



ST. JOHN FISHER
HOME AND SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION



SJF Home & School Meeting
Minutes of November 18th, 2015
7:00pm at Junior School, Room 10

1.0 Welcome

2.0 Approval of Agenda

2015-16-13 *It was moved by Barbara P. to approve the agenda seconded by Claudine D., and was carried unanimously.*

3.0 Approval of Minutes of October 21st, 2015 Meeting

2015-16-14 *It was moved by Sara B. to approve the minutes with the correction of taking out the point about Sex Education and change the sun prevention topic to First Aide. Also, 10.0 Jennifer Pastor is liaison for the Senior GB only. The motion was seconded by Patricia O. and was carried unanimously.*

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 SJF Fair

Lisa Marie spoke on behalf of the Fair. The planning stages are coming along nicely. There have been many volunteers wanting to help, so Thank You for all the helping HandS that have come together to get this underway. There are several stations set up, Carnival games, Face Painting, Bake Sale and Lunch, Santa's gift Shop, Popcorn/Cotton Candy, Raffle, SJF Hub, TCBY, along with Big Brother's/Sister's table and a graduate who is building a school. Non perishable food will be accepted for a free raffle ticket; the food will be picked up by Dorval Aide.

4.2 Promoting our school to pre-schools/daycares

We are encouraging you to send us names of places in the area so we can invite them to our open house. For many first timers this is a daunting task and it's always nice to know which schools are in the area. Open House dates are set for January 19th and 20th 2016.

4.3 Memo boards-position filled

Thank you to Cindy for stepping up to decorate our board at the Jr Daycare door, it looks great with the Minions and very inviting. The Senior bulletin boards will be decorated by Andrea Glover.

4.4 Corresponding Secretary Position

This position is still open if anyone would like to help out. It can be filled by two people if need be.

4.5 Volunteer coordinator position

We are looking for someone to take on this role.

5.0 School Reports

5.1 Senior School Report – Principal Di Vittori

- Report cards
 - Teachers currently preparing the report cards
 - Will be sent home on Nov. 23rd
 - P/T interviews: Nov. 25th (evening) & Nov. 26th (morning)
 - Appointments done online
 - Tomorrow a letter will be going out to all parents with explanations
- H&S parent workshop was held on Nov. 2nd
 - w/ Jill Sockett (school nurse)
 - discussed the programs she does with the different grade levels
 - discussed the upcoming vaccinations
- Met with support staff on Oct. 29th (teachers and caretakers strike day) off-site
 - Support staff returned to school once picket lines were down
- On Nov. 4th (support staff strike day) met with the teaching staff off-site
 - discussion was held re: enquiry based learning
 - staff met by grade levels to plan a “smarter science” cross-curricular unit
 - We have received a \$10, 000 professional development grant to release teachers to meet as grade level and cycle teams
- Halloween candy collection: Thank you – we collected 83 lbs worth (another 65 lbs collected at the Jr school). This initiative was started by Kerri Petrilli five years ago. Kerri passed away last week and would be very happy with the tradition continuing.
- Intergenerational project has begun
 - Bayview this week
 - Legion next week
- I'd like to thank the all volunteers for their help with the Gr. 4 vaccinations. Their help always ensures a smooth process and is greatly appreciated by the CLSC nurses and myself.
- Remembrance Day assemblies were held on November 11th
 - Two veterans attended
 - Cycle 3 in the morning and cycle 2 in the afternoon
 - Students sang wonderfully, were very attentive and respectful
- Teachers' convention (Nov. 26th & 27th)
- Allerjet recall – Jill has checked all students with allergies at school and will be contacting the parents.

5.2 Junior School Report – Principal Martin

- October 20 and 21, Kindergarten and Grade 1 students had an info session with Transco about bus safety.
- October 30, we had Halloween activities in class with our annual Monster Mash outside in the morning. (65lb of candies were collected).
- November 11th: One minute of silence over the intercom.

- Nov 12th: Nurse Jill's hand washing workshop for kindergarten students..
- Library is up and running 3 days a week with parent volunteers and Wendy, ½ day (T-W-T).
- We ordered new IPADS and LEGO We Do for different classes.
- Report cards are going home on Monday, Nov. 23.
- Parent -Teacher interviews are Wednesday pm and Thursday am.
- PDIG on Daily 5 and Methode Café for the Homeroom teachers.

5.3 Teacher Report

No report.

6.0 Event Reports

6.1 Parent Workshop, November 2nd

Very informative evening and lots of information was shared. It was asked how we could get more people to come. It was suggested by Alison to have a RSVP to make people commit.

6.2 Grade 4 Vaccines

Daphne let us know that it went very well. All the volunteers were very helpful and kept the children low key. 66 children were vaccinated. A report will be sent out.

6.3 QFHSA Fall Conference

Sandra let us know that the Federation organizes an amazing conference; it was very informative and a great way to network with other associations.

7.0 Fundraising Reports

7.1 FundScrip

There was a brief about how it works at the beginning of tonight's meeting. It was suggested to just keep talking about it and how it works. These are gift cards just like you buy from stores. It was asked if they have access to your bank account, the answer was no. It was suggested to have a video clip on the HandS webpage on how it works. It was also suggested that we make up a business card with our code, to give out to parents.

7.2 Editions Vaudreuil

The overall profit was 596.00\$. Sandra let us know that they provided us with 300\$ worth of cards for the publicity that was given via CBC news and CTV News. She was a little disappointed in the % that they gave back. It was suggested to get colored flyers so that they stand out amongst all the other forms that are given in the welcome package. Patricia O. volunteered her time, for the Open House, to talk about this service with new parents.

7.3 SJF Apparel

All new apparel is in, including a new long sleeved t-shirt. They will be on sale at the Fair. Long Sleeves are 15\$ and Hats are 10\$.

7.4 Halloween collection boxes

Thank you to Marisa for getting this done. The boxes were picked up today Nov. 18th. We will give an update when we receive the information (total collected) from the Montreal Children's Hospital. Thank you to all who participated.

8.0 Treasurer Report

8.1 Monthly Budget

Sarah L. presented the monthly finance report.

8.2 Junior School, \$3700.00 from Shindig 2014

Sandra mentioned that there are parents that want to know what is being planned. Mme. Martin mentioned that the committee has not met due to the teacher's strike. As soon as there is a resolution, she will get the Committee together to discuss.

9.0 Membership Report

48 Paying members. 119 official volunteers, 71% of whom are non-members.

10.0 Governing Board Report

Sandra was not able to attend last meeting but sent a H&S report. Dec 7th is the meeting for both campuses Junior Campus

11.0 School Wish list

Teacher Conference Allowance

2015-11-15 It was moved by Claudine D. to approve the 50\$ allowance that will be given to each teacher. The motion was seconded by Patricia O. Seconded and was carried unanimously.

12.0 New Business

12.1 Kindergarten Open House – call for volunteers

We will need people to help. Dates are: Jan 19th & 20th. Information is on the website.

12.2 Teacher Appreciation Week

Barbara P. and Lisa Marie F. will have more information about this event at the next meeting.

12.3 Fran Lowry Blood Drive

Will need volunteers for this event. Sandra spoke a little bit about who she was and mentioned that the flyer will have more details as to why we do this drive; a new flyer will be created for this year's Blood Drive.

13.0 Correspondence

Sandra met the President of Dorval Elementary H&S, they would like to join us for the next Anxiety Workshop. Tentative dates are Jan 21st or Jan 28th.

14.0 Varia

The school will be doing the Holiday Christmas Basket Food Drive for St.John Fisher Parish.

15.0 Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

2015-16-16 It was moved by Daphne D. to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm. The motion was seconded by Cindy N., and was carried unanimously.

**Next meeting: Wednesday Dec16th, 2015 at 7:00pm
@ the Senior School - Pot Luck Meeting**

ATTENDANCE

Patricia Onesi
Cindy Norman
Anna Maria Cuzzolini
Cindy Filipone
Alison Hanessian
Claudine Dionne
Sara Birks
Carla Da Silva

Sandra Gesualdi, President
Barbara Parker, VP, Junior School
Angela Micciche, Fundraising Coordinator
Daphne Daifas, Membership Coordinator
Lisa Marie Foye, VP, Senior School
Sarah Lalonde, Treasurer
Sylvie Martin, Junior School Principal
Tony Di Vittori, Senior School Principal