

Governing Board Minutes

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary
February 8th, 2017

Participants

Parents: Jocelyn Dauk, Julie Smith, Karl Santaguida
Teachers: Linda Néron, Rachel Éthier
Support Staff: Laura Sulano
Principal: Tony Di Vittori
Public: None
Regrets: Balgovind Pande, Aida Lukosevicius, Christina Forest, Lise Lecompte
Guests: Sandra Gesualdi (Home & School President)
Absent:

4.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Karl Santaguida called the meeting to order at 7:05.

4.2 Adoption of the Agenda

16-17-31 *Motion to adopt the agenda proposed by Jocelyn Dauk, seconded by Julie Smith. Carried unanimously.*

4.3 Adoption of the Minutes of December 13th, 2016

16-17-32 *Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting proposed by Rachel Éthier, seconded by Linda Néron. Carried unanimously.*

4.4 Questions from Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

4.5 Business Arising

4.6 New Business

4.6.1 LBPSB Budget Consult

Karl Santaguida

Budget Priorities Response

Question 1. Suggestions:

Julie Smith suggested continuing with marketing.

Laura Solano suggested a specialized/alternative program.

Rachel Ethier suggested pure English stream (school)

Increase integration aids

Psychologists/Speech Therapists, increase all specialists

Librarians

Questions 2.

Jocelyn suggested health and social services centers (ex: psychologist from local hospitals)

Question 3.

Karl Santaguida suggested chrome books voluntarily paid off each year by student (take with them to high school).

Question 4.

Ease of Access and Notification

4.6.2 LBPSB Safe & Caring Schools Policy (update) Tony Di Vittori

4.6.3 Measure 30170 – Innovations Grant Tony Di Vittori

Grant by government (\$10,600) -student wellness-getting teachers together for curriculum-literacy component-some money will go to release for teachers, books (resource/classroom), physical education and music,

16-17-33 *Motion to approve the allocation of the Measure 30170 proposed by Rachel Éthier, seconded by Laura Sulano. Carried unanimously.*

4.6.4 Principal's Section Criteria Karl Santaguida

Support the new Junior Principal, and the integration of students going into Lindsey Place in which there is a new Principal as well. Retirement of administrative assistant.

4.6.5 Capital Projects Tony Di Vittori

16-17-34 *Motion to approve the capital projects, proposed by Julie Dauk, seconded by Laura Sulano. Carried unanimously.*

4.7 Reports

4.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report

Parent's Committee Report Introduction-

The meeting took place on February 2nd, 2016 at the School Board offices in Dorval.

The agenda for the meeting is included here. Refer to PDF "Agenda Timed" document by Christina Forest.

Key Items of Note

Presentation on Roles and Responsibilities of LBPSB by the DG and ADGS

A brief overview was given on the roles and responsibilities and the organizational structure of the school board, the council of commissioners and other members of the administration of the school board and the school centers.

Quebec Sexuality Education Pilot Program

Riverview Elementary is one of the schools piloting the proposed Quebec sexuality education pilot program. The parent rep from that school gave a brief overview of her experience and awareness of what was done at the grade 1 level in that school. A request was made to the school board that a consultant from the board deliver a presentation at the next Parent Committee meeting. This will be considered.

Next Meeting Dates

The Parents' Committee will meet on the following dates at the school board:
April 6th, June 1st

The Elementary East Sub-Committee will meet on the following dates, location TBD: March 23, May 25

A selection of the reports and materials are attached. Refer to "Parent Committee Selected Reports Feb 2017" by Christina Forest.

Elementary East Sub-Committee Meeting

The subcommittee met briefly on January 19th to discuss the upcoming consultations that the governing boards will be asked to comment on, including the Principal Selection Criteria and Annual Report. There was also a fairly lengthy discussion on the proposed sex education curriculum that is in pilot and expected to be implemented in the fall of 2017. All parents in attendance at the meeting agreed that our meeting was not the forum to debate the content of the program. All were in agreement that the lack of transparency and lack of consultation with parents should be the focus of upcoming discussions on this topic with the aim to press the government for more transparency and parent consultation in the future with regards to curriculum.

4.7.2

Council of Commissioners' Report

Noel Burke

Council of Commissioners – Unofficial Notes Meeting of January, 2017 Lester B. Pearson School Board

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Québec City Shooting at the Mosque:

A moment of silence was observed and a resolution of support to solidarity with the Muslim community and inclusivity in society was passed by Council.

Policy on Commissioner Ethics:

A second draft has been prepared and will be brought to Council in February to initiate a wide consultation process before its adoption in the spring.

Communications:

A position of Communications Professional has been posted to support the marketing of the board, its schools and centres, and their programs.

New Curricula:

Concerns were expressed by both the public and the teacher's union with respect to the implementation and consultation processes on the new History Program, the Financial Literacy Program, and the piloting of the Sexual Education Program.

Student Commissioners:

Orientation workshops are once again organized for Grade 6 students to ease their transition to high school.

Also the Central Students Committee continues to explore needs for high school as a learning environment.

Support was expressed for the presence of the Sexual Education program

QESBA:

The association will pay the registration for one LBPSB commissioner to attend the CSBA conference in July.

The distribution of the Canada-Québec Entente for education funding is being reviewed for the next agreement in 2018.

Group purchasing:

Lester B. Pearson School Board will participate in the group purchasing of rebuilt computers, dairy products, and grocery products in non-binding agreements

Pearson Educational Foundation:

Upcoming events include a Benefit Comedy Show on March 31 at Lakeside, and the annual Impact Soccer game on April 15. Details on the PEF website

On-Line Registration

A pilot of this service will begin with the re-registration of students in select schools with a view toward full on-line registration next year.

4.7.2

Daycare Report

Laura Sulano

February Daycare Report

Our Art Gala on December 16th was very successful. The parents of the daycare students enjoyed walking into the gym when they picked up their kids to view what their child had made as well as looking at the other student's projects too.

On the last day of school before the Christmas vacation the students enjoyed a communal St. Hubert lunch in the gym as well as several activities here at school. We had a science room where the students made crystalized snowflakes, a Christmas photobooth, we had a face painter, a craft room, Christmas bingo & more.

In January I was approached by a group of grade 5's that wanted to organize an art club with grade 4's at lunch. The registration was full and the classes are presently on going. I was also approached by a group of grade 4's wanting to organize a singing club at lunch with grade 3's. That registration is now in progress.

The following are the activities that kept the students busy in December & January

Grade 3's experimented blowing up balloons with baking soda & vinegar combined. They played minute to win it, created theatre masks decorated our bulletin board with hats & mittens. In cooking they made pizza muffins. The bulletin board for February was created by the grade 3's.

Grade 4's made blueberry mini pancakes for their cooking activity. Right now they are on their second month of looming scarves & hats. They requested a second month to be able to complete their projects. In science they experimented with ice & salt reaction. They froze water in a glove then poured ice and found that most of the fingers jut broke off.

In Grade 5, the students made Christmas cookies & pizza. They also enjoyed outdoor winter fun painting their snowmen with colored water. Right now they are working on needle point with Ms. Luba. In science they had plastic cup races with balloon air, made goop and enjoyed minute to win it games such as blowing candy across a table with straws and more.

In Grade 6 prepared the January bulletin board with frosty and a beautiful winter scene. They experimented with the egg drop science activity making a package with enough cushion, with the objective that when they dropped their egg it would not break. 2 out of 8 eggs did not break. In cooking they made fruit tacos.

4.7.3 Home and School

Report presented by Sandra Gesualdi (H&S Prseident. See attached.

4.7.4 Principal's Report

- Jr School Open House went well. Mr. Delage and I spoke about our two campuses – what is offered both academically and extra-curricular activities.
- Renovations update
- NTIC update (\$13,000)
 - classroom computers
 - more laptops (15)
 - smartboard for Eng Resource room
 - software

- Safe Schools Policy will include a section for parents and visitors
- School Success Team attended a one day conference in January and a few more times before the end of the school year to discuss school directions.
- Teachers have started preparing the term 2 report cards. They will be sent home on March 15th.
- We had three teachers attend a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) workshop at the Board. There are three more workshops planned for this year.
- Extra help being received for Francisation and English resource.
- H&S has allocated \$2500 for French resource reading materials
- H&S funds:
 - \$10 student
 - Fencing (cycle 3): Second week of April
 - Curling (cycle 2): March - April
- Ped Day Sched:
 - Jr leadership day (Raffy and 8 students) – “Preparing Our Youth For Tomorrow”
 - Gr. 5 teachers at LPHS
 - Angie at LPHS (school choir meeting - will have a joint choir concert with other schools and LPHS band playing the music)
 - Will meet with cycle two teachers to review the STEAM projects
- During the week of February 20th the H&S will celebrate teacher appreciation week
- Student talent show well under way - date June 2nd
- School Newspaper
- School Play – Early April
- Downhill skiing (Gr. 4-5) going very well.
- Ski Loppet Feb. 15th (Gr. 4-5)
- Public Speaking/Storytelling Competition
 - Cycle 3 – March 14th
 - Cycle 2 – March 16th
 - Judges: regional director, language consultants, Pte-Claire librarian, LPHS principal
- Anti-Drug Awareness (Gr. 6) – March 23rd
- Pte-Claire Youth Council
 - 8 submissions from SJF-Sr
 - First meeting with students chosen will be on March 27th. The Youth Council will take place on April 10th at city hall.
- SJF-Sr display at the Board: Ms. Lori (daycare educator) and I will be putting up a SJF-Sr Remembrance display up in the Board room at the request of our DG when he visited out school.
- I will be attending the LCEEQ conference on Feb. 13th and 14th with Mr. Victor and Mrs. Riley. Theme: “When Diversity and Technology in the Classroom Converge”
- Mme Carolyn has given birth to a baby girl – Charlotte yesterday evening. Mother and daughter are doing well.

16-17-35 *Motion to approve curling and grad fieldtrip proposed by Jocelyn Dauk, seconded by Rachel Éthier. Carried unanimously.*

4.8 Questions from Public

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

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:52.

16-17-36 *Motion to adjourn proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Rachel Éthier. Carried unanimously.*

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 12th, 2017