

# Governing Board Minutes

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Participants

Parents: Jocelyn Dauk, Balgovind Pande, Julie Smith  
Teachers: Lise Lecompte, Linda Néron  
Support Staff: Laura Sulano  
Principal: Tony Di Vittori  
Public: None  
Regrets: Rachel Éthier, Christina Forest, Aida Lukosevicius, Karl Santaguida,  
Absent:

### 3.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Balgovind Pande called the meeting to order at 18:37.

### 3.2 Adoption of the Agenda

16-17-24 *Motion to adopt the agenda proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Laura Sulano. Carried unanimously.*

### 3.3 Adoption of the Minutes of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

16-17-25 *Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting proposed by Jocelyn Dauk, seconded by Linda Néron. Carried unanimously.*

### 3.4 Questions from Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

### 3.5 Business Arising

#### 3.5.1 School Budget 2016-17 (November Revised)

Tony Di Vittori presented the November revised school budget.

16-17-26 *Motion proposed by Julie Smith to approve the revised budget, seconded by Lise Lecompte. Carried unanimously.*

#### 3.5.2 Daycare Budget 2016-17 (November Revised)

Laura Sulano presented the daycare November revised budget.

16-17-27 *Motion proposed by Jocelyn Dauk to approve the daycare revised budget, seconded by Linda Néron. Carried unanimously.*

3.6 New Business

3.6.1 Students' Math Activity Books

Tony Di Vittori presented the idea of having students Math activity books for the 2017-18 school year. The cost would be added to the school fees in September 2017. Discussion ensued. The GB members were open to the idea but would like to know the actual cost of the activity books and the increase in school fees. Tabled to a future meeting where final figures are presented to the members.

3.6.2 Intercultural Project

Tony Di Vittori presented the project entitled "Indigenous Plants & Legends – An Oral Tradition". Guest speaker will be invited to speak to the Grade 6 students about oral traditions and the passing down of wisdom and culture from an aboriginal perspective.

16-17-28 *Motion to approve the Intercultural Project was proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Jocelyn Dauk. Carried unanimously.*

3.6.3 Jeux de Montréal – Ultimate Frisbee

SJF-Sr has been asked to represent the City of Pointe Claire with a school team to participate at the Jeux de Montréal Games.

- Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at Collège André-Grasset
- 12 students representing our school
- Cost: \$35/student for training (8 weeks) at school by a member of the Montreal Ultimate Frisbee team
- No charge to participate in the tournament
- Parents will need to drive their children to the venue.

Discussion ensued.

16-17-29 *Motion to approve our participation in the Jeux de Montréal Ultimate Frisbee Tournament was proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Laura Sulano. Carried unanimously.*

2.7 Reports

2.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report

No report

2.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

Noel Burke presented his report.

### 2.7.3 Daycare Report

Laura Sulano presented her report.

The students have been busy preparing their projects for our first Art Gala to be held this Friday December 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-5:00 in the gym. A variety of projects from each daycare class will be showcased during this event.

November was filled with many activities in each grade:

**Grade 3's** made pumpkin chocolate chip muffins, while others enjoyed learning how to cork. They also decorated our entrance with paint brush Santa's.

**Grade 4's** made chicken soup for their cooking activity. Boys & girls were seen chopping onions, celery & carrots & chicken.

**In Grade 5**, the students attempted to make rock candy however unfortunately they did not succeed. It did teach them to attempt it differently next time. A second science activity they did was to keep a candle burning under water. They also decorated the bulletin board for the month of December.

**In Grade 6** the students experimented with a science project that observed an egg in different liquids. The only changes were observed with the egg in pepsin that turned the egg brown and the egg in vinegar that made the shell evaporate. Other liquids were water & orange juice. With food coloring the eggs yolks turned the same color.

### 2.7.4 Principal's Report

Tony Di Vittori presented his report.

- ✓ Again this year, we had a successful Parent/Teacher Interview Evening for the first term report cards. Parents that I spoke with had nothing but positive comments about the school and staff. Always very nice to hear.
- ✓ Mme Briere is on maternity leave. Had a baby boy, Milan, on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Mum and son doing well. Ms. Marianne Hanna has taken over the Grade 5 duties for Mme Briere.
- ✓ We had another good turnout for the H&S Fair. I'd like to thank Marisa DiMeglio and Lisa-Marie Foye for organizing the event and all the volunteers. I'd also like to thank the Sandra Gesualdi and H&S committee for their support in making this possible. Fun was had by all that attended.
- ✓ NTIC Grant: We have received \$13 000 again this year and will be used to upgrade the computers attached to the Smartboard, adding more student computers in classes, installing a Smartboard in the English resource room, purchasing of additional projectors & bulbs and if additional funds are left over we will add to our laptop computers.
- ✓ Christmas food baskets – will send out a reminder tomorrow. The social action team will help bring the donations over to the church.
- ✓ Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a shortened day. School will end at 11:20 AM with the busses leaving at 11:30 AM. Daycare will be open until 4:00 PM. A

letter will be sent out to all parents reminding them of the shortened day and asking how many students will be attending the daycare.

- ✓ Some highlights at SJF-Sr:
  - Student Activities
    - Art Club
    - Choir
    - Garden Club
      - Initial clean-up of the school's front garden
    - Lunchtime Intramurals
    - Rock Band
    - School Board Tournaments
    - School Play
    - Social Action Team
      - St. Michael's food and sock collection
      - Greeting cards fundraiser to purchase long johns for Dans la Rue
    - Grade 6 Band
      - Sessions with band clinicians during our November ped day
    - Recorder program (Grades 3-5)
    - Collaboration with Stewart Hall & the City of Pointe Claire
      - Pointe Claire "Then & Now" Project (Gr. 5)
      - Art Exhibition (Gr. 4)
      - Pointe Claire Youth Council (project starting in January)
    - Grade 3 Field trip field trip to the Droulers' archeological site
    - Intergenerational Program (Gr. 6)
      - Bayview Seniors Residence
      - Pte-Claire Legion
    - Remembrance Day Assemblies
      - LPHS teacher and former students spoke at our assembly
    - LBPSB Peace Summit (two Gr. 6 students attended)
    - Universal Design of Learning Pilot Project
      - Two classes involved (Gr. 3 and 6)
    - Guest Speakers and Authors
      - Mr. Eric Walters (author)
      - Mr. Eric Olsthoorn (Inuit way of life – Gr. 3)
      - Ms. Barbara Diabo and Mr. Sam Ojeda (Aboriginal dancers – Gr. 3 & 4)
      - Eco Museum presenter (Gr. 6)
    - Hour of Code:
      - Media Tech class activity last week at all grade levels.
      - Coding will be continued for the grade 6 classes in the new year.
    - LBPSB Math Olympics
      - Our SJF-Sr team won gold
    - At the annual APEQ (Phys Ed) conference, Ms. Cindy was awarded the the Dr. Graham Neil Excellence In Teaching Award. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Cindy as our phys ed teacher and the award is well deserved.

This is but a partial sample of the many good things happening in our classes and the school. We have a very vibrant place to learn and provide a variety of learning experiences to help the students grow and succeed.

- ✓ I'd like to thank the GB members for their time and all of their support towards the staff, school, and myself. It is greatly appreciated. Wishing everyone all the very best for the holiday season.

2.8 Questions from Public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 19:45.

16-17-30 *Motion to adjourn proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Linda Néron. Carried unanimously.*

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017