

Governing Board Minutes

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary
April 13th, 2016

Participants:

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

- 5.1 Call to Order & Welcome
Balgovind Pande called the meeting to order at 19:02.
- 5.2 Adoption of the Agenda
Commissioner's report moved to precede new business.
- 15-16-32 *Motion to adopt the agenda proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Rachel Éthier and was carried unanimously.*
- 5.3 Adoption of the Minutes of February 10th, 2016.
- 15-16-33 *Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting proposed by Jennifer Pastor, seconded by Linda Néron and was carried unanimously.*
- 5.4 Questions from Public
None.
- 5.5 Business Arising
- 5.5.1 None
- 5.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report
Noel Burke gave the council of commissioners' report
- 5.6 New Business
- 5.6.1 GB Composition (2016-17)
- 15-16-34 *Motion not to change the composition of the governing board proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Rachel Éthier and was carried unanimously.*
- 5.6.2 Three-year Plan of Allocation 2016-19 (consult)
Balgovind Pande presented the plan.
- 5.6.3 Council & Executive Meeting Dates (consult)
Balgovind Pande presented the meeting dates.

5.6.4 LBPSB Strategic Plan
Tony Di Vittori led a discussion regarding the plan. Questions were raised about progress and statistics from year to year. Discussion ensued about school initiatives to promote physical activity and wellness.

7:53 Noel Burke left for another meeting.

Survey regarding strategic plan was completed.

15-16-35 *Motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Jennifer Pastor and was carried unanimously.*

15-16-36 *Motion proposed by Julie Smith to have reports sent in two days prior to meetings in order to skip verbal reports during the meetings. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Pastor and carried unanimously.*

5.6.5 Gr. 5 Canoe Club

15-16-37 *Motion to confirm canoe club trips- proposed by Rachel Éthier and seconded by Laura Sulano, carried unanimously.*

5.6.6 Year-End Pool days

15-16-38 *Motion to confirm pool days - proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Linda Néron and was carried unanimously.*

5.6.7 Gr. 3 Field Trip (Fall 2016)
Field trip to take place October 12th, 2016

15-16-39 *Motion to approve the grade 3 field trip - proposed by Rachel Éthier, seconded by Linda Néron, and was carried unanimously.*

5.7 **Reports**

5.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report

5.7.2 Daycare Report
Laura Sulano gave her report as follows.

- The extra-curricular activities are almost done. With one ceramics class left and one Red Cross babysitting exam left to be written. The Monday Babysitting Class have written their exam already and all the students passed.
- A few highlights in each grade the past 2 months are:
 - Grade 3's made floatable boats as a science project, they also created the spring bulletin displayed outside my office. They're also working on their Mother's Day projects.
 - Grade 4's made dirt in a cup for their cooking activity which consisted of cookies, pudding everything kids can't refuse. In science the students tried the egg wrapping experiment. They had to wrap an egg and drop it to the ground without it breaking it. They are also presently working on the Daycare Show bulletin board presentation.
 - Grade 5's. In science the students made marshmallow Jello, learned how to frost a 2-layer cake and are presently working on their Mother's Day projects.
 - Grade 6's have an ongoing debate team they enjoy on a regular basis with Ms. Dalours. They are also helping with props for the daycare show, and tried the Ivory soap explosion in the microwave this past month. Ms. Luba started a running club with her students today at lunch. 90% of her students participated.

- Daycare week will be celebrated at the daycare the week of May 16th. As our tradition, activities will be organized for students and staff during that week. A parent donated a 2-foot-tall chocolate bunny. Our plan is to enjoy it with a fondue and fruit, as a treat for the kids during daycare week.

This year's theme for daycare week is Partners in Success. As a member of the PD committee we organized each daycare to work on a puzzle project, which is to link all our daycares together as partners in success. Each daycare in LBPSB received a puzzle piece which they are to showcase their daycare onto. These puzzle pieces will be hung at the front entrance corridor at the LBPSB head office.

- Our daycare show is scheduled on Friday May 13th, rehearsals are wrapping up and parents are excitedly getting the necessary costume for their kids for dress rehearsals starting the first week of May. Our theme this year is "Grease."
- I want to thank Lindsay Place High school for their help in letting me borrow a few props, costumes and script to help make our show a success.

5.7.3

Principal's Report

Tony Di Vittori gave his report as follows.

- McGill students presented Brain Awareness workshops to the Grade 6 classes. Was well received by students and staff.
- Public speaking competition will be held again this year. Cycle two at the end of April and Cycle 3 in June.
- Grade 6 students attended the Station 5 Substance Abuse Prevention workshops on March 23rd. Our community officers did a great job in organizing the event. Very informative kiosks and presentations.
- Social Action Team news
 - Approval required for fundraiser
 - This year the Social Action Team (SAT) will have their 5th annual raffle in June.
 - Theme this year is to help people with cancer.
 - Fundraising for two organizations:
 - The oncology department of the Montreal Children's Hospital and VOBOC - Venturing Out Beyond our Cancer.
 - Guest speaker, Doreen Edwards, will speak to the SAT
 - Mission is "to help empower newly diagnosed adolescent and young adult cancer patients by providing them with tools, resources and free diversions and help them to connect them to essential support services."
 - More info at www.voboc.org.
 - The SAT is meeting on a weekly basis now. They will be making posters, visiting classes and will be making cards which will go to VOBOC and will be placed in the backpacks that they distribute to patients. Ms Edwards informed us that the cards have a big impact on the kids - knowing that others are thinking of them. She explained that the cards should not say 'good luck' or 'hope you feel better' but rather simply have our students talk about themselves and let the recipients know that they are being 'thought' of. Children thinking and helping other children, is a big theme this year!
 - We would also like to have a Lemon-Ade type stand at each level, in June to raise money for Free the Children. We like to make a small donation to this organization as the children have benefitted greatly from "We Day.
- Intramurals going strong
- Portfolio Evening will be held next week on April 21st. No appointments necessary. Will be on a drop-in basis.
 - 3:15 – 5:15 PM Session
 - Supper: 5:15 – 6:00 PM
 - 6:00 – 7:30 PM Session

- Tentative date for the Grade 2 Parent Info evening is April 26th or 27th
- Staffing process for next year has begun
 - 16 homerooms
 - Phys ed, music, and media tech are status quo
- We are reviewing the 2016-17 school calendar and placing the local ped days. Will present at the next GB meeting.
- Ped Day: April 22nd
 - All Cycle 2 teachers – the Board will be presenting workshops at Dorset Elementary (8:30AM – 12:00PM)
 - Similar sessions will be held for Cycles 1 and 3 at a future date
 - LBPSB Basketball Tournament will be held at our school on this day.
- Gr. 6 HS Mini-Day Visit: April 25th. Lunch will be served at the high schools by Chartwells.
- Jr Leadership Day at St. Pat's
 - May 6th (Ped Day)
 - Ms. Kate will accompany 10 students
- Volunteer Tea
 - May 25th (tentative date)
 - Junior school
- Will have a couple of fire drills between now and end of may
- May Calendar:
 - Ped Day: May 6th
 - Gr. 4 Vaccinations: May 10th
 - GB meeting: May 11th
 - H&S meeting: May 18th
 - Ped Day: May 20th
 - Volunteer Tea: May 25th
 - Community Walk (H&S): May 27th
 - H&S BBQ: June 1st

15-16-40 *Motion to approve fundraisers proposed by Jennifer Pastor, seconded by Laura Sulano and was carried unanimously.*

15-16-41 *Motion to approve grad trip proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Rachel Éthier, and was carried unanimously.*

5.8 Questions from Public

Suggestion made that a choice list be sent home for sports sign-up rather than registration for each sport being sent home separately in order to avoid getting students' hopes up when they can't participate in every sport.

Questions brought up about upcoming basketball tournament.

Correspondence

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 21:28.

15-16-42 *Motion to adjourn proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Linda Néron and was carried unanimously.*

Next meeting May 11th, 2016