



St. John Fisher Junior Elementary School

Annual General Meeting

September 1, 2016



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Message from Principal

Patrice Delage

Principal
St. John Fisher Junior Campus

Secretary naming

- Naming of secretary to record the minutes of the AGM
- A big thank you to whomever volunteers!

Agenda approval

- Approval of proposed agenda
- Vote

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Minutes of Last AGM - Approval

- Minutes of 2015 AGM
 - Prepared by Sandra Gesualdi
 - Vote : must have been present at 2015 AGM

What is a Governing Board?

- A representative body established according to the Education Act since 1998 as part of wider educational reform to decentralize certain powers to schools
- Composed of parents, teachers, representatives of non-teaching professionals and support staff, daycare, and community representatives
- Principals attend meetings, but are not GB members and are not entitled to vote

GB Objectives

- Members work in partnership to ensure that all students receive the best possible learning opportunities
- Govern the school, not administer it
- Encourage communication of information, dialogue and concerted action between students, parents, the principals, teachers, other school staff and community members, and their collaboration to help achieve student success

Members' Conduct

- Section 71 of Education Act:
 - GB members must act within the scope of functions and powers conferred on them
 - Exercise the care, prudence and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise in similar circumstances
 - GB members must act with honesty and loyalty in the interest of the school, the students, the parents, the school staff and the community

Members' Responsibilities

- Regularly attend meetings
- Arrive on time
- Respect the code of conduct
- Participate in the discussions
- Be well informed before making decisions
- Work as part of a team

Meetings

- Quorum – majority of members & at least half of the parents' representatives
- Generally, 1st Wednesday of the month – Minimum 5 meetings per school year
- Open to the public
- Approved meeting minutes kept in a register that is open to the public
- Decisions made by majority vote. In case of tie, Chair has deciding vote
- All decisions must be made in the best interest of the students

General Functions and Powers

- Analyze needs of students and challenges tied to student success
- Analyze characteristics and expectation of the community served by the school
- Oversee and evaluate (periodically) the school's educational project
- Seek collaboration from persons having an interest in the school

General Functions and Powers

Approve / Adopt:

- Educational project and success plan (oversee and evaluate)
- Rules of conduct and safety measures
- Student supervision policy
- List of objects required by students
- Approach proposed for implementation of basic school regulation
- Programming of educational activities which entail changes in the students' regular time and arrival and departure or which require the students to leave school premises
- Implementation of student services and special education service programs
- Use of premises
- School budget
- GB annual report (prepare & submit)

Adopting v/s Approving

Adopt:

Yes or No

(with modifications)

Approve:

Yes or No

(no modifications)



Consult/Advise/Propose:

Not binding

Policy/Rule:

Binding

General Functions and Powers

Is consulted:

- Amendment or revocation of deed of establishment
- Selection criteria for the appointment of the principal
- Textbooks and instructional materials
- School requirements for goods and services, and premises
- Student enrollment criteria (subject to School Board)

Is informed:

