

## Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING – December 3rd 2014

Attendance:

Parents:	Bridget Bagshaw	
	Sandra Gesualdi	Secretary & Vice Chair
	Balgovind Pande	Chair
	Jennifer Pastor	
	Karl Santaguida	

Staff:	Lise Lecompte	Teacher
	Linda Neron	Teacher
	Debbie Poirier	Librarian
	Laura Sulano	Daycare

Principal:	Tony Di Vittori
Commissioner:	Noel Burke

Regrets:	Rachel Ethier	Teacher
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#### 2.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by B. Pande at 6:50pm.

#### 2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

14-15-22 *It was moved by D. Poirier to adopt the agenda with the change of 2.7.2 to follow 2.4. The motion was seconded by B. Bagshaw, and was carried unanimously.*

#### 2.3 Adoption of Minutes of November 12th, 2014.

14-15-23 *It was moved by L. Neron to adopt the minutes of the November 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded J. Pastor, was carried unanimously.*

#### 2.4 Questions from the Public

None.

## 2.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Noel Burke introduced himself to the Governing Board. He gave an overview of his involvement in the education system (of over 40 years). He is the Vice-Chair of the Council of Commissioners. He is also a member of various committees such as the SNAC and the Education Committee.

- Coordinates are as follows: nburke@lbpsb.ca 514.422.3000 ext. 30124
- There are now 12 voting commissioners and 50+ schools.
- There are 112 less students enrolled in the LBPSB than last year.
- Mr. Burkes election platform based on the following points:
  - a. Student bilingualism, focusing at the secondary level.
  - b. Planning earlier for efficient special needs services.
  - c. Greater access to continuing education.
  - d. Broader parental consultation (social media).
  - e. Expand community sponsorship.
  - f. Financial transparency: Showing the total costs of running a school besides the operating costs of a school. This way people will better understand how much it costs to operate a building.
  - g. Eco-friendly school initiative (stimulated from the Board)
  - h. Community service (fundraising).

## 2.5 Business Arising

### 2.5.1 PEF Grant (ratification)

The Tech Team, Ms. Lavery, Ms. Kate, and Principal Di Vittori, will be embarking on an Entrepreneurial Project which will involve asking for donations of old laptops no longer in use. The students, under the guidance of teachers, Principal Di Vittori and a Board consultant will refurbish these laptops with a Linux operating system and therefore render them useful again for school purposes. The Team has applied for an Entrepreneurship Grant and would like to request for additional funding (\$2000) from the Pearson Education Foundation (PEF) to help purchase new laptop batteries and AC adapters for the refurbished laptops. These laptops would be used at school in addition what is already at school.

14-15-24 *It was moved by K. Santaguida to ratify the email vote concerning the Laptop Project. The motion was seconded by L. Lecompte, was carried unanimously.*

## 2.6 New Business

### 2.6.1 School November 2014-15 Revised Budget

Principal Di Vittori presented the School Budget. The school is in good standing.

14-15-25 *It was moved by D. Poirier to approve the School November Revised Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Sulano, was carried unanimously.*

Please note that **2.6.2** was not listed on the agenda.

### **2.6.3 Daycare November 2014-15 Revised Budget**

L. Sulano presented the Daycare Budget. The Daycare is in good standing.

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*It was moved by K. Santaguida to approve the Daycare November Revised Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by J. Pastor, was carried unanimously.*

## **2.7 Reports**

### **2.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report**

B. Bagshaw presented a report.

- Comments concerning the election and the wait times and people being turned away in the Dorval/Lachine area. If anyone experienced difficulty voting, they are asked to send a letter to Council Chair, Ms. Stein Day.
- The board is "going GOOGLE".
- Barbara Freestone spoke concerning the PEF. The foundation needs better exposure and corporate sponsors.

### **2.7.3 H&S Report**

Wendy Gray presented the H&S report.

This month the QFHSA gave a clinic at the H&S meeting.

A copy of the H&S Quarterly Report was given out.

### **2.7.4 Teacher's Report**

- Grade 3 English: fractions and fairy tales. French: superheroes and Penguins.
- Grade 4 English: inventions. French: animal research.
- Grade 5 French: poetry and art. Mme. Bilodeau received a grant.
- Grade 6: Unit on Owls. The Ecomuseum will come to the class. Math Olympics. Art Club offered at lunchtime.

### **2.7.5 Librarian's Report**

- Purchased \$1000 of new books.
- Eric Walters will visit in the spring.
- Mrs. Poirier has been asked to help with the survey, Forest of Reading. A list of books is given to students to read and then vote on which book should win the prize. At this time the survey involves students from Trinidad, Ontario, China, Nunavik. Quebec has been invited to join the survey (with the direction of Mrs. Poirier).

### **2.7.6 Daycare Report**

The daycare will continue to subsidize fieldtrips although the Government has decreased the grant per child (in the past, \$816 was given per child. The amount decreased to \$750. This change is to daycares with more than 100 children); As of January 2015, the cost per outing will

be \$20 as opposed to \$15 that was charged to the parents in the past. A notice will be sent to parents stating this change. All daycare fieldtrips itemize the cost of the outing i.e. the entrance fee/the charge/the amount that daycare subsidizes.

14-15-27 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve the fee of \$20 per Daycare fieldtrip; a change from \$15. The motion was seconded J. Pastor, and was carried unanimously.*

### **2.7.7 Principal's Report**

- ✓ P/T evening went well and the new appointment scheduling system worked as expected. Positive feedback from parents.
  - ✓ TTFM survey in progress
  - ✓ Math Olympics will be held tomorrow evening. Thirteen Grade 6 students will be representing SJF-Sr under the guidance of Ms. Lavery and Ms. McCulloch.
  - ✓ Choir concert will be held next Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
  - ✓ Hour of Code: Media Tech class activity next week at all grade levels. Hour of Code: giving the computer instructions to do things. Coding will be taught in the new year. Hoursofcode.com: encouraging girls to take interest in computers.
  - ✓ School yard snow removal.
  - ✓ Dismissal on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> will be at 2:20 PM.
  - ✓ Literacy Week (Dec. 15th-19th).
- a. Grade 6 fieldtrip. NFB "Image par Image". Full day. They will create a 30 second video. Two groups will be going (4 classes). January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cost is \$25-\$27. Ratio 1:13. They will return at 3/3:30pm.
- b. The Ecomuseum will visit Mme. Neron/ Mrs. McCulloch's classes on December 17. They will be studying owls and the students will be dissecting owl pellets. Cost is \$5 (school will subsidize \$4).

14-15-28 *It was moved by K. Santaguida to approve the above mentioned fieldtrips. The motion was seconded by L. Sulano, was carried unanimously.*

## **2.8 Questions from the Public**

None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

14-15-29 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. The motion was seconded by K. Santaguida, was carried unanimously.*

**Next Meeting Date:  
Wednesday February 11th, 2015.**