

Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – April 8th 2015

Attendance:

Parents:	Bridget Bagshaw Sandra Gesualdi Balgovind Pande Karl Santaguida	Regional Parent Rep. Secretary & Vice Chair Chair
Staff:	Rachel Ethier Lise Lecompte Linda Neron Debbie Poirier Laura Sulano	Teacher Teacher Teacher Librarian Daycare
Principal:	Tony Di Vittori	
Public:	None	

Regrets: Noel Burke, Commissioner
Jennifer Pastor, Parent

5.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by B. Pande at 7:05 pm.

5.2 Adoption of the Agenda

14-15-38 *It was moved by D. Poirier to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by L. Lecompte, and was carried unanimously.*

5.3 Adoption of Minutes of February 11th, 2015.

14-15-39 *It was moved by K. Santaguida to adopt the minutes of the February 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded L. Sulano, and was carried unanimously.*

5.4 Questions from the Public

None

5.5 Business Arising

5.5.1 Workshop for Grade 5 Students (update)

There is no funding available (grant that was requested was not granted) for the project organized by the spiritual animator.

5.6 New Business

5.6.1 Major School Change

Budget cuts from MELS have led to Major School Change (MSC). These cuts translate to ~ 20% cuts for the LBPSB. On the surface, two actions will most probably take place:

- Increase revenue
- Cut costs (merge and/or close schools)

The School Board is asking for a brief from all Governing Boards which is due October 2015. These briefs will then be reviewed and changes will be made in the 2016 school year.

- We will send out a joint letter (with Junior GB) to the parents, explaining MSC.
- A sub-committee will be formed together with the Junior GB, with the mandate to collect questions and formulate a survey that will be sent out in order to get feedback from the school community. The sub-committee will consist of one parent, one teacher, both GB Chairs and both principals (six members). It was suggested to use 'Survey Monkey' as a vehicle to survey the community.

14-15-40

It was moved by R. Ethier to create a sub-committee to formulate a survey concerning MSC. The motion was seconded by D. Poirier, and was carried unanimously.

5.6.2 Three Year Plan of Allocation 2015-18 (consult)

No comment.

5.6.3 GB Composition

No change from the present composition.

5.6.4 Pointe Claire Summer Camp

The city will use our school from June 30th to August 14th; there will be time to get the school ready for the new school year.

5.6.5 Council & Executive Meeting Dates (consult)

No comment.

5.7 Reports

5.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report

The following items were discussed at the Regional meeting:

- Low enrollment and how to market schools better.

- Advertise our school successes and make the School Success Plan more familiar to the parent community.
- STEAM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) implemented at St. Charles School. Will also be used in other schools.
- Joh Hattie workshop highlights: lower class size doesn't affect learning. Self-evaluation, connectedness and class discussion (having input) all affect learning.
- Science and Robotics Fair
- PEF May Run fundraiser.
- Camp Voyageurs still has open spots for summer camp.

5.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Notes

No report.

5.7.3 Home and School Report

- Spring Fair April 11th
- New executive to be voted in at the May meeting.

5.7.4 Teacher's Report

Included in the Principal's Report.

5.7.5 Librarian's Report

- The Book Fair will take place on April 23rd. The money raised will defray the cost to bring in visiting authors (~ \$450). Sherry Ugechi and Eric Walters will be coming to the school.
- Pointe Claire Library will host a Summer Reading Program.
- Grade 5 students will visit Valois Library.

5.7.6 Daycare Report

- There will be a \$.70 increase in daycare fees (\$8.00 from \$7.30). There won't be an increase for the month of April.
- Talent Show was a success. There were 270 spectators.
- Lunchtime activities have ended.

