

St. John Fisher Elementary

Governing Board Minutes 2024-10-02

Online via ZOOM at 7:02 pm

Type of meeting: **Governing Board – Regular 2024-25 #1**

Distribution:

Parent Members: Lynne Fornarolo, Tom Fullerton, Matthew Impellezzeri, Stephanie Lapierre, Nadia Lawand

Parent Substitutes: Meg Buckland, Tim Campbell, Kellie George-Bernard, Natasha Gucciardi, George Schizas

Staff: Kyle Graham, Martine Létourneau, Isabelle Nault, Monique Shannon, Sandi Hammock

Ex-Officio: Eve-Marie Durand, Allison Saunders

Public: Emily Shallhorn and Katherine Baxter

Regrets: Meg Buckland, George Schizas

Agenda Topics

1.1 Land Acknowledgment

E. Durand read aloud the land acknowledgement

1.2 Call to Order & Welcome

E. Durand welcomed and called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

1.3 Adoption of the Agenda

T. Fullerton made a motion to approve the Agenda for the 2024-10-02 meeting, the motion was seconded by L. Fornarolo. Unanimously adopted.

1.4 Adoption of the June 5th minutes

T. Fullerton made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2024-06-05 meeting, the motion was seconded by M. Létourneau.

1.5 Questions from Public

1.6. Business Arising

1.7 New Business

1.7.1 Election of GB Chair

N. Lawand nominated herself for GB chair.

L. Fornarolo made a motion to elect N. Lawand as GB Chair, the motion was seconded by M. Impellezzeri. Unanimously approved.

1.7.2 Election of GB Secretary

N. Lawand nominated S.Lapierre as GB secretary. S. Lapierre accepted the nomination.

N. Lawand made a motion to elect S. Lapierre as GB secretary, the motion was seconded by L. Fornarolo.

1.7.3 Election of Vice-Chair

T. Fullerton nominated himself as GB Vice-Chair.

N. Lawand made a motion to elect T. Fullerton as GB Vice-Chair, the motion was seconded by L. Fornarolo.

1.7.4 GB Internal Rules of Management

N. Lawand presented the current Internal Rules of Management. The Internal Rules of Management will be shared with GB in order to allow everyone access to make changes in the document. N. Lawand in discussion with both school principals would like to align both the junior and senior schools' Internal Rules of Management.

Vote is tabled.

1.7.5 Daycare Parents' Committee

N. Gucciardi, S. Lapierre and T. Fullerton requested a Daycare Parents Committee.

S. Hammock noted the request and will follow up with details to come.

1.7.6 Community Reps

N. Lawand proposed asking Daphne Philips to be community rep again.

T. Campbell proposed asking either Eric Stork or Scott Corbett to be community reps.

Both stated they would inquire.

1.7.7 Commissioner's Invite to GB Meetings

N. Lawand will extend an ongoing invitation to the Council of Commissioners to attend the GB meetings.

1.7.8 Dates of GB meetings for the year

N. Lawand proposed the dates for GB 2024-2025 being Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th Dec. 4th or 11th, Feb. 5th, April 2nd, May 7th and June 4th or 11th. Waiting on SR.

Discussion on having GB meetings start at 6:30 instead of 7:00.

M. Létourneau made a motion to approve GB dates and move GB time to 6:30, the motion was seconded by S. Hammock.

1.7.9 Blanket Approval for Walking Distance Trips

N. Lawand - walking distance field trips have already been sent out but this needs to be approved by GB.

S. Lapierre made a motion to approve all 3 km walking distance trips. The motion was seconded by L. Fornarolo.

1.7.10 Field Trips

K. Graham presented the Terry Fox run event, which will be held on October 16th. The school will collect a toonie for Terry, collecting \$2.

I. Nault presented the Stewart Hall outing. November 19th and 20th Grade 2's and the combined grades class will be going to Stewart Hall for a free activity. Exhibit visit and then an art activity will be included in the outing.

S. Lapierre made a motion to approve the above field trips. The motion was seconded by M. Létourneau. Unanimously approved.

1.7.11 Ratify E-Votes GB Chair

- Grade 1 & 2 School Fees
- Home & School List for 2024-2025

M. Létourneau made a motion to ratify the e-votes, the motion was seconded by L. Fornarolo. Unanimously approved.

1.7.12 SPVM Presentation

E-M. Durand shared that the SPVM will be in to present workshops to the grade 1 and 2 students about safety and strangers. It's an important

connection between positivity and police presence. This will happen at the end of October.

1.7.13 Teacher/Class Setup 2024/2025

E. Durand presented the teacher-class setup.

L. Fornarolo asked a question about the grade 1-2 combined grades class and why it was created. E-M. Durand responded that all grade 1 classes were full.

K. Baxter asked if there are more or fewer classes than last year. E-M. Durand responded there are 14 classes this year and there were 15 last year. N. Lawand informed K. Baxter that the public must wait until the end of the meeting to ask their questions. She also stated how lucky we are to have public in the meeting and do want them to participate.

1.7.14 Mandate for Home & School to Manage Fundraising

T. Fullerton made a motion to approve the mandate for Home and School to manage fundraising, the motion was seconded by M. Impellezzeri.

1.7.15 Home & School Event Approval

S. Khalil, community event. A movie with popcorn and snacks. Home and school would need to purchase a movie license for this. They would like to do two of these events this year. H&S would also like to host a comedy night. Two Scholastics events, one at the JR and one at the Sr. campus. The Jr. school fair would be in French and would be in the fall. Fund an artist turns your child's artwork into merchandise.

M. Létourneau made a motion to approve H&S getting started with their fundraising, the motion was seconded by M. Impellezzeri.

1.8 **Reports**

1.8.1 Parents' Committee & SNAC Reports

Nothing to report

1.8.2 Home & School Report

Report attached

1.8.3 Daycare Report

Report attached

1.8.4 Council of Commissioners Report

Nothing to report

1.8.5 Teachers' Report

Report attached

1.8.6 Principal's Report

Report attached

Truth and reconciliation day assembly was hosted in the gym. Students were engaged and sang together on the topic of bettering.

1.9 Questions from Public

T. Campbell asked a question about being a parent sub.

N. Lawand stated subs are public during the meetings that they are not acting as an active member.

1.10 Correspondence

1.12 Adjournment: Next meeting Nov. 6, 2024 (TBC)

T. Fullerton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm.