

**St. John Fisher Elementary – Junior Campus  
Governing Board Minutes May 7th, 2014  
7:05 – 8:51 PM  
Room 18**

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**Type of meeting: Governing Board – Regular 2013-14 #6**

**Participants:**

Parents: Josie Campisi, Balgovind Pande, Julie Smith

Teachers: Yolanda Galvez, Lyne Bérubé, Martine Létourneau

Support Staff: Ruta Krauza

Principals: Sylvie Martin

Commissioner: Linton Garner

Community Rep:

Visitor(s):

Absent:

Regrets: Marie Maguigad, Sue de Graff, Allison Saunders

**6.1 CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME**

Julie Smith, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**6.1.1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

There was a request to have the topic 6.4.5 School fees 2014 – 2015 be added under New Business and to have two topics added under Varia: 6.9.1 Garbage Collection Truck and 6.9.2 Replacing Flags.

**13-14-40** *It was moved by Balgovind Pande that the agenda be approved with the above-mentioned additions. Seconded by Ruta Krauza. Carried unanimously.*

## **6.1.2 Adoption of Minutes of April. 2nd, 2014**

Upon review of the April 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes, it was requested that Julie Smith be added to the “Parents” category and that under Business Arising, it should state “this meeting” instead of “the meeting”.

*13-14-41 It was moved by Lyne Bérubé, seconded by Martine Létourneau, that the minutes of the April 2nd, 2014 GB meeting be adopted with corrections made. Carried unanimously.*

## **6.2 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No public present.

## **6.3 BUSINESS ARISING**

### **6.3.1 Email approval Daycare Handbook**

The daycare handbook previously approved by email with a vote of 9 for and 1 abstention was ratified at this meeting.

*13-14-42 It was moved by Balgovind Pande to ratify the approval made previously by email. This was seconded by Yolanda Galvez. Carried unanimously.*

## **6.4 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.4.1 Home schooling – Board consultation**

This topic was tabled and the board has been asked to comment on it by May 14<sup>th</sup> by email to Julie Smith, *Chair*.

### **6.4.2 Emergency preparedness – Board Consultation**

This topic was tabled and the board has been asked to comment on it by May 14<sup>th</sup> by email to Julie Smith, *Chair*.

### **6.4.3 Calendar 2014-15**

Mme. Martin spent some time explaining the 2014-2015 Calendar. Of note, the first day of school will be following Labour Day weekend and the last day of school is on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Easter falls earlier in April in 2015, therefore, we will not have a repeat of the 2 day school week we experienced this year.

*13-14-43 It was moved by Martine Létourneau and seconded by Lyne Bérubé to approve the 2014-2015 Calendar.*

#### 6.4.4 Gym Rental for 2014-15

Mme. Martin requested a pre-approval of the school gym rentals expected for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year, which are the following:

1. LBPSB Employee volleyball: Tuesdays 5 -7pm
2. Private group volleyball: Tuesdays 7:30 – 10pm
3. City of Pointe-Claire Volleyball: Wednesdays 6:30 – 9pm
4. Proset Autism: Fridays 7:30 – 8:30pm

**13-14-44** *It was moved by Ruta Krauza and seconded by Yolanda Galvez to approve these gym rentals in one motion. Carried unanimously.*

#### 6.4.5 School fees for 2014-15

The consumable fee for the upcoming school year will remain at 55\$ per student. It is distributed in the following way:

- Photocopies/machine maintenance contracts/papers – 33\$
- Art supplies – 12\$
- Special presentations/invitations – 10\$ (ex. Geordie productions)

**13-14-45** *It was moved by Ruta Krauza and seconded by Balgovind Pande that the consumable school fee remain at 55\$ for the 2014-2015 academic year.*

### **6.5** **FIELD TRIPS**

#### 6.5.1 Field trips approvals confirmation

The following fieldtrips were presented for GB approval:

1. Valois Swimming Pool:  
June 12- 20<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting  
1:5 adult-student ratio  
Fee: 4\$/student
2. Student exchange project with Ecole Primaire Pointe-Claire:  
Visit to Terracotta Park on June 6 or 11 (depending on weather)  
Pointe-Claire public works employees will guide students on a tour and clean-up of the park  
1:6 adult – student ratio, no fee
3. Grade 2 fieldtrip to Notre Dame de Fatima Base de Plein Air:  
June 13<sup>th</sup>  
1:10 adult – student ratio  
Fee: 25\$/student for the full day
4. Kindergarten fieldtrip to Ile Bizard for bird-watching:  
Rms 1,2,11 on May 21; Rms 8,9 on May 22  
1:6 adult – student ratio; transportation by bus

Fee: 19\$/student for full day

5. Rm 2 Kindergarteners (Mme. Yolanda's class) Robotic Competition:  
May 14<sup>th</sup> at Forest Hill Junior School from 9am to 2pm  
Transportation by bus, but no fee as this is the first time the school participates.  
5 adults/18 students

**13-14-46** *It was moved by Martine Létourneau and seconded by Ruta Krauza to approve all 6 fieldtrips in one motion. Carried unanimously.*

## **6.6** **REPORTS**

### **6.6.1** **Regional Parents' Committee**

No report as the next meeting is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **6.6.2** **Commissioner's Report**

Linton Garner was present to report on the previous council meeting.

- During this meeting there was a contentious discussion about the role of the school board.
- Staffing and administration changes were discussed and passed at the meeting.
- The reinstatement of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> date as a school/work day was revisited and a re-vote taken at the request of the chair. It was debated and voted on in council. The motion to change the 23<sup>rd</sup> back to a ped day was defeated by a vote of 9 to 11. Therefore, it remains a work day/school day.
- St. John Fisher Jr will have several updates done to the school infrastructure to the tune of 229 000\$.
- QESBA lost its chair due to his election as an MNA in D'Arcy McGee.

