

Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – December 11TH, 2013

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

3.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by B. Pande at 6:31pm.

3.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Principal's Report added as 3.7.1

13-14-20 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to adopt the agenda with the addition of point 3.7.1 Principal's Report. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier, and was carried unanimously.*

3.3 Adoption of Minutes of November 13th, 2013.

13-14-21 *It was moved by M. Vallée to adopt the minutes with the correction to be made (in the attendance list). The motion was seconded by B. Bagshaw, and was carried unanimously.*

3.4 Questions from the Public

None

3.5 Business Arising

None

3.6 New Business

3.6.1 SJF Sr. Daycare budget (Nov. Revised)

- It has been two years that the government does not take back the surplus therefore it remains in the account (will go towards the Quebec Embellishment Project).
- Government grants are given for the following: students with special needs (need more care/staff), ped days, and to help cover the salaries; parent fees alone do not cover the staff salaries.
- L. Sulano presented a balanced budget for this year. It was noted that the daycare receives many grants from the governments.

13-14-22 *It was moved by M. Vallée to adopt the SJF-Sr. Daycare November Revised Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by N. Montcalm, and was carried unanimously.*

3.6.2 Radon Detectors in Schools

Radon “pucks” have been placed in various locations in the school. In a few months they will be collected and sent to a lab for analysis. Radon testing is done in all schools of the LBPSB.

3.6.3 LPHS Production “Grease”

At the end of March, grade 5 & 6 students will go to Lindsay Place HS to see the production “Grease”. The cost will be \$5 to \$6 per student and they will walk to the HS.

13-14-23 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve this field trip. The motion was seconded by M. Vallée and was carried unanimously.*

3.6.4 Centaur Theatre’s Children’s Program

The Centaur Theatre will come to the school and present to the grades 3 & 4 students in mid-March. The cost per student is \$3 to \$4.

13-14-24 *It was moved by R. Ethier to approve this “in-house” field trip. The motion was seconded by L. Sulano and was carried unanimously.*

3.6.5 Grade 3 Valentine’s Day Concert

Grade 3 students will be presenting a concert around the date of February 14th.

3.6.6 La Pieta Concert (LPHS)

La Pieta orchestra (founded by Ms. A. Dubois, violinist) will be performing at LPHS on May 12th. Grades 5 & 6 will be going to the concert. The cost per student is \$6 to \$8 and they will walk to the HS.

13-14-25 *It was moved by D. Poirier to approve this field trip. The motion was seconded by N. Montcalm and was carried unanimously.*

3.7 Reports

3.7.1 Principal's Report

- PELO Program update:
 - January start date. The program will run for 12 weeks (instead of the usual 20 weeks)
 - One group at the Sr school; One group at the Jr school. Each class is one hour long.
- Website updates.
 - Media-tech material created by the students is on our school website; some of it interactive.
 - Grade 3 Winter Word Clouds creations are posted.
 - Sound-bites from the Choir (112 students) Concert are available.
- Literacy Week:
 - "Reading Around the World" was this year's theme.
 - There was a moment of silence in honor of Nelson Mandela.
 - Video presentation.
 - Drop and Read throughout the school. Students had to have a book with them at all times.
 - Class postcard. Each class will create a postcard, mail it to selected schools around the world and hopefully get a response.
 - Usually Literacy Week takes place later in the year. The change in date seems to work better.
- December 20th (last day of school before the Christmas break) students will be dismissed at noon.

3.8 Questions from the Public

- Some parents were not pleased with the quality of the school pictures from the new company chosen by H&S. Other companies were mentioned such as Image/Image and Lifetouch.

Adjournment and the Next Meeting Date: 7:00 pm, Wednesday February 12th 2014.

13-14-26 *Upon a motion by B. Bagshaw and seconded by S. Gesualdi, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Wednesday February 12th, 2014.