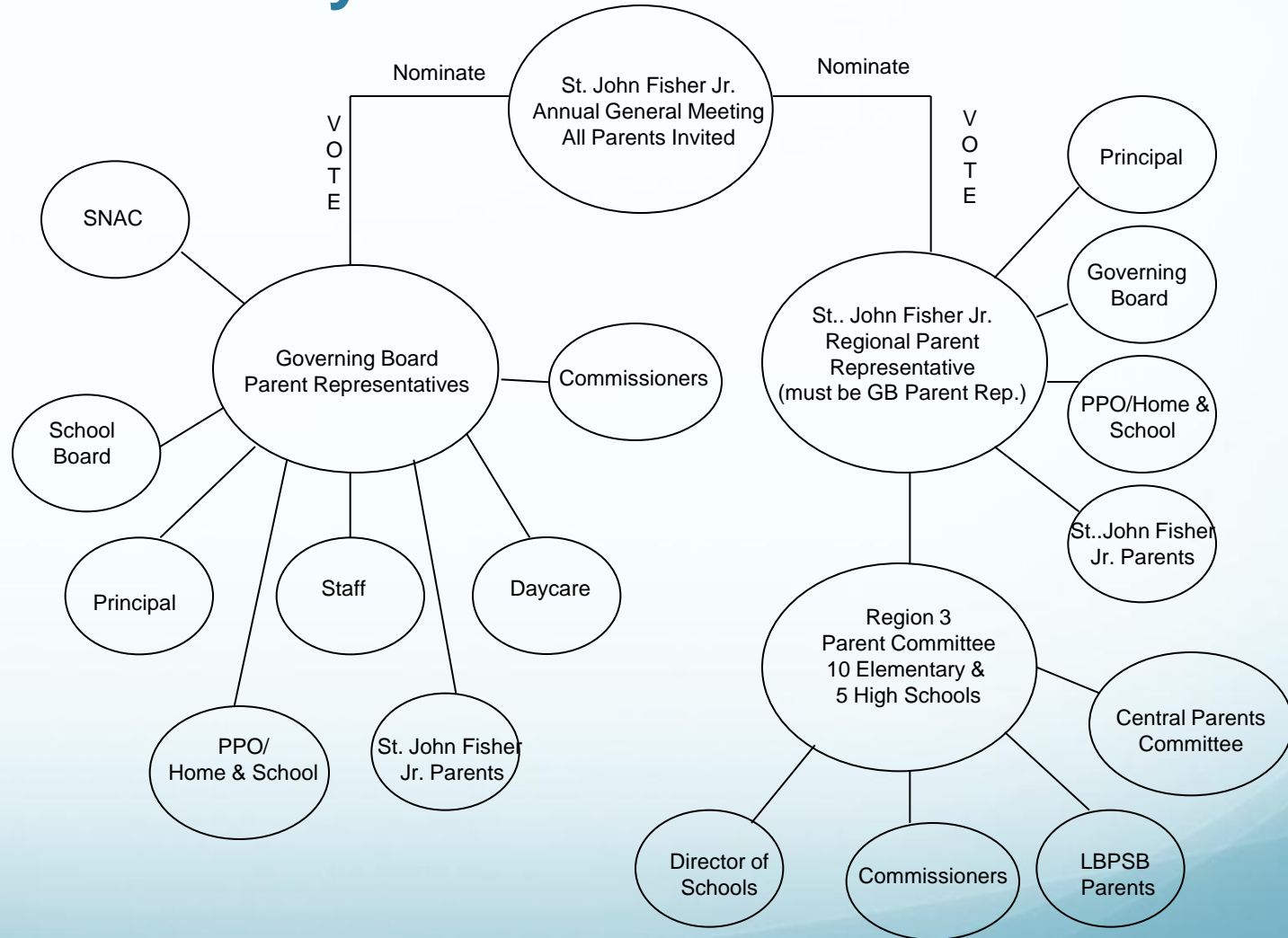
- Local programs of study
- Criteria for the introduction of new instructional material
- Standards and procedures for evaluation
- Rules governing student placement and promotion from elementary to secondary
- Student enrollment criteria

General Functions and Powers

Miscellaneous:

- Services provided by the school – inform the community and report on their level of quality
- Matters pertaining to the proper operation of the school or to the improved organization of the services provided by the school board – advise the school board
- Establish principles for determining the cost of the documents
- May consult parents of children in the school on any matter relating to educational services
- Extracurricular service – may organize; may conclude a contract after having sent a draft to the school board
- May request school childcare services from the school board

Who are your Parent Representatives and With Whom They Communicate



2015-16 Annual Report

- Composition & Attendance:

| PARENTS | 2015 AGM | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 | Feb-16 | Apr-16 | May-16 | Jun-16 | Attendance |
|------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Marie Maguigad | p | p | p | p | - | p | p | - | 75% |
| Carole Choiniere | p | p | p | - | p | p | p | p | 100% |
| Matthew King | p | na | na | p | p | p | p | p | 100% |
| Martin O'Connell | p | p | p | p | p | p | p | p | 88% |
| Julie Smith | p | p | p | p | p | p | p | p | 100% |

| TEACHERS | 2015 AGM | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 | Feb-16 | Apr-16 | May-16 | Jun-16 |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Nadine Émond (shared) | - | - | - | - | p | p | - | p |
| Sylvie Corbeil (shared) | - | p | p | p | - | - | - | - |
| Ann Hunter | - | p | p | p | - | p | p | p |
| Sue de Graff | - | p | p | - | p | p | p | p |
| Martine Létourneau (shared) | - | p | p | p | p | p | p | - |

| SUPPORT STAFF | 2015 AGM | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 | Feb-16 | Apr-16 | May-16 | Jun-16 |
|----------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Ruta Krauza | - | p | p | p | p | p | p | p |

| EX-OFFICIO | 2015 AGM | Oct-15 | Nov-15 | Dec-15 | Feb-16 | Apr-16 | May-16 | Jun-16 |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Commissioner Noel Burke | - | - | - | - | p | p | - | p |
| Commissioner (stand in) Laura Dery | - | p | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sylvie Martin | p | p | p | p | p | p | p | p |

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

N/A

2015-16 Annual Report

- Sector Representatives:
 - Marie Maguigad – Primary
 - Carole Choiniere – Alternate
- Consultations Reviewed:
 - Policy on Enrollment Criteria
 - Principal Selection Criteria
 - Budget Consultation
 - GB Composition
 - LBPSB Strategic Plan
 - Emergency Preparedness Policy
 - 3 year plan Allocation and Destination of Immovables
 - LBPSB By-Law 1 (2016) and By-Law 1E (2016) Council & Executive Meetings
 - Student Transportation Organization Plan
- Resolutions Declined:
 - Daycare Parents' Committee

2015-16 Annual Report

- Resolutions Adopted:
 - Election of GB Chair
 - Election of a Secretary
 - Appointment of Vice-Chair
 - Internal Rules of Management
 - Standing invitation to Commissioner Burke to attend GB meetings
 - Schedule for GB meetings: first Wed of the month
 - Rental facilities
 - Field trips within walking distance
 - Field trip costs
 - Home and School fundraising and liaison

2015-16 Annual Report

- Miscellaneous:
 - The annual budgets for the Jr. Campus adopted
 - The annual budget for the Jr. Daycare adopted
 - The Capital projects
 - School Success Plan
 - GB income statement
 - Pearson Educational Fund
 - Community representative discussion
 - Deed of establishment
 - Emergency Preparedness Plan
 - School Calendar
 - School fees
 - Major School Change
 - Blood Drive
 - Traffic issues around school campus
 - Pelo program
 - Bill 86
 - Anti-bullying, anti-violence plan
 - Social media : Facebook and Twitter
- Total number of GB meetings: 7 & AGM

2015-16 Annual Report

- Field Trips:

| FIELD TRIPS | K | 1 | 2 | Jr Daycare |
|--|---|---|---|------------|
| Nid'Otruche | | | | x |
| La base des plein air | | | x | |
| Cross Country run | x | x | x | |
| Cinéma Beaubien | | | | x |
| Bowling (Laurentian Lanes) | | | | x |
| Musée des Enfants (Laval) | x | | | |
| Musee des beaux arts | | x | | |
| La bibitte mobile | | x | | |
| Camp Notre-Dame-de-Fatima (l'île Perrot) | | | x | |
| Dynamix | | x | | |
| Projet Péliq-an | | x | | |
| Valois swimming pool - year end | x | x | x | |

Current Members

- Parent Representatives:
 - 2 year term ending 2017 :
 - Martin O'Connell
 - Marie Maguigad (resigned)
 - 2 year term ending 2016 :
 - Matthew King
 - Carole Choiniere
 - Julie Ann Smith

Two Governing Boards - Jr & Sr

- In accordance with article 39 of the Education Act, related to the establishment of schools by the school board, the Lester B. Pearson School Board directed all three junior and senior campus elementary schools in the Lester B. Pearson School Board to establish separate deeds of establishment effective July 2012
- In accordance with article 42 of the Education Act, a governing board was established for each school
- Each governing board determines its composition as prescribed by the Education Act

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Governing Board Election Procedure

- Nomination and Election for Governing Board :
 - Require three members for a two-year term, and one member for a one-year term
 - Only parents with children in the Junior campus may nominate, be nominated and vote for this GB
 - Nominees can accept or decline the nomination
 - Should there be more nominations than open positions, a vote will ensue
 - Ballots will be provided in the event of a vote
 - Write down the names of three nominees that you want elected to the Governing Board for two years, then a second vote will follow to fill the one-year term.

Governing Board Election

- Nomination of Election official(s)
 - Election president
 - Election secretary
- Nomination of Parent representatives from GB membership
 - Election of 4 members

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Regional Parents' Committee 2015-16 Report

2015-16 Report Prepared by :
Christina Forrest and Marie Maguigad
(open file)

Regional Parents' Committee

- St. John Fisher Elementary Junior
 - Election of a Parent Representative from GB membership
 - Election of an alternate from GB membership

SPECIAL NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SNAC)

- A Special Needs Parent Representative may be voted onto the Governing Board
- Eligibility of parent representative : Any parent of a child with an IEP is eligible for this position
- Role of this parent representative :
 - Like all GB members, make decisions in the best interests of all students at their school
 - Serve as a contact for parents of students with special needs
 - Interface with SNAC at the school board level

SNAC ELECTION

- Motion to create the position of SNAC parent representative
 - Vote
- If motion is approved :
 - Election of 1 member

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Parents' Participation Organization

- St. John Fisher Elementary has a Home and School, it does not have a PPO
- A PPO would replace Home and School
- Purpose and function of PPO and Home and School are similar
- Key difference:
 - Home and School keeps budgetary surpluses
 - PPO is required to remit surpluses to government
- **Question for vote:**
 - **Do we want to replace Home and School with a PPO?**

Date of First GB Meeting

- St. John Fisher Elementary (Junior)
 - October 5, 2016



THANK YOU
FOR ATTENDING



Adjournment

“The question isn’t who is going to let me; it’s who is going to stop me.”

Ayn Rand