### **6.6.3** **H&S Report**

Mme. Martin presented the H&S report: Sandra Gesualdi will again be organizing this event (Shindig) with the help of other volunteers. The junior is requesting that the money be raised to purchase outdoor equipment. The community walk was also discussed.

### **6.6.4** **Teachers' Report**

Yolanda Galvez presented the teacher's report. See Annex 1.

### **6.6.5** **Daycare's Report**

Ruta Krauza presented the Daycare Report, see Annex 2.

**6.6.6**        **Principal's Report**

Sylvie Martin presented the Principal's report, see Annex 3.

**6.7**        **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

**6.8**        **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence

**6.9**        **VARIA**

6.9.1        **Garbage Collection Truck**

It was observed that the garbage collection truck conducted its pick up at the school during the busy school drop off, driving up to the front of the school while several children were making their way to the school yard along the walking paths. The truck was observed to have made a three-point turn despite the children present. It made for a very dangerous and out-of-the-ordinary situation. Mme. Martin has been in touch with the city and is waiting for a response in writing assuring that it will not happen again.

6.9.2        **Flags**

It was pointed out that the flags flying outside the main entrance of the school are tattered and need replacing.

**6.10**        **ADJOURNMENT**

*13-14-47        At 8:51pm, it was moved by Lyne Bérubé, seconded by Martine Létourneau, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously.*

Next meeting: June 4, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Josie Campisi  
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## ANNEX 1

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# Teachers' Report May 7th, 2014

April 16th

Geordie Production named Darwent is different on bullying was well-received by our students

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Jour de la terre Celebration started with our autobus pédestre followed by Clean-up of the yard by the children was much enjoyable but not as popular as last year

April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>

This year again, we are participating in the Lève-toi et bouge program. The kick-off for the month was some school-wide Zumba dancing in the school yard

April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>

Spring Concert for the kindergarteners and grade one and two Choir

Miss Ashley Dunn, Mme Nadine Emond, the students and other staff members invested time and energy to make this concert a success

May 2<sup>nd</sup>,

What a treat it was to have Loyola's students acting out some of the well-known Robert Munsch stories to our little guys

May 13<sup>th</sup>

Our traditional school-wide outing to the Cross-country Run is coming up next week and the students are looking forward the event. On the same physical activity topic, Miss Hunter has three stagiaires from Mc Gill University (Ben, David and Mitchell)

May 16<sup>th</sup>

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, our kindergarten teachers are thrilled to be welcoming our 2014-2015 kindergarten students

## **ANNEX 2**

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### **Daycare report for Governing Board – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

#### **Ped Days:**

Our last ped day, **April 25<sup>th</sup>**, was awesome. The trip to Exporail was enjoyed by all the children and staff alike. They absolutely loved the mini train ride and seeing all the different trains and exhibits.

On **Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>** we are going to Valois Park to do some fun activities and there will be treats for the children to enjoy. All of course weather permitting.

Registration forms were sent home on Monday and are posted on the website.

#### **Daycare Week (May 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>)**

On Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> the lunch and daycare crews have been invited to join the senior school staff in their staff room for an afternoon tea graciously organized by Home and School.

Also, on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, our Daycare Educators have been invited to attend a special seminar at the school board on Positive Thinking-And Beyond. We will also enjoy some lovely snacks provided by the board.

#### **Attestation of Vocational Studies (AEP)**

On Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a graduation celebration at the school board for Marisol Pizarro and Lyne Vanier, both of whom completed their internship with our daycare. Congratulations to both!

#### **Totem Pole Forest (Echoes of the First Nations)**

Our grade 2 daycare students will be participating in this fun art contest. I will be having a meeting with them tomorrow at which time we will start the project, and hopefully complete it for the May 14<sup>th</sup> deadline! Once all the entries have been received they will be placed on display at Stewart Hall for this year's Pointe-Claire Cultural Rendez-vous being held on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>! Thanks to Mme Emond for helping to get us included and informed!

#### **2013 – 2014 Registration**

Registration packages will be available for new Kindergarten children on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the K Orientation.

All other registrations will be sent home starting the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

## **Annex 3: Principal's Report**

### **April:**

April 2: JRHS band visit @ 10:30am  
April 4: Alex Tagliani's visit on speaking about Food allergies @ 9:30am at the Sr  
April 7 to 11: Semaine de la litteratie  
April 10: Grade 6 play: Annie at the Sr @ 12:30pm  
April 12: Spring Fair at Jr campus  
April 16: Geordie Production Play in the gym @ 8:30am  
April 17: Sortie maternelles- Musée des enfants  
April 24: Celebrating Earth day/Autobus pedestre  
April 30: 1ere Au théâtre (Salle Pauline Julien)  
Pm concert practice

### **May:**

May 1: Spring Concert (Kindergarten and Choir)  
May 2: Loyola School theatre performance (am)  
May 4: Family Fun Run (Centennial Park, DDO)  
**May 8:** Pizza Lunch \*\*\* Changed from May 9th  
May 13: Cross Country Run (Rain dates: 14 or 15)  
May 16: Ped. Day---Visit of our new Kindergarten students  
May 21: K1, K2, and K11 @ Bois de l'île Bizard  
Home and School Meeting @ 7pm, Junior Campus, Rm 18  
May 22: K8 and K9 @ Bois de l'île Bizard  
**May 23:** Subway Lunch  
Community Walk (pm)  
May 29: The des Benevoles

### **June:**

June 2: Ped Day  
June 3: H & S BBQ—Rain dates 5 or 6.  
June 4: GB

### **Registration:**

109 kindergarten students  
89 grade 1 students  
103 grade 2 students  
Total: 301 compare to 288 now.