

# St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary

## Governing Board Meeting 10/10/18

### 7:00 p.m. Staff Room

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**Type of meeting: Governing Board – Regular 18-19 #1**

**Presence :**

Parent Members: Balgovind Pande, Kathleen McAdams, Laurie Corbett, Martin O’Connell, Julie Smith;

Parent Substitutes: Sarah Campeau;

Staff: Linda Neron, David Arless, Marie-Hélène Mondor,

Support Staff: Laura Sulano;

Ex-Officio: Deborah Shizgal, Judith Kelley, Sandra Gesualdi

Parent Substitutes not present: Cecily Ranger, Colleen Timm, Christina Forest, Angela Micciche

**1.1 Call to Order & Welcome**

By Deborah Shizgal

**1.2 Adoption of the Agenda**

Three topics added :

1.4.12 Social Action Committee

1.4.13 Pool Days Sunscreen

1.5.5 HandS Report

Motion to adopt the agenda with the three added topics was proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Balgovind Pande, carried unanimously.

**1.3 Adoption of the Minutes June 2018**

Motion to adopt the minutes of June 6 2018 was proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Laura Sulano, carried unanimously by members present at meeting only.

**1.4 New Business**

**1.4.1 Election of GB Chair**

Julie Smith nominated Balgovind Pande, seconded by David Arless. No other nominees came forward. Balgovind Pande accepted the nomination and was officially inducted as GB Chair. Vote carried unanimously.

**1.4.2 GB Secretary**

It was proposed to ask a student teacher to be the secretary going forward. This meeting’s minutes were recorded for all intents and purposes by Julie Smith.

**1.4.3 GB Vice-Chair**

Balgovinde Pande nominated Julie Smith, seconded by Laurie Corbett. No other nominees came forward. Julie Smith accepted the nomination and was officially inducted as GB Vice-Chair. Vote carried unanimously.

**1.4.4 GB Internal Rules of Management (info)**

Provided for information purposes only, no changes requested.

**1.4.5 Daycare Parents’ Committee**

It was agreed that this committee will not be formed this year. All question or concerns can be brought to the attention of Ms. Laura or Ms. Shizgal as in past years.

#### **1.4.6 Commissioner's Invite to GB Meetings**

Motion to invite Ms. Judith Kelley to attend all GB meetings. Proposed by Julie Smith and seconded by Kathleen McAdams. Carried unanimously.

#### **1.4.7 Community Reps**

It was suggested to ask community residents. All members were asked to share names at the next meeting.

#### **1.4.8 H & S Liaison**

It was proposed that Deborah Shizgal act as the liaison when Sandra Gesualdi is not present at GB meetings. Proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Martin O'Connell, carried unanimously.

#### **1.4.9 Ratification of Approvals via email**

Motion to ratify the two email approvals for daycare trips by Laurie Corbett, seconded by Linda Neron, carried unanimously.

#### **1.4.10 Field Trips (within walking distance)**

Motion to approve all field trips within walking distance of 1.2 km was proposed David Arless and seconded by Martin O'Connell. Carried unanimously

#### **1.4.11 Field Trips**

1. Grade 5 to Junior for Grade 1 reading pairings on October 18th.
2. Grade 5, Ecomuseum coming to the school.
3. Grades 4-5-6 Ski trip days to Mont Habitant in January and February.

Motion to approve all 3 field trips by Kathleen McAdams, seconded by Laurie Corbett. Carried unanimously.

#### **1.4.12 Social Action Committee**

S.A.C. is seeking permission to do fundraising.

Motion to approve the S.A.C. fundraising permission request by Kathleen McAdams, seconded by David Arless. Carried unanimously.

#### **1.4.13 Pool Days Sunscreen**

There were concerns voiced by some parents about sunburns occurring on pool days last June. Discussion ensued.

- Judith Kelley will look into liability issues.
- The permission form will be amended to clarify sunscreen responsibility.

### **1.5 Reports**

#### **1.5.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report**

Kathleen McAdams, our parent rep, was not receiving emails, Deborah Shizgal will ensure this is corrected. No report received.

