

**St. John Fisher Elementary – Junior Campus
Governing Board Minutes June 4th, 2014
7:06– 8:07PM
Room 18**

Type of meeting: Governing Board – Regular 2013-14 #7

Participants:

Parents: Josie Campisi, Marie Maguigad, Balgovind Pande, Allison Saunders, Julie Smith

Teachers: Yolanda Galvez, Lyne Bérubé, Martine Létourneau, Sue de Graff

Support Staff: Ruta Krauza

Principals: Sylvie Martin

Commissioner:

Community Rep:

Visitor(s):

Absent:

Regrets: Linton Garner

7.1 CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME

Balgovind Pande, co-chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

7.1.1 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Allison Saunders requested that an item be added to Vaira, 7.9.1 Food Bank. Julie Smith also suggested adding the previously tabled consultations 7.9.2 Emergency preparedness and 7.9.3 Homeschooling to Varia, since the school board extended the deadline for feedback.

13-14-48 *It was moved by Allison Saunders that the agenda be approved with the above-mentioned additions. Seconded by Martine Létourneau. Carried unanimously.*

7.1.2 **Adoption of Minutes of April. 2nd, 2014**

The minutes for May 7th, 2014 were reviewed.

13-14-49 *It was moved by Lyne Bérubé, seconded by Ruta Krauza, that the minutes of the May 7th, 2014 GB meeting be adopted as is. Carried unanimously.*

7.2 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No public present.

7.3 **BUSINESS ARISING**

No business arising.

7.4 **NEW BUSINESS**

7.4.1 **By-Law 1 and 1E Consultation**

No comments from the members of the board.

7.4.2 **School Budget**

Budget was presented by Mme. Sylvie Martin. A short discussion ensued.

13-14-50 *It was moved by Lyne Bérubé and seconded by Ruta Krauza to approve the proposed 2014-2015 school budget as presented. Carried unanimously.*

7.4.3 **Daycare Budget**

Ruta presented the proposed daycare budget for the 2014-2015 school year. The amounts are based on 155 student enrolled in regular daycare, 5 sporadic daycare students, and 128 students enrolled in the lunch the lunch program alone.

13-14-51 *It was moved by Sue de Graff and seconded by Martine Létourneau to approve the proposed Daycare budget for 2014-2015 as presented. Carried unanimously.*

7.4.4 **GB annual report**

the Julie Smith requested that any suggestions, comments or topics to be presented at the General Assembly, be sent to her via email prior to the meeting in September.

7.6.5 **FIELD TRIPS**

No fieldtrips to approve.

7.6 **REPORTS**

7.6.1 **Regional Parents' Committee**

Allison Saunders presented the report. See Annex 1.

7.6.2 **Commissioner's Report**

Linton Garner was not present.

7.6.3 **H&S Report**

Mme. Martin presented the H&S report: what H&S felt comfortable subsidizing for the grade 6 grad was discussed: new president for H&S 2014-2015 is Carla Da Silva, Sandra Daoust is VP for junior campus and Cheryl Rabinovitch is VP for senior campus.

7.6.4 **Teachers' Report**

Sue De Graff presented the teacher's report. See Annex 2.

7.6.5 **Daycare's Report**

Ruta Krauza presented the Daycare Report, see Annex 3.

7.6.6 **Principal's Report**

Sylvie Martin presented the Principal's report, see Annex 4.

7.7 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

7.8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Julie presented a letter from SAAQ regarding their cyclist awareness campaign. The included posters have been put up in the school.

7.9 **VARIA**

7.9.1 **Food Drive**

Allison Saunders expressed thanks for the last minute food donations parents brought to the Family BBQ. The food will be donated to the West Island Mission (139 Labrosse, Pointe-Claire). Thanks to H&S for letting us use their event to accept donations.

7.9.2 Emergency preparedness consultation

Balgovind Pande commented that since all other parties involved in the plan have their important roles clearly specified, the consultation should also specify what the important role of the maintenance workers is, as it is not currently defined. Comments will be sent to the School Board by Julie Smith, Chair.

7.9.3 Homeschooling consultation

No comments presented.

7.10 ADJOURNMENT

13-14-47 At 8:07 pm, it was moved by Martine Létourneau, seconded by Sue de Graff, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried unanimously.

