

Governing Board Minutes

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary
February 10th, 2016

Participants:

Parents: Sandra Gesualdi, Balgovind Pande, Jennifer Pastor, Karl Santaguida, Julie Smith
Teachers: Rachel Éthier, Linda Néron
Support Staff: Laura Sulano
Principal: Tony Di Vittori
Commissioner: Noel Burke
Public: None
Regrets: Christina Forest, Lise Lecompte, Aida Lukosevicius

- 4.1 Call to Order & Welcome
Balgovind Pande called the meeting to order at 19:03.
- 4.2 Adoption of the Agenda
- 15-16-26 *Motion to adopt the agenda with the following amendments proposed by Jennifer Pastor and seconded Karl Santaguida. HandS report was added as item 4.7.3 and the Principal's Report was moved to 4.7.4. Carried unanimously. Note that items 4.7.2 and 4.6.5 were moved to follow 4.6.2; these items will appear in the order as presented in the agenda.*
- 4.3 Adoption of the Minutes of December 7th, 2015
- 15-16-27 *Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting proposed by Rachel Éthier, seconded by Linda Néron. Carried unanimously.*
- 4.4 Questions from Public
No questions.
- 4.5 Business Arising
- 4.5.1 MSC (update)
Tony Di Vittori gave the MSC update.
- 4.6 New Business
- 4.6.1 Balgovind Pande presented the LBPSB Budget Consult.

19:13 Julie Smith joined the meeting.
- 4.6.2 Principal's Selection Criteria
Balgovind Pande led a discussion regarding the principal's selection criteria. Discussion ensued.
- 4.6.3 SJF Annual Report
Tony Di Vittori presented the report. Discussion ensued.

20:05 Noel Burke left the meeting.

15-16-28 *Motion to approve the SJF Annual Report proposed by Julie Smith and seconded by Karl Santaguida. Carried unanimously.*

4.6.4 Capital Projects
Tony Di Vittori presented the Capital Projects of the school year.
Discussion ensued.

15-16-29 *Motion to adopt capital projects proposed by Laura Sulano and seconded by Jennifer Pastor. Carried unanimously.*

4.6.5 Bill 86
Balgovind Pande led a discussion about Bill 86
Discussion ensued about drafting a template for a letter to share with the community if they want to address their concerns regarding Bill 86 to the assembly.

4.7 Reports

4.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report
Julie Smith replaced Christina Forest at the Region 3 Meeting, and gave the Regional Parents' Committee report as follows.

Region 3 Parents Committee Meeting (for GB meeting 2016-02-03)

The meeting took place on January 21st, 2016 at the School Board Home Office in Dorval. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm and was adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm.

Introductions were made. Mary Ann Davis, Commissioner for Electoral Division 1 was present.

Bill 86 will be discussed at info session at 7:30 pm.

New Business

- The “work-to-rule” vote was briefly discussed by David Meloche, the Regional Director. There was a very low turnout for voting, possibly due to the weather conditions. He explained that two questions were tabled for the teacher negotiations. The second question regarding work-to-rule may have confused the issue.

Regional Director Report

- David Meloche discussed the MSC. There were two proposed mergers, one closure and some rezoning. There are meetings scheduled to vote on these proposed actions. Parents will need support and action from their local MNAs and other involved parties to fight these actions. Dorval has voted to have a special invitational on February 4th for parents with children who will be rezoned.
- Open houses are starting and the registration period begins in February.

Input from Schools

- Allion – have begun using stationary bikes

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

4.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report
Noel Burke gave the commissioner's report.
Discussion ensued about timeline of Bill 86.

4.7.2

Daycare Report

Laura Sulano gave the daycare report as follows.

1. December was a very busy month with the kids working on their Christmas presents for their parents.
2. On the last day before the Christmas holidays, we held a Santa's Workshop. We had 6 different activities, such as Bingo, craft, face painting, floor hockey tournaments, a Christmas movie with popcorn and science where they made crystal rock candy canes. The students rotated every 20 minutes so they could participate in most of the activities.
3. In January Ms. Liz's grade 3's made lava lamps for their science project. Ms. Margie grade 4's made quesadillas in cooking class. Ms. Alison's grade 5's made jello outdoors, and Ms. Lori's grade 6's enjoyed the Wixx activities they chose to participate in for the contest.
4. The month of February the students in the lunch program were invited to view a live interview in the gymnasium, with Chris Hadfield. Students were asked to submit question they'd like to ask during the live feed. Although our school was not chosen we did listen to questions from other kids all over Canada, with 2 from Quebec. The event took place from 11:45-12:15.
5. In February we introduced to the daycare students a contest being offered from a company called WIXX. *WIXX is a social campaign of Québec en Forme that gets youths aged 8-13 moving. Its aim is to promote active pastimes among youths. Their goal is to prevent the significant drop in physical activity that occurs around the ages of 13-14. Their contest involves completing missions that allow us to earn badges. Every badge is an entry to the contest to win school yard makings of a race track and 1 soccer field outline.*
6. I would like to inform parents that I've created a daycare Edmodo account to facilitate messages that need to go out to parents. It allows me to send messages about what's going on in daycare and any news I need to share. I encourage you to visit my page.

4.7.3

HandS Report

Sandra Gesualdi gave the Home and School report. Discussion ensued.

4.7.4

Principal's Report

Tony Di Vittori gave the principal's report as follows; commended Sandra for her hard work as Home and School president.

- NFB virtual classroom with Chris Hadfield (organized by Ms. Laura)
- Staff Professional Development: STEAM
 - Dates booked with consultant, by grade level, and cycle language levels
- Zone 37 Families:
 - meeting set-up, not enough responses, meeting cancelled, called families individually
- H&S Teacher Appreciation Week celebrations
 - I'd like to thank the H&S volunteers and families for the week of celebration and all the food and surprises. Greatly appreciated by the staff.
- Exams underway
- Reports being prepared and will be sent home after the March break
 - P/T meetings scheduled for certain students
- Portfolio evening in April

- Grade 2 parents will be invited in April to an information session
- New parents' visits will be scheduled on individual basis
- Hope to get extra-curricular activities going soon
- Student organized talent show has been planned and auditions will be underway soon
- Coding being done in Grade 6
- Nurse's sex ed presentations for grade 6 & 5 and safety presentation will also be done at the Grade 3 level
- Teachers attending workshops (technology, reading, etc)
- I and two other teachers attended a LCEEQ conference Monday and Tuesday
 - Embracing Diversity and Supporting Equity
- Grade 6 Drug Awareness workshop on March 23rd (organized by the Station 5 community officers)
- Student teacher in Mrs. Larocque's class will be starting in March
- Many of the first year student teachers that we had in November are coming back to volunteer in classes

15-16-30 *Motion to approve Drug Awareness workshop for grade 6 students proposed by Karl Santaguida and seconded by Julie Smith. Carried unanimously.*

Questions and concerns raised regarding work to rule, graduation, yearbooks, etc.

4.8 Questions from Public
No questions.

Correspondence
None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 21:11

15-16-31 *Motion to adjourn proposed by Karl Santaguida and seconded by Linda Néron. Carried unanimously.*

Next meeting April 13th, 2016