#### **1.5.2 Council of Commissioners' Report**

- Thank you for inviting me to participate in your governing board meetings. It seems that I will continue to have scheduling conflicts with GB meetings at the other schools I represent. I will do my best to attend part or all of the meetings, depending on the conflict, but sometimes, I may not be able to attend because of these cross-overs. Thank you for your understanding. I will, however, provide my reports for your perusal and do invite questions and concerns via my LBPSB email account. I appreciate your understanding.
- Our standing committees at the Board have commenced and all do report to Council. Confirmation of committee compositions for the 2018-2019 will be confirmed in November.

- You may be interested in following-up with the developments in sexuality education by visiting the links: [http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/site\\_web/documents/education/adaptation-scolaire-services-comp/apprentissages\\_tableau\\_EN.pdf](http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/site_web/documents/education/adaptation-scolaire-services-comp/apprentissages_tableau_EN.pdf)
- <http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/teachers/dossiers/sexuality-education/>
- The LBPSB is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this coming year. Committees contributing to the organization of events to acknowledge this are: Communications, Student Engagement, Virtual Band Project and Alumni
- Bill 103 – Although passed in June 2016, Council passed a resolution at our September meeting supporting the Student Services Department (SSD) in implementing services to support students addressed in this Act to strengthen the fight against transphobia and to improve the situation of transgender minors in particular.
- Commissioners and Directorate Administrators attended an effective workshop on September 29<sup>th</sup> which focused on strategies and discussions to collaborate and align our work and goals for the School Board with the LBPSB Vision and Values and Student Success Plan.
- The Deep Learning implementation plan for elementary schools has been created, with high school to follow in the future.
- Facilities projects of interest regarding Architectural and Other Professional Services that were approved at the September Council Meeting are: St. John Fisher Jr. – bathrooms, floor replacement and ventilation cleaning. / St John Fisher Sr. – fire code upgrades, replacement of hallway ceilings and floors. / St. Thomas – bathroom renovations, replacement of floors, ceilings, doors, electrical panels, lockers and gym partitions.

### 1.5.3 Daycare Report

1. We've had a few staff changes in lunch & daycare this year. Ms. Anna & Ms. Sherry have moved to different schools within our school board for better opportunities. In turn we welcomed Ms. Marina Claribel Flores in daycare and Ms. Seema Seyan in the lunch program. Ms. Carole & Ms. Dalours are both on a leave of absence presently, however both are expected to return before the end of the school year.
2. This year our daycare family is at 191 regularly registered students and 10 sporadic students that attend 2 days per week or less. We have 9 daycare classes that consist of: 2 grade 3's 3 grade 4's 2 grade 5's and 2 grade 6's.
3. On our first ped day we visited the Voiles en Voiles pirate ship in the Old Port. It was a favorite from last year and so we returned once again this year. The weather was beautiful and I do want to thank you for your prompt e-vote on behalf of our first 2 ped days.
4. This year we are offering Subway & Little Caesar's as a lunch service. With these providers we were able to reduce the fee to parent's back to \$3.75 from the \$4 being charged last year.
5. Ped day Approvals
  1. November 29th –Cookie decorating & Board Games-at St. John Fisher Sr. School. Cost \$25.
  2. November 30th –Cinema Guzzo Sources & Jack Astors. Transportation by school bus. Cost \$25.
  3. January 25 th –WooHoo. Transportation by school bus. Cost \$25.
  4. February 8th –Tubing Pays en Haut. Transportation by school bus. Cost \$25.
  5. March 3rd Kelitos. at St. John Fisher Sr. School. Cost \$25.

6. May 17th –Trampofest. at St. John Fisher Sr. School. Cost \$25.
7. June 3rd –Cégep Bois de Boulogne-Sports & pool. Transportation by school bus. Cost \$25.  
Motion to approve the 7 field trips by David Arless, seconded by Linda Neron. Carried unanimously.

