

Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING – NOVEMBER 14TH 2012

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

2.1 Call to Order

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by B. Pande at 7:03pm.

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

12-13-25 *It was moved by N. Montcalm that the agenda be accepted with the addition of item 2.6.5 Phys. Ed. trip. The motion was seconded by M. Vallée, and was carried unanimously.*

2.3 Adoption of Minutes of September 26th, 2012.

12-13-26 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by K. Johnston and was carried unanimously.*

2.4 Questions from the public

No public was present.

2.5 Business Arising

2.5.1 Community Rep

This will be tabled at the next meeting.

2.6 New Business

2.6.1 GB Vice Chair

12-13-27 *B. Pande proposed that S. Gesualdi be the GB Vice chair. S. Gesualdi accepted. It was moved by L. Sulano that S. Gesualdi act as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by K. Johnston and was carried unanimously.*

2.6.2 Enrollment Criteria

This document is consulted each year. Minor changes were made from last year. There was no comment from the GB. A letter will be sent to the Board to accept the document.

2.6.3 Field Trip

Grade 4 students will be going to the Musée des Beaux Arts, Il Était un Fois, Expressionism. November 29th, 9:15 AM to noon. Ratio 1:7. 118 students/18 adults. Cost is \$20/student (entrance fee and transportation by school bus).

12-13-28 *It was moved by N. Montcalm and seconded by B. Bagshaw to approve the fieldtrip. The motion was carried unanimously.*

2.6.4 Anti-Bullying Plan (initial information)

Considering Law 19, Anti-Bullying) each school will include Anti-Bullying as part of their School Success Plan. There is a template to follow.

2.6.5 Basketball Jamboree at McGill

40 Grade 5 & 6 students will take part in the McGill Basketball Jamboree, a day-long activity. The ratio is 1:15. The cost is \$15/student. This is not a tournament; the students will be in groups comprised of students from other schools, learning to work together. If more than 40 students are interested, 40 names will be chosen from a draw.

12-13-29 *It was moved by M. Valle and seconded by L. Lecompte to approve that 40 students attend the McGill Basketball Jamboree. The vote was carried unanimously.*

2.7 Reports

2.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report

K. Johnston gave a verbal report to the GB. He attended the General Assembly at the LBPSB. Elections took place. K. Johnston will also represent Region 3 (Elementary) on the Central Parent's Committee (CPC). The Regional meetings will alternate full-length Regional meetings with Regional & Elementary/High School sub-committee meetings.

2.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Garner sent his regrets. The "Unofficial Notes" were included in the kit.

2.7.3 Home and School Report

- H&S will donate \$1600 to the *Dare to Care* workshop. This donation is given by a company at which a SJF parent works.
- Considering the shortage of coordinator volunteers for the Christmas fair, the fair will take place in February as a Carnival Fair.
- Fundscrip has had a good start this year. Contests and prizes have encouraged people to participate.
- *The Bully Within* Workshop was attended by approximately 30 parents.
- Halloween boxes were collected.
- SJF Hoodies are ordered.
- Someone will look into posting school activities in the Gazette Chalkboard section.
- Book fair will be November 21st.
- Volunteers helped with the Vaccination program.
- H&S has 82 official members.
- Concerning the teacher wish-list: \$75 was given to each teacher at both schools to spend on their classrooms.
- Quebec Federation of Home & School will host a workshop November 17th.
- The next H&S meeting is November 20th at the Senior school.

2.7.4 Teacher's Report

- There were two Remembrance Day assemblies. November 7th, Take Time to Remember. The students sang and there was a moment of silence.
- Grade 5 students went on the Pointe Claire Village Tour.
- The Arbraska trip went very well and the students had a great time. They worked well together which was the goal of the trip.
- Grade 6 students are training for the Math Olympics
- 16 students have joined the Tech Team.
- Grade 5 Math Club is on its way.

2.7.5 Librarian's Report

- There will be an Usborne book sale during parent/teacher interviews.
- The Birthday Book program is underway.
- There are 12 051 books in the library; 40% French. 19 000 books circulated last year which is the highest number in all Elementary schools. Only 35 books were not returned last year.
- Scholastic book fair in the spring generated money for the school which it uses to pay visiting authors. The cost per visit is approximately \$450/hour.
- A discussion took place concerning adding more French books to the book fairs at the school. R. Ethier will look into how the French schools hold their book fairs and with which companies.

2.7.6 Daycare Report

- Beginning in February there will be lunch-time extra-curricular activities. Forms will be sent home in December. The activities will include: Red Cross Babysitting Course, Ceramics and Chess.
- In the month of May there will be a Daycare Show for the parents.

2.7.7 Principal's Report

- Thank you to the Permacon-Pierre Lavoie Cycling Team. They donated \$10,655 to the school. The students are now participating in the "Aiguise ta Matière Grise".
- School Success Plan:
 - Literacy (reading and writing bulletin boards)
 - Numeracy (school-wide activities, resource on portal for teachers)
 - Social action committee will continue with school-wide activities.
 - Reviewed and updated during the November 1st ped day)
 - Will be discussed and monitored throughout the year.
- Grade 4 vaccinations on Nov 7th.
- Report cards issued Nov 19th; P/T interviews Nov 21 & 22. Parents will call the office to make appointments with the teachers.
- Teacher's convention Nov 22nd & 23rd.
- Budget (November revised) will be presented to the GB in December.
- SJF Christmas Fair (at the Jr. Campus) will not take place due to the lack of volunteers. A Fair will take place in the new year.
- TTFM Survey will take place at the end of November or early December.
- Christmas baskets:
 - Food collection week will begin December 10; collecting for SJF Church and Station 5.
- H & S Parent Session November 12 "Bully Within"
- Dare to Care December 5th & 6th with student/December 5th with parents.
- Community officers spoke to Grade 6 students (Bullying/harassment and the law)
- Concerts:
 - Choir, evening of December 12th (106 students participating).
 - Grade 3, December 18th at 8:30am.

2.6 Questions from the Public

No public was present.

Adjournment and the Next Meeting Date: 7:15pm, Wednesday December 12th 2012.

12-13-30 *Upon a motion by K. Johnston and seconded by R. Ethier, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The motion was carried unanimously. The next meeting will be at 7:15pm on Wednesday December 12th, 2012 in the library. Due to the School Concert which begins at 6:30pm, the GB meeting will begin at 7:15pm.*