



**Minutes of SJF Home & School Meeting
October 19 , 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Senior School, Library**

1.0 Welcome

Sandra G welcomed everyone to the HandS meeting.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

*2016-17-10 Motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 9.3 Vaccines.
M.S.C.*

3.0 Approval of Minutes of September 21th, 2016 Meeting

2016-17-11 M.S.C

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Membership

53 members, which is up from last year. The form and money will be sent to the Federation this week.

4.2 Sponsor a Book Program

It is going well. The librarian is working on a wishlist. There will be an account set up with Babar, where you can purchase books on-line. This program is to replace the "Birthday Book Program". Name plates will be created to be placed in the books.

4.3 The SJF Sociol

As to date, 35 people have purchased tickets, we are expecting more this week as the date gets closer. There will be food, music, prizes included is a Weekend at Novotel, Hockey Tickets, just to name a few.

4.4 The SJF Fair Dec. 10 at Sr

A small group gathered to discuss the fair, it went well.
We are looking for volunteers for: a cookie decorating station, food stations, set up, clean up, coat check. We also need raffle prizes, prizes for the games (example; large pencils, erasers, small toys).

4.5 Parent Workshop

November 3, with Nurse Jill. She will explain what is taught in Grades 3-6, health-wise. She will also discuss the Grade 4 vaccine, as it will be offered to boys as well, for the first time.

4.6 Little Libraries

Amanda's father has started building the houses and they are looking good.

4.7 Zumba Night

Will take place sometime in the New Year. Parents and kids aged 10+.

4.8 Chapter's FUNraiser

Still being looked into; aiming for second week in January.

4.9 Collection boxes for the Children's

Volunteers have signed up.

5.0 School Reports

5.1 Junior Report

Staffing:

- As of September 30th enrollment is at 251 students (status quo)
- Valérie Dubois is replacing Lyne Bérubé until her possible return at the beginning of November.

Security:

- Upgrades were made at the main entrance and daycare entrance. New system for the secretary, principal and daycare coordinator. A monitor was added at the daycare greeting desk (now able to see who is coming in from the daycare door).

Maintenance:

- Hedges and some tree pruning were done a few weeks ago. Work not yet finished.

Fire drill:

- We have had our fourth fire drill last week. Weather too conducive to wait for Spring.
- Our annual lockdown was done on October 4th.

School bulletin:

- The October bulletin was sent out to the community. An erratum was made as per the parent teacher interview dates (the information should have been the following: On Wednesday, Nov. 23th and on the Thursday morning of Nov. 24th).
- The date of the H&S social event was omitted in the October calendar, but was mentioned in the H & S section of the bulletin.

Extracurricular activities at lunch:

- Educ-action Fall session as started in mid-October in will run until the first week of December.

Facebook:

- Trying to keep parents and community informed.

5.2 Senior Report

- We have three McGill student teachers at SJF-Sr, Ms. Tracy Acton (with Mrs. McNally - Gr. 5), Ms. Gabriella Saba (with Mr. DeVincentis - Gr. 4), and Ms. Kelly Phelan will be starting on Oct 17th (with Ms. Cindy - Phys Ed).
- Update: We had our 4th fire drill and it was held during afternoon daycare.
- Emergency plan: Being updated by Ms. Louise
- Terry Fox Run
 - Was held last Friday, Oct. 14th
 - Raised ~ \$1100
 - Almost double what we usual raise
 - I'd like to thank Ms. Cindy for organizing run and all the volunteers that helped out.
- Interim Reports went home last Friday, Oct.14th

- Currently, the Board is working on their new strategic plan. Schools and centres will work on their school success plans in the new year (2017).
- Grade 4 vaccinations: Nov. 10th and May 11th
- Community service (intergenerational project) at Bayview Seniors Centre and the Pte-Claire Legion has begun with Ms. Simatos. I'd like to thank Ms. Simatos for continuing with these two initiatives at our school.
- Gr. 4 Pumpkin Competition
 - Congratulations to our grade 4 class winners who will represent SJF-Sr at the Botanical Garden's Great Pumpkin Ball contest!
 - Winning teams:
 - 424: Sienna Gentile, Hailley Archambault, Adaliah Parent
 - 423: Alexia Becker-Rose, Maya Simpson, Ashlee Pergantis
 - 422: Zoey Zeng, Kevin Summers, Joel Nyandoro
 - 421: Ben Handy, Mikaela DiBitonto, Alyssa Della Rochetta
- School Garden: I would like to thank Ms. Allard (Gr. 6 teacher), Ms. Poirier (librarian), Mr. Robin van Gils (volunteer parent), and the following students for all their help in weeding our school garden:
 - § Keira Boyle (Gr. 6)
 - § Sean Collins (Gr. 6)
 - § Michael Coppolla (Gr. 6)
 - § Madeline Sparkes (Gr. 6)
 - § Chad Tschunitz (Gr. 6)
 - § Emilie van Gils (Gr. 4)
 - § Lizzie Simmesgard-Murray (Gr. 4)