#### 1.5.4 Principal's Report

A smooth start to the beginning of school

- The school building was ready to receive teachers. Thanks to Justin and Jeff for getting us cleaned up and ready to go.
- We have 364 students. We have had a few leave the school because of moving and we are expecting a at least one new registration shortly.
- Teachers in Cycle 3 voted for straight grade 5 and 6 classes rather than a 5/6 split. This was approved by the union. Teachers will get compensated for the weighting.
- This means we have
  - 3 grade 3s
  - 4 grade 4s
  - 4 grade 5s
  - 4 grade 6s
- Priority Pool:
  - Kate Poirier for Media 50%
  - Angie Zawada for Resource 100%
  - Joanna McDonnell Grade 6 100%
- After priority the open posts were filled by:
  - Helena Gacek in Grade 3 French
  - Jody Duncan for Resource 45%, Media for 24% and Music for 10%
- Integration Aide Priority Pool
  - Carole Jakubovic 12.5 hrs/week
  - Merrie Waugh 17.5 hrs/week
  - David Webster 10 hrs/week
  - Andrea Hutchison 12.5 hrs/week
  - 41 hours of IA per day, 11 IAs due to part time workers
- Teachers participated in a Mystery box challenge, the topic was mindfulness and Deep Learning
- Aug. 28th - Both schools enjoyed breakfast hosted by our HandS
- Aug. 28th - We hosted the Jr. school for the Blanket Exercise for all staff. This opened many eyes to the treatment of our Native Peoples at the hands of Canada throughout our history.
- Students started on Aug. 29th, entry was smooth
- Cycle level assemblies on the 30th. The theme was kindness and the students were issued a kindness challenge.
- We have complete 5 fire drills and one lockdown in September
- Curriculum Night was well attended despite the heat. Parents were reported to be very happy with the start of the school and their children's first impressions.
- Prior to the AGM there was a meeting for grade 6 parents. This allowed me to speak about Gr.6 items that are unique to the grade.
- Parents have returned forms that offer their services in a huge variety of subjects, from knitting to human anatomy to dance, opera singing and banking. This "bank" of resources is available to teachers (in my office).
- Still awaiting directives as to how to deal with trips, what constitutes "culture" etc.
- Sept. 12th - Gr. 6 was introduced to the variety of instruments they could request for band this year. There was an overwhelming request from parents to rent their own instruments. Along with the instruments that we purchased with HandS funds we are now lucky enough to have one instrument per child.
- Corn boil was on Friday, Sept. 14th. Grades 1 and 2 joined us for a picnic and corn on a beautiful sunny day.

- Gr. 6 did well at the Ultimate Frisbee tournament on September 17th. Despite it being so early in the school year they were well prepared and did well in all games.
- Students and staff members held the first Talent Show meeting on Sept. 18th. This is a show run for and by students.
- Grade 3 had an artist from Stewart Hall come in to do some art work with them
- Allocation day was Sept. 28th
- We have completed 5 fire drills and 1 lockdown in September.
- October 1st- the school was used as a polling station
- October 1st - Gr. 6 had their music clinic time
- After two rain out days the Handball Tournament took place on Oct. 5th
- Our run, jump, hop, have fun hallway is up and running

#### Resource

- We have been working hard at making sure IA schedules are working for the students, aides and teachers
- IEPs are prepared and are being copied to send home on Monday
- Meetings between teachers, resource and IAs have taken place

Amelia Crerar, a English and French consultant has started to work with staff on essential skills and DL during the common prep time each grade level has.

#### To Come

- Terry Fox Run on October 12th
- Interim Reports come out on the 15th
- Reading partnership between Grade 5 and 2 starting on the 18th

#### Hand S

- Chairs this year are Sandra Gesualdi and Becky Cherry.
- They had an evening at the Jr School for pick up of school supplies, school apparel and a halloween costume sale.
- HandS provided teachers from both schools a lovely breakfast on Aug. 28th.
- HandS Fall Fair - Nov. 17th

#### Field Trips

- All walking trips
- Gr. 5 and Gr 2 reading program
- Ski trips
- Ecomuseum on endangered animals

### 1.5.5

#### Home & School Report

To be received.

Motion to allow blanket approval for fundraising by Marie-Hélène Mondor, seconded by Laura Sulano. Carried unanimously.

### 1.6

#### Questions from Public

None present

#### Correspondence

GB training, open to all, will be on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Next meeting : Novembre 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.