

Governing Board Minutes

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary
May 10th, 2017

Participants

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

6.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Balgovind Pande called the meeting to order at 7:04.

6.2 Adoption of the Agenda

16-17-51 *Motion to adopt the agenda was proposed by Rachel Éthier, seconded by Aida Lukosevicius. Carried unanimously.*

6.3 Adoption of the Minutes of April 11th, 2017

16-17-52 *Motion to adopt the minutes of April 11th, 2017 was proposed by Karl Santaguida, seconded by Jocelyn Dauk. Carried unanimously.*

6.4 Questions from Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

6.5 Business Arising

None

6.6 New Business

6.6.1 By-law 9: A Complaint Examination Procedure

Balgovind Pande asked for comments to be submitted via email.

6.6.2 Student Code of Conduct Tony Di Vittori

Christina Forest joined the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Tony Vittori presented the Student Code of Conduct. Discussion ensued regarding lateness and how to improve student lateness.

Christina Forest discussed that the student conduct could implement positive statements.

16-17-53 *Motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct proposed by Karl Santaguida, seconded Laura Sulano. Carried unanimously.*

6.6.3 Anti-Bullying & Anti-Violence Plan

16-17-54 *Motion to approve the Anti- Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan proposed by Christina Forest, Linda Néron. Carried unanimously.*

6.6.4 School Fees (2017-18) Tony Di Vittori

Tony presented the increase in school fees (2017-18)

The suggestion was presented that the agenda become optional and the school can shift towards Google Classroom. Discussion ensued.

16-17-55 *Motion to approve the increase in school fees proposed by Karl Santaguida, seconded by Joceyln Dauk. Carried unanimously.*

6.6.5 Gr. 4 Field Trip (June 2017) Tony Di Vittori

16-17-56 *Motion to approve the Grade 4 Field Trip proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Christina Forest. Carried unanimously.*

6.7 Reports

6.7.1 Council of Commissioners' Report Noel Burke

Noel presented his report.

6.7.2 Regional Parents' Committee Report Christina Forest

Christina presented her report.

6.7.3 Daycare Report Laura Sulano

May Daycare Report

Our big highlight that a lot of the kids are participating in is our Daycare "Hairspray Show" that will be presented to the staff & students at 12:30 this Friday May 12th and to the parents at 6:30 p.m.

The following are the highlights in each grade for the month of April
Grade 3's made tie dye t-shirts. In science they experimented with optical illusions and watched how the heat of a candle turned an egg silver. In gym they played games which involved relay races, tag games that included individual & group

Grade 4's made tortilla cinnamon cookies in cooking class & carrot muffins. In craft they made Easter Eggs with layers and yarn bunnies. They also turned the former St. Patrick's Day Banner at the entrance into an Easter banner with eggs all over. They've also been working on superhero creatures to eventually place on a mural.

Grade 5's, decorated the bulletin board with woven plates, and umbrellas hung from the ceiling to introduce spring. In cooking they made cinnamon bun bunnies and in craft made bunny masks.

In Grade 6's experimented with clouds in a jar for science. In a jar they put shaving cream, they added food coloring and watched as it made a rain on clouds effect.

6.7.4

Principal's Report

- Ms. Louise is retiring. Her last day will be June 1st.
- New secretary is Ms. Aimeé Hanein. Currently at St. Edmund's and has worked at Westpark and in Finance at LBPSB.
- Grad Trip was a great success. Students enjoyed their day and supper.
- Portfolio Evening was another success with a good turnout.
- Scholastic Book Fair funds raised will be used to bring in children's book authors.
- Grade 6 HS Mini-Day visit on April 24th went very well.
 - 32 students to LPHS
 - 46 students – JRHS
 - 18 students - STHS
- School Newspaper – first edition published April 20th. Our student editors met with Mr. Kevin Woodhouse from the Suburban. He would like to return and do a story on our young editors. He was quite impressed that they had chosen to create a newspaper and not something online.
- Grade 6 Play – students were very impressive and gave a fantastic performance. Congratulations to the students and teachers involved. Very proud of all their efforts and hard work.
- Grade 6 Virtual Band project has been completed. We had two musicians/clinicians meet with our classes. The final product, collaboration with 3 other elementary schools and LPHS, will be published on YouTube soon.
- Grade 2 Parents were invited to an information session last week. Had approx. 50 parents new to the senior school attend. It's always a pleasure to meet the parents as they have many questions about the grade 3 level and the school.
- Dress Code: Teachers will be reviewing with students
- School Renovations – met with the school board's project manager and the contractor. Work to begin June 26th, 2017.
- SJF-Sr Ultimate Frisbee - Last past week, had national team players from the US and Canada visit and meet with our grade 6 students – great success.
- SJF-Sr Facebook Page – we are online. Cycle and specialists will alternate weekly posts. Good response from the community.

- School Yard – Mr. Kevin has been busy sweeping and repainting the lines outside.
- School Yard Improvement – have met with the Board and contractor to finalize plans for the work to be done this summer. Installation of a climbing structure, trees planted, and possibly have two of pergolas built to accommodate 4 picnic tables.
- Two McGill second year student teachers are currently with Ms. Haselden and Mr. D. It's always nice to welcome student teachers to SJF-Sr.
- YA Writers Contest: We had 22 submissions (Gr. 3 – 6). I was impressed with the writing and the stories.
- Grad preparations underway. Have sent home some preliminary info. Other letters will go home shortly re: tickets and grad pol party.
- Grad Reception – traditionally organized by the grade 5 parents. A letter will be sent home this week asking for volunteers.
- School Garden
 - Mr. Kevin has done a great job to tidy up the front garden
 - Ms. Allard and the students in the garden club will be planting more indigenous plants and making some garden stones to help make a path through the garden.
- Staffing process for next year has begun
- Staff Professional Development: teachers continue to meet and discuss curriculum and STEAM projects.
- Yearbook is currently being planned. All grads will receive a complimentary copy and will be made available for purchase. Last year's copy was sold for \$10. Awaiting info from the printers before setting a price this year.
- Tech news:
 - Fifteen more laptops purchased
 - Looking into purchasing a few more iPads for Phys Ed as Ms. Cindy is incorporating the use of technology in her classes.
 - Will be purchasing a new laptop cart to be used on the first floor
 - Will review and plan for next year's Media Tech program
- Mesure Funding: Each homeroom has ordered books for the classes and teachers are being released for grade & cycle level meetings to plan and discuss next school year's curriculum and projects.
- School Nurse met with students today who have allergies and held a Q&A period with them at lunchtime.
- Upcoming Events & Activities:
 - May 9th & 16th: Gr. 3 Poetry Café
 - May 10th: Ms. Jill (school nurse) held an info meeting with students with allergies
 - May 11th: Gr. 4 vaccinations
 - May 19th: School choir participating in a joint concert with 6 other elementary schools and LPHS band
 - May 26th: Gr. 4 medieval festival
 - May 30th: LBPSB track & field event at Riverdale HS
 - June 6th: Choir rehearsal w/ Junior school in attendance (morning)
 - June 6th: H&S community walk (afternoon)
 - June 7th: H&S BBQ and GB meeting

- June 7th & 8th: Gr. 5 canoeing
- June 9th: Gr. 4 field trip
- June 12th: Choir rehearsal for senior students and evening concert for parents
- June 13th & 16th: Gr. 6 band concerts (evening)
- June 16th: Gr. 5 concert series (afternoon) w/ parents in attendance
- H&S BBQ on June 7th

6.8

Questions from Public

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

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 7th, 2017