



Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
Senior School Library



1.0 Welcome

Sandra welcomed all in attendance. Quorum was met.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

2016-17-29 The agenda as presented, was approved.
MSC

3.0 Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2017 Meeting

2016-17-30 The April meeting minutes were approved.
MSC

4.0 Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Community Walk (Tuesday June 6)

Ready to go. A call out for volunteers will be sent out again. Sandