potier 13 votes
- Christophe Riera 13 votes
- Sylvain Sauvage 14 votes
- Valerie Turner-Grilhères 14 votes

All candidate achieved a majority of the votes therefore all 8 candidates were elected. The new committee will now meet at their earliest convenience to decide on each individual's role and responsibilities based on personal wishes, availabilities and expertises and will inform all members as soon as possible.

The election was followed by a small collation and a time for friendly conversation.