

**St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary
Governing Board Agenda 11/14/18
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Staff Room**

Distribution: Balgovind Pande, Kathleen McAdams, Laurie Corbett, Martin O'Connell; Linda Neron, David Arless, Marie-Hélène Mondor, Deborah Shizgal, Judith Kelley

Agenda Topics

- 2.1 Call to Order & Welcome** Balgovind Pande
- 2.2 Adoption of the Agenda**
Approved by Martin O'Connell, seconded by Linda Neron, carried unanimously.
- 2.3 Adoption of the Minutes of February 14th, 2018**
Tabled to December meeting.
- 2.4 Questions from Public**
No members present
- 2.5 Business Arising**
- 2.5.1 Community Reps** – Katheen will report back at December meeting with the possibility of a member from the West Island Women's Centre. There were no other names put forward.
- 2.6 New Business**
- 2.6.1 Field Trips** Deborah Shizgal
Grad Field Trip – Thursday, April 18th, 9am -7pm, \$60, travel by bus. Ratio 12 adults: 101 Students.
AM: Science Museum, PM: Laurentian Lanes Bowling, Dinner: Kitchen 73.
Approved by Marie-Hélène Mondor, seconded by David Arless, carried unanimously.
- 2.6.2 Grants** Deborah Shizgal
Tabled to December meeting
- 2.6.3 December GB Meeting** Balgovind Pande
Next GB meeting will be combined with Junior school. It will be held December 12th at 6:30 at the Junior School.
- 2.6.4 LBPSB Parents' Committee: Top 5 Priorities** Balgovind Pande
The Parents' Committee would like a list of 5 topics our governing board would like them to focus on. Ideas included (in no particular order): 1 - Digital Citizenship/Ethics online, 2 - Purpose/quantity/quality of standardized testing, 3 - Environmental awareness, 4 – Bullying, 5 – Implementing cultural field trips.
- 2.7 Reports**
- 2.7.1 Parents' Committee Report** Kathleen McAdams
Highlights meeting November 1, 2018
- It was put forth that an open invitation would be extended to Council to attend all regular meetings, all joint meetings and all subcommittee meetings. A vote was held and the motion was approved.
- A letter outlining the PC's stance on the banning of religious symbols was presented to the the PC. It was ratified and agreed upon. The updated version is available on Basecamp and a copy of the approved letter has been distributed. It was suggested that, given the power of the GBs at individual schools, each GB construct their own letter regarding this matter. (Update: The letter was submitted, and several GBs are either submitting their individualized version or adopting the approved version and sending it to the CAQ.
- The dates for the next meeting of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee - Anti-Bullying/Anti- Violence and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee - Environmental Awareness are available on Basecamp.

- The Ad Hoc Subcommittee - Environmental Awareness will be getting in touch with the Governing Boards to discuss future plans
 - The Ad Hoc Subcommittee - PC Rules and Procedures and the Ad Hoc Subcommittee - 20th Anniversary will meet in the next week or so.
 - The date for the next SNAC meeting is November 21, 6:30. The IEP resource kits have been distributed to schools and are available online.
 - There was a presentation on the Long Term Planning Committee presented by Chairman Noel Burke
 - The Pearson Education Fund has suspended its Grants Programs as their coffers are empty. In order to maintain their Winter Coat Program, they are trying to sell out the upcoming Comedy Night at John Rennie High School (300 tickets need to be sold). There is a donate button on each school's home page, allowing parents to donate to their school. This can be done through E-Transfer.
 - It was brought to the PC's attention that Vélo Québec has started a pilot project in some elementary schools to promote safe cycling at Grades 5 and 6 level. This will be investigated and the member responsible will get back to the PC with more information.
- One item of note came from a PC member after hearing a rather lengthy comment/question from the Public. I am not quoting, but the general gist of the member's statement was that if a member of the public takes time from his/her life to attend a meeting, sit through three hours of debate and discussion by the Committee, then we, as school representatives, owe it to him/her to listen respectfully and respond thoughtfully.

2.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

Judith Kelley

- The October Council meeting opened with a moment of silence to remember the victims of the tragic synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh.
- Student commissioners were sworn in: Melina Siles (BHS) and Julio Neumann-Berryman (MacDonald)
- Returning and a new parent commissioner were announced: Angela Berryman, Jason Doan, Sharad Bhargava and Len Podgurny. Frank Clarke has completed his mandate.
- Council received its audited 2017-2018 financial statements (which are available on the Board's website)
- Programs and Services: Presentation on Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence; Cycle 1 will do summer school in a virtual classroom, while grades 9,10,11 will follow the usual summer school schedule. By offering on-line, LBPSB hopes to make courses more accessible.
- Harmony Conference – Central Students reported on the Social Action conference they attended on October 17th at Lakeside which has inspired them to take action on issues they care about.
- SNAC – the September meeting was very well attended with a great response from the parent community with many candidates putting their names forward for positions on the Advisory Board.
- Communications – the committee is reviewing open house marketing and the effective use of social media.
- Facilities: The Board's energy savings via carbon credits is approximately \$100,000.00.
- All reports and Minutes of Council meetings can be found on the LBPSB website.
- Our next Council meeting is Monday, November 26th at 7:30 pm.
- Please feel free to email me with any issues or concerns. I will do my best to attend as many governing board meetings as possible; however, on some evenings, such as this month, when four meetings overlap, this may not work out, for obvious reasons. Thank you for your understanding.

2.7.3 Daycare Report

Laura Sulano

1. Both September & October were very busy in daycare with a variety of activities in all grades.

The grade 3's were busy crafting sun catchers, autumn pine cones, halloween masks, spider webs and c.d. mummies. In cooking they made banana chocolate chip cookies. In Science they inflated balloons using vinegar and baking soda in a bottle.

In grade 4, they experimented with bacteria by mixing yeast, sugar and water and waited for it to ferment which in turn inflated a balloon. They made apple cobbler and created canvas art.

The grade 5's created a dorm room study group. It got lots of homework done and they also had a pretend pizza delivery scheduled. In art they made mandelas and in cooking they made homemade corn quesadillas with cheese.

The grade 6's made slime with dish soap and baking powder in science, In art they made skeletons with pastels & chocolate chip pancakes in cooking.

We ended the month with our big Halloween Bash where all classes enjoyed a variety of Halloween games and recipes and yummy treats. All the groups took part in the pumpkin experiment where they had to put as many elastics around the middle of the pumpkin till it sliced off in half. On Monday November 5th, 2018 all the daycare students enjoyed delicious pumpkin soup from all the leftover pumpkins.

2. We welcomed 2 new staff members in daycare. Ms. Jennifer Adams who is replacing Ms. Carole Godin and Ms. Maygen Czarnowske who is replacing Ms. Dalours Thornhill.
3. On October 26th, 2018 the students very much enjoyed a chocolate workshop where they made marshmallow cake pops and a chocolate pizza. They burned off all the sugar with bubble soccer in the gym.

2.7.4 Principal's Report

Deborah Shizgal

- Terry Fox Run on October 12th (postponed from the 11th)
- We had a visit by two teachers from China and an interpreter from the International School
- Interim Reports come out on the 15th
- Picture day on the 15th
- Reading partnership between Grade 5 and 2 starting on the 18th
- Cross Country Run took place on Oct. 23rd. Despite the cold our students did well.
- Oct. 26th was our Region 3 PED Day. We were lucky to hear Mr. Tom Rhymes as the keynote. Victor and Tracylee ran one of the breakout sessions for elementary teachers.
- October 30th the grade 4s were vaccinated. Thanks to HandS for offering our students the support they needed.
- Nov. 1st, one teacher from each grade joined me at the Sexuality Education Workshop.
- Nov. 2nd, Debbie Poirier was in the library to start training with 4 grade 5 students for the Kid's Lit Quiz.
- Nov. 7th our DL cluster will be meeting for the first time. Our cluster is with SJFJ, Maplegrove, Verdun and Riverview
- Remembrance Day ceremony was on Nov. 8th. We had a veteran, Mr. Bedard speak to the students, the grade 4 sang a special song they has been practicing. The assembly was run by our Spiritual Animator and a group of grade 6 students.
- Nov. 9
 - PED Day, Teachers' Convention
 - End of Term 1

Coming Up

- Choir will be filming a music video for the CBC Music Contest
- Reports go out on Nov. 20th
- P/T interview are on the 28th and 29th

Resource

- Maria Kovacs has joined us during the last week in October for homework program grant. She will be working with Angie in English Resource. She is being paid for a part of that time and she volunteers for a few hours per week as well.
- Kayla Moore has begin for francisation. She will be here on Monday and Friday afternoons.

2.7.5 Home& School

Sandra Gesualdi

To be received.

2.8 Questions from Public

No members present

Correspondence

Balgovind Pande

Adjournment: 8:24 - Next meeting December 12th, 2018 6:30 Junior School

Balgovind Pande

△ Document to follow

* Document attached

• Document @ www.lbpsb.qc.ca