

Unofficial Notes of HandS Meeting

November 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Junior School Room 15

1.0 Welcome

Sandra welcomed those in attendance. Quorum was not met therefore no voting was done at this meeting.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

N/A

3.0 Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2016 Meeting

N/A

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Share - A- Book program

Program will begin in January. A blurb will be included in the January Newsletter.

4.2 The SJF Social

Successful although the volunteers left before the cleanup was done; better planning for clean up is needed should another event such as this take place again.

4.3 SJF Fair: Dec 10 at Sr

- Coordinators and stations are ready to go. Volunteers are asked to fill out a google form and then a doodle sign up sheet is sent for choosing the time slots. This process is simple and involves less 'figuring out' for the volunteer coordinator. Fair Stations are as follows:
 - Cookie decorating
 - Santa's Workshop
 - Carnival Games
 - Face painting and tattoos
 - Craft Corner
 - Raffle
 - Lunch Cafe
 - HandS Hub
 - Cotton Candy and Popcorn
 - Grade 6 TCBY sale

- Big Brothers and Big Sisters West Island will set up a table, along with Social Action and maybe Block Parent Pte Claire.

- Call out for grade 6 students, HS students and adult Volunteers.

4.4 Parent Workshops

4.4.1 Zumba Night Fundraiser

- A date is set for Thursday February 9th @ Junior school. 7pm - 8:30pm.
- \$10 adults, \$5 kids 10 and over. Tickets will be sold in advance.
- A bottle of water will be given to each participant.

4.4.2 Other workshops

Self-Defence with Meghan Greig will be booked for April.

Discussion continued with an idea of a movie night at the Junior school gym: **PJs & Popcorn**

- A date is set for Friday December 16, 6:45pm-8pm
- Melanie will organize the screen and projector that is needed
- \$2 fee: includes movie and snacks (popcorn and juice box and water bottle)
- Movies TBA

4.5 Little Libraries

We have a beautiful Little Library installed near the daycare office!

Thank you to Daphne for the idea and to Amanda and Mr. Pelletier for building the little house.

This week Mrs. Poirier will be introducing the Little Library to the students.

4.6 Chapters FUNraiser

Target date to book is Wednesday March 1st. Sandra will look into the booking.

We will create stickers to give to patrons .

Planning to set up a vernisage showcasing our school.

4.7 Picture retakes November 4th

Went well.

4.8 Halloween collection boxes

Volunteers came in to collect the boxes. Garda has already picked up the bags.

5.0 School Reports

5.1 Senior School

- ✓ Halloween candy collection: Approximately 80 lbs of candy delivered to Dans la Rue on Friday, Nov. 11th.
- ✓ Thank H&S for organizing the parent information evening with Ms. Jill (school nurse). The evening was very informative and many parental questions answered by Ms. Jill. I'd also like to thank Ms. Jill for being available to our parent community.
- ✓ We had our Remembrance Day Assemblies on Nov, 9th. Ms. Hunter (LPHS History teacher) and 4 former SJF students (two of which are junior air cadets) spoke at our

assemblies. Our students did us proud in that they listened well and were a very respectful audience.

- ✓ The Social Action Team collected well over 400 food items to donate to the St. Michael's Mission and are in the process of collecting socks for the same organization. Our goal is to collect 700 pairs of socks by the end of November. Our Social Action Team is to be commended for the work they are doing.
- ✓ Grade 4 students had their vaccinations last week. Again, I'd like to thank the H&S volunteers for helping out. Certainly make the whole process run very smoothly.
- ✓ A letter will be sent out this Friday, Nov. 18th to inform parents about Parent/Teacher interviews.
- ✓ Report cards go home on Nov. 21st with P/T interviews being organized for the afternoon and evening of Nov. 23rd and the morning of Nov. 24th (ped day). Friday, Nov. 25th is also a ped day and teachers' convention.
- ✓ We will have an early dismissal on December 23rd. Details to follow.
- ✓ Renovations at school summer 2017:
 - a. Classroom floors and ceiling tiles
 - b. Hallway ceilings
 - c. Students' washrooms
 - d. Drinking fountains (tentative)

Architects have visited our school to review what needs to be done..

- ✓ Mr. Chechile (LBPSB Director General) visited our school today. He had the chance to meet with our Social Action Team (students and teachers) and visited all most of our classrooms. He was very impressed with everything that is going on in our school. He commented that there was a very calm, welcoming atmosphere in our school.
- ✓ Tomorrow, we will have a Board Daycare workshop here at SJF-Sr for both Junior & Senior school daycare educators. This is for a new initiative in daycare called "My Daycare is Physically Active".
- ✓ Also tomorrow, we will have a visiting principal Mr. Fang Yuan from the Nanjing Diao Yu Tai Primary School. Will give him a tour of our school and explain what we do and the numerous activities and projects we are involved in at SJF.
- ✓ I'd like to thank Daphne & Sandra for organizing SJF's very own "Little Free Library". This will allow students to take a book home and donate a book for others to read. Great idea – thank you.

5.2 Junior School

1- Staffing:

- Enrollment status quo.
- Lyne Bérubé possible return has been pushed back to December at this point. Valérie Dubois continues to replace her for the moment.

2- Special visit:

- The School Board Director General Mr. Michael Chechile came to our school for a brief visit on Wednesday, November 16th. He toured all the classes and spoke with some students.

