

Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 8TH 2013

Attendance:	Parents:	Bridget Bagshaw	
		Sandra Gesualdi	Secretary & Vice Chair
		Ken Johnston	Parent Rep.
		Balgovind Pande	Chair
		Mike Vallée	
	Staff:	Rachel Ethier	Teacher
		Lise Lecompte	Teacher
		Nicole Montcalm	Teacher
		Debbie Poirier	Librarian
		Laura Sulano	Daycare
	Principal:	Tony Di Vittori	
	Community Rep.	Gloria Coulter	
Regrets:	Linton Garner, Commissioner		

6.1 Call to Order

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by B. Pande at 7:04pm.

6.2 Adoption of the Agenda

12-13-59 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier, and was carried unanimously.*

6.3 Adoption of Minutes of April 10th, 2013.

12-13-60 *It was moved by L. Sulano to accept the minutes with the corrections. The motion was seconded by N. Montcalm, and was carried with seven (7) in favor and two (2) abstentions.*

6.4 Questions from the public

None

6.5 Business Arising

6.5.1 Social Media (Update)

It was agreed upon that the website needed to be revitalized. There are no funds available to venture into the social-media realm.

6.6 New Business

6.6.1 Student Code of Conduct

The structure and presentation of the document has been changed to a very clear and easy to read format. New to the Code, in the School Discipline Policy, are the definitions of the following: Conflict, bullying and violence. This shows the progression of behavior. Also two behaviours to avoid were added:

- “Disrespectful or negative behavior towards fellow students, staff, volunteers and bus drivers both in school and **on social media**”.
- “Disrespectful or non-compliant behavior during school transportation or towards volunteers during carpooling on school trips may result in loss of privileges or other sanctions based on the nature of the act”.

This document will be made into a poster and it will be printed in the students’ agendas. Also, it will be translated into French. It was suggested that it can be used as a teaching tool.

12-13-61 It was moved by B. Bagshaw to approve the Student Code of Conduct as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Sulano and was carried unanimously.

6.6.2 School Calendar 2013-14

12-13-62 It was moved by N. Montcalm to approve the school calendar for the 2013-14 as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier and was carried unanimously.

6.6.3 Rentals 2013-14

The rental contracts remain the same as this past year; West Island Ladies Basketball: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and sometimes Friday. Tora Karate: Thursday and Saturday morning.

12-13-63 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve the rentals for the year 2013-14 as presented. The motion was seconded by N. Montcalm and was carried unanimously.*

6.6.4 Year-End Pool Days

Once again Valois Pool has opened the pool early to allow our students to enjoy “pool days”. The dates will be as follows: June 11-14, & 17. The Grad Pool Party will be June 18th.

It was suggested that at this time an email should be sent to parents requesting that overdue books return be returned.

12-13-64 *It was moved by N. Montcalm to approve this school activity. The motion was seconded by K. Johnston and carried unanimously.*

6.6.5 June 21st Schedule

June 21st will be a half day, ending at 12:00 noon. Busses will leave at 12:10pm. The students will not eat lunch at school on this day.

6.6.6 Community Work w/ Spiritual Animator

- The teacher will drive three students to the Legion to serve lunch.
- The Bayview Intergenerational Program will continue, involving grade 6 students.
- On October 16th a Pet Show at the Bayview is organized for students and residents. Thirty (30) grade 5 students are invited to attend. Transport will be by school bus.

12-13-65 *It was moved by K. Johnston to approve these activities. The motion was seconded by L. Lecompte and was carried unanimously.*

6.6.7 AGM 2013

B. Pande suggested to the GB to proceed with the same format as last year’s AGM, using the power-point presentation. Both Jr and Sr AGMs will be on the same night, one after the other. Depending on the location, that school will host the first meeting; this will alternate each year. Chairpersons from both schools will determine the location for the next AGM which will take place Wednesday September 11, 2013.

12-13-66 *It was moved by R. Ethier to approve the date and format of the 2013-14 AGM. The motion was seconded by N. Montcalm and carried unanimously.*

6.7 Reports

6.7.1 Parent Representative Report

- The Central Parents' Committee (CPC) has set-up an Allergy Committee.

6.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

No report.

6.7.3 Home & School Report

- S. Gesualdi gave an update concerning the Annual BBQ. Local grocers have donated items allowing for H&S to raise funds to help fund the Robotics Program and buy iPads for the school.
- A school in need made a request for books, through the regional parents' network. H&S had 10 boxes of books in storage (originally collected for the Born to Read program, but no longer needed). These boxes were picked-up and delivered to the school in need.

6.7.4 Teachers' Report

- Grade 3 classes hosted a Poetry Café and marionette plays for parents.
Grade 4 students had a very successful Medieval Festival and Feast. M. Victor played guitar and was accompanied by other Minstrels. There were Kings, peasants and everyone in between (including executioners!). Parents brought in food for the feast which was held in the gym. Staff put in much effort and time towards this festival and the results were evident...a good time was had by all!
- Grade 5 math exams are ongoing.
- Grade 6 students are writing English exams and getting ready for graduation.
- Lève toi et Bouge: The staff and students have played noodle tag, chicken football and other team-building games. There has been great cooperation amongst the students.

6.7.5 Library Report

- The April 18th Book Fair in the gym brought in \$1000 for the school.
- Grade 6 students enjoyed a great presentation by Eric Walters.
- Books from the Birthday Books Program and Grad Books Program are bought and shelved.
- Suggestions for next year: Have a second Book Fair and a portion of the proceeds from both Book Fairs can be shared to support another school's library.
This can involve The Social Action Team, seeing that it would be a school in need of books. It would be great to host the second Book Fair during Literacy Week.
- All library books are to be returned by May 31st.

6.7.6 Daycare Report

- On the May 17th ped day the kids stayed at school. They made homemade pasta and cupcakes. They also did arts and crafts.
- Daycare Week involved the staff and kids getting treats each day. On Thursday the staff had a luncheon.
- June 20th is Graduation Day; for those remaining, it will be a Fun Day.

6.7.7 Principal's Report

- Road work - update
- School play a great success
 - One complaint: Use of iPads blocking view
- Portfolio evening - great turnout and a fantastic atmosphere in the school
- Mini-day went well (May 22nd)
- Grad committee has met
 - June 20th date
 - Letter home to parents soon
 - Grad reception
 - Pool party (June 18th)
- Yearbook preps underway
- Leve Toi et Bouge
 - Student assembly
 - Permacon team present
 - Plaque presented for gym (will have a plaque made for their offices)
 - School-wide activities during the month:
 - Toilet tag
 - Chicken football
 - Freeze dance w/ Jr and school photo
 - Schedule on website
- Spelling Bee finals
 - Great event
 - Play-off final
 - Winner: Max Iapallucci (Gr. 5)
- SAT Raffle another great success (May 7th)
- Grade 3 Poetry Café: May 2nd & May 8th
- Medieval Festival
 - Wow! Great success.
 - Lots of food
 - Many volunteers
- Digital resources to purchase (\$2500)
- Hep B vaccines today
- Concert series (Gr 4 & 5)
- Daycare Show (May 22nd)
- Community Walk (May 24th)
- Grade 6 Band Concert (May 28th)
- H&S BBQ (June 6th)

6.8 Questions from the Public

None

Adjournment and the Next Meeting Date: 6:30pm, Wednesday June 12th 2013.

12-13-67 Upon a motion by Mike Vallée and seconded by B. Bagshaw, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be at 6:30pm on Wednesday 12th, 2013. At this meeting the budget will be presented.