Next meeting: Sept. 10, 2014 at the Senior Campus for Annual General Assembly

Respectfully submitted,

Josie Campisi
/JC

ANNEX 1

April 17, 2014 Region 3 CPC Meeting

- Again this year, The Lester B Pearson School board in collaboration with Concordia University's Applied Human Sciences department students will be presenting a workshop in the Fall to the LBPSB community. This year's topic is "Thinking Traps".

Two Concordia student's involved in this initiative were present at our meeting first to observe, and secondly to share information about the workshop and to encourage participation. These workshops are a wonderful learning opportunity and all are encouraged to attend. Find attached more information. Note that if members of the St. John Fisher Jr. and Sr. Governing Boards are interested in attending, the workshop fee may be absorbed by GB or Region 3 CPC.

- The committee had a lengthy discussion re: School enrollment. What are the issues? How can they be resolved? What are we doing to actively recruit and retain students?
- The importance of the upcoming school board elections was a hot topic. A number of issues were raised like voter turnout and how to encourage people to care and to vote. The change in the wards/electoral districts and number of elected commissioners was also discussed. The opt-in issue re: voter lists was also raised. Most citizens are not aware that upon turning 18, they are put on the voter's list for the French school boards. There is a procedure to get yourself on the English list. A concern was raised that many are not aware of this and that they need to take action should they want to vote on November
- School taxes were also discussed. There are many disadvantages to the current system yet it is in no one's best interest to correct some of the issues. Some members are working to access data from the government
- Commissioner Douglas Flook passed away. Service to be held and the city of Verdun paid tribute to him at their last council meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Saunders
/AS

ANNEX 2: Governing board Teachers' Report for June 4th, 2014

- May 13th

The Cross Country Run was, once again, well planned out and much fun for the students and adults who participated.

- May 14th

Mme Yolanda's class participation in the Robotics contest that took place at Forest Hill Jr. school allowed her students to experience a very cool learning activity.

- May 23rd

The community walk was a huge success and the students enjoyed walking for the less fortunate in our community.

- May 29th

The volunteer Tea was hosted at the Junior building this year. Teachers had the opportunity to express how appreciative they are to collaborate with such amazing parents in our community. Great thanks extended to all the parents who could not attend.

- May 29th

Jacynthe Blanchet from Pointe-Claire library came to visit all our classes to promote her Summer Reading Program.

- June 2nd

Our pedagogical day was packed with various meetings. This professional day allowed teachers to prepare for the last stretch before the end of the year.

- June 9, 10, and 11th

Miss Gill, our school nurse will visit all grade one and two classes to discuss Protection against the sun and les Petits Bobos.

- June 16th

Teachers are delighted to have received an invitation to join the grade six students during their pool luncheon.

- June 10th-17th

Our students will visit the grade three classes for their annual puppet show.

- June 12th-19th

Our once-a-year outing to Valois Pool will bring lots of excitement and great memories to cherish.

- June 20th

Final report cards will be sent home on that day. Congratulations to all our grade two students who are graduating from our building and will embark on a new adventure next fall.

Annex 3:

Daycare report for Governing Board – June 4th, 2014

Ped Days:

On Friday May 16th we had an in-school ped day. Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate and so we didn't make it to the park. However, the children had oodles of fun playing Blanket Volleyball, doing Caterpillar Races and Elephant Tag. As a reward for their hard work they were treated to a slice of watermelon in the morning and a cup of ice cream in the afternoon. :

On Monday, June 2nd we had Dynamix come in and entertain the children in the Kidstruction Zone. They all walked away with a little souvenir toy.

2014 – 2015 Registration

So far we have 102 completed registration forms. For daycare we have received 72 and lunch 30.

June 23rd – last day of school

Daycare will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are currently doing a survey to see how many parents will actually be using the daycare on the 23rd.

Lunch and Daycare Extracurricular Activities

We have signed up with EducAction again for next year. We will again have 3 sessions, but the winter and spring sessions will start sooner. This will mean less postponed classes because of field trips etc. The price range will be close to the current fees with a projected slight increase of a few dollars per class. We had an average of 199 participants for each session!

Happy Summer!

Annex 4: Principal's report for June 4th

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.