5.7.7 Principal's Report

- Staff thanks the H&S committee and volunteers for the "Staff Appreciation" week goodies. They were greatly appreciated!
- I'd like to thank Carla (H&S) for picking up the two iPads for the school.
- Spiritual animator's funding did not come thru for the FSSTT visit
- Dr. Lupien (workshops given were for a study and they do not at present go into schools)
- School Success Plan (update): SSP committee has started discussions concerning the 2015-20 plan and has attended workshops at the Board.
- Junior Leadership Day at Westpark Elementary School was held on February 6th. Eight Grade 6 students attended with Ms. Lavery

- Le Theatre Parimou presented a play entitle ‘Face It” to the entire student population. It was well presented.
 - Self-esteem & conflict resolution
 - Help improve communication between students and reduce aggressive behaviours
- McGill students presented Brain Awareness workshops to the Grade 6 classes. Was well received by students and staff.
- Public speaking competition was a great success:
 - Cycle 2 Winners:
 - Kathleen Casey (423) - 1st place
 - Megan Dagsaan (423) – 2nd place
 - Ella Duke (424) – 3rd place
 - Cycle 3 Winners:
 - Amber Love (524) - 1st place
 - Shannon Montgomery (624) - 2nd place
 - Jacob Belisle (624) – 3rd place
 - Honourable Mention:
 - Nicholas DeVincentis (422)
 - Philippe Markiewicz (324)
 - Lucas Bernardino (422)
- The SAT held a bake sale to raise funds for Suitcase for Africa - raised over \$700. Would like to thank all the families that prepared Rice Krispie squares for the sale.
- The JRHS band performed for our students
- On March 19th the entire school will be attended the LPHS production of the Addam’s Family
- Grade 6 students attended the Station 5 Substance Abuse Prevention workshops on March 25th. Our community officers did a great job in organizing the event. Very informative kiosks and presentations.
- Mrs. Larocque and 13 students attended the Free the Children “We Day” event on March 24th.
- We have 3 grade 6 students presenting two projects at the Pte-Claire Youth Council on April 13th
 - Cassandra Gillen (Pte-Claire Fitness Challenge)
 - Lauren Hornby & Meghan Hunt (Dog Park at Valois Park)
- Daycare students presented a talent show for parents on April 2nd (evening). Great success and
- Change in date for next month’s GB meeting (LBPSB retirement dinner)
- Play was a great success
- Extended stage bought (thank Sandra for her work with the Silent Auction)
- Board consultant came in to present Enquiry Based Learning, Smarter Science, STEAM
- Bomb threat at LPHS
- Art clubs, math clubs, and rock band well underway
- Birds of Prey unit (Gr. 5)
 - Faucon-Edu
 - April 9th visit to SJF-Sr
 - All grade 5 classes
 - No cost to students (paid by school)
- Intramurals going strong
- Pte-Claire Youth Council on Monday evening (April 13th) – will be webcast.
- Grade 3 music concert April 22nd (morning)
- Bombardier Competition “Passion pour L’Aviation”

- 16 students attending (4 teams) with two adults
- Friday, April 17th
- Theatre Paradox (Verdun)
- No cost to the students
- Transportation provided by Aero Montreal and community partners
- School competition this Friday
- Portfolio Evening will be held on April 23rd. No appointments necessary. Will be on a drop-in basis.
- April 24th is a ped day
- Grade 6 Mini-Day: students will be visiting local high school on Monday, April 27th
- Tentative date for the Grade 2 parent Info evening is April 27th
- Air quality inspection – last week of April

14-15-41 *It was moved by L. Sulano to approve that sixteen students will take part in the Airplane Competition. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier, and was carried unanimously.*

Canoe Trip: Grade 5 students will walk to the Pointe Claire Canoe Club on June 15th and 16th. Two classes per day will go. The ratio is 1:5 and the cost is \$15. There will be 3-4 stations, safety procedures are in place. The students will learn canoeing and take part in a dragon boat race.

14-15-42 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve the Canoe Club fieldtrip. The motion was seconded by K. Santaguida, and was carried unanimously.*

5.8 Questions from the Public

B. Pande presented 'The Walking School Bus', an initiative of the Canadian Cancer Society. He requested approval for the company to come to the school to do a survey to see if there is interest to implement this program. This is a parent- run (volunteered) program; for students living within 1.6km from school.

14-15-43 *It was moved by B. Bagshaw to approve to have the Walking School Bus company come to SJF to do a survey. The motion was seconded by L. Sulano, and was carried unanimously.*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

**Please note that next month`s meeting date has been changed from
Wednesday May 13th to Thursday May 14th**

Next Meeting Date: THURSDAY MAY 14th, 2015 AT 7:00PM