This will be an ongoing project which will resume in the Spring with other student volunteers.

- Have applied for grants to promote Culture in Schools
 - Pte-Claire Then and Now in collaboration with the city of Pte. Claire
 - Art Exposition with Stewart Hall
- LPHS collaboration
 - Have met with Mr. Estok to discuss possible collaborative projects between the two schools.
 - Would like to have teachers from both schools meet on ped days and discuss possible initiatives, expectations for students going to high school.
 - Applied for a grant to be able to collaborate with LPHS in a mega virtual band.
- Remembrance Day Assemblies
 - Nov. 9th; 9:00 - 10:30 (cycle 3) and 10:30 - 11:00 (cycle 2)
- We will have a delegation from China visiting some of our LBP schools (organized by the LBPSB International Program). We were asked if we were interested in receiving the guests to tour our school and possibly collaborate in some future initiatives with Chinese schools. Further details to follow.
- Roadrunner Program
 - Students log their walks/runs at and outside of school
 - Students receive plastic footprints per km logged
 - 10 km = white
 - 25 km = yellow
 - 50 km = orange, etc

Very successful with students that we'd like to include parents (cost: \$2 per log).
- LBPSB Cross-Country Run
 - Rain date tomorrow (Thursday, Oct. 20th)
 - Have approx. 200 students signed-up
- Facebook page is under construction.

- Recess free zones
 - Will have one recess next Friday where students will be free to play wherever they wish in the school yard.
 - If successful, will have one or two recesses per month until we feel that students can play successfully together throughout the school playground.

6.0 Fundraising Reports

6.1 **Fundscrip:** included in financial report

6.2 **TCBY**
Going well. Orders are still coming in.

6.3 **Jr. Lunches**
Some confusion with the first one, some people were not sure if it was pizza or sandwich lunch.
Subway was paid using fundscrip cards.

7.0 Treasurer Report

7.1 **Approval of Operating Budget**

*2016-17-12 Motion to approve the operating budget for 2016/17 school year.
MSC*

- Information about PayPal will be in the next newsletter.

7.2 **Grants**
To be looked into.

8.0 School Wish List

8.1 **Allocation of FundScrip Funds**
Teachers and Principals are working on a wish list from both schools.

9.0 New Business

9.1 **Picture retakes November 4**
New procedure to have a deadline to send in orders and to return the proof envelope to indicate a retake is needed, worked very well.

9.2 December Meeting

*2016-17-13 Motion to cancel the December Meeting
M.S.C*

9.3 Vaccinations

- Thursday, November 10
- Library will be canceled at the Sr. School

10.0 Correspondence

10.1 **QFHSA Fall Conference Sat Nov 5**
HandS will pay fee for a member to attend

11.0 Varia

- Friends For Mental Health Information meeting: November 21, 2016 7:15-9.
Contact Sandra Gesualdi (ssassi.gesualdi@gmail.com)
- Tough Guys and Drama Queens; parenting workshop: October 14 to Nov 4.
Friday nights 7:15-9:00. Contact Sandra Gesualdi

13.0 Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

2016-17-14 *Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9pm.
M.S.C*

**Next meeting: Wednesday November 16th, 2016
7:00 p.m. @ Jr. School**

Attendance:

Sandra Gesualdi

Keith Earley

Tiffanie Wheeler

Melanie Keirl

Patricia Onesi

Principal Delage

Principal Di Vittori

Sara Birks

Angela Micciche

Alison Osgoode-Hanessian

Ann Shorrocks

Amanda Pelletier

Daphne Daifas

Lisa Marie Foye

Diane Lemyre

Cindy Norman