3- Maintenance:

- Basketball nets were moved on October 31st (one in the front school yard and other in the school yard in the back).
- The fence near the crosswalk was also fixed at the same time.
- Trees and hedges were removed in front of the main entrance as well as the hedges near Kindergarten emergency exit door.
- Kindergarten students planted tulip bulb in elevated garden near the entrance door. Other side now needs to be done (trees roots still need to be removed).

4- Student teachers:

- We have had several students from McGill and Concordia (year 3 students) completing stages with us this Fall: In Kindergarten we had Miss. Rebecca with Mme. Adrienne, in Grade 1 we have M. Jérémie with Mrs. Stevenson and in Physical education Miss. Cristina with Mrs. Hunter. Most stages will end on Dec. 2.

5- Special visit:

- As parents have been informed this week, we will have the visit of the Véhicube du "Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie" on Friday, Nov. 18th. This was made possible because Mme. Emond submitted a project to the "Foundation Pierre Lavoie" and her project was chosen among the 30 other projects that won \$5000.

6- Aide Time:

- Additional Integration time was granted by the Board. The 20 hours post was awarded to Saverina Lanzisera-Nardoza (Mme. Savy).

7- Projet Peliqu-an :

- Martine Déziel and France Bourassa project was retained by the Ministry and their project with École Primaire Pointe-Claire will be starting soon. Theme of the project is: "Un jardin autour de moi".

8- Culture à l'école:

- The school submitted many projects for "La semaine des Arts" in January and "Semaine de la littérature" in April. The committee had to adjust their plans since the school cannot absorb the cost of all activities proposed.

9- Francisation, Home program & Wellness grant:

- Budget have been received and plans are in action at this point at the school (Math screening for grade 2 students is now finished). Reading groups and fine motor skills for kindergarten are being planned.

10- Remembrance Day acknowledgement:

- Happened on Friday, Nov 11 @ 11:00. Colored poppy were picked up by a former military and her son dressed in his boys scouts uniform went around while the "Pittance of time" played in the school.

11- Picture retakes:

- All went well on Nov. 4th for the picture retake (done quickly).

12- School news:

- November bulletin was sent out on Nov. 8th.

6.0 Fundraising

6.1 FundScrip Challenge

- In the last month, \$245 has been raised; 66% of the year to date earnings.
- Carla created a flyer FAQ about FundScrip. This flyer along with the Nov & Dec promos will be sent out digitally on Monday Nov 21.
- This coming week, there will be no FundScrip deliveries due to the PED days.
- Last order date for the year is Monday December 19th for delivery the 22nd.
- FundScrip will resume Monday January 9th, with delivery the 12th.

On a side note, Editions Vaudreuil numbers:

- 164 orders
- 98 picked up at school
- 36 direct shipped
- 30 picked up at warehouse
- Sales: \$11, 547.81. Our return is \$616.09

7.0 Treasurer Report

7.1 Monthly report

The report was included in the kit. The association is in good standing.

7.2 Grants

Four volunteers will prepare the grant applications for the following grants:

1. Metro
 - a. Healthy eating; will use this grant towards the Corn Boil
2. S'cool DREAMS: will use this grant towards a new puppet theatre for the grade 3 students and it can also be used for other purposes by other classes/activities in the school.

8.0 School Wish List

8.1 Allocation of FundScrip funds

It was agreed upon that the funds raised by FundScrip this year will purchase tent canopies for both schools; to be used at tournaments, cross country runs, outdoor classrooms in the school yard and the family BBQ.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Open House (January)

9.1.1 Invitation

- Sandra together with the principals will revise the invitation that will be distributed to local daycares and preschools.

9.1.2 Involve both schools

- Discussion ensued concerning highlighting the entire school opposed to what has been done in the past few years, having only the Junior school involved in open house.
- Ideas that were shared are as follows:
 - Have both principals present at the sessions.
 - Organize students to showcase what each grade concentrates on, such as gr 4 Medieval Feast and Unit, gr 3 Puppet Theatre Unit, band, Gr 6 play, social action, graduation, pool party and more.
 - Spread the word that pictures of school events will be collected by HandS; Sandra will prepare a slides presentation to run during the sessions.
 - Sessions may take place in the morning, afternoon and evening.

9.2 School photo contract for next school year

- H&S will resign a contract with Lifetouch; they have given us great service for many years.
- The topic was raised to offer grad pictures in May, with a different style photographer. We will table this at another meeting.

9.3 SJF Christmas Elves

Considering all the activities taking place at school this holiday season, no elves will be called in from the North Pole to SJF.

10.0 Correspondence

10.1 Draft of statement; received from ComECH-Quebec

Daphne attended the QFHSA Fall Conference. The Federation along with other groups is preparing a brief concerning the new History curriculum being proposed by the ministry; The new material isn't inclusive to all people in the history of Quebec and is very slanted to the French Government's perspective.

At a further date, the QFHSA will ask for members to sign a petition in support of their brief.

11.0 Varia

11.1 Courage to Listen Workshop LBP/Concordia

Daphne attended this workshop. It was very well prepared and encouraged those interacting with children to stop and listen.

11.2 QFHSA Fall Conference

See 10.1

11.3 Library at Junior

The Junior library is very much in need of volunteers.

12.0 Adjournment and Next Meeting Date

Please note - Next meeting: **Wednesday January 18th, 2017**

7:00 p.m. @ Senior School Library

Attendance

Sandra G.
Amanda P.
Sara B.
Angela M.
Daphne D.
Melanie K.

Diane Lemyre, Teacher
Principal Delage
Principal Di Vittori



*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

**Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943),
published in The Times newspaper on 21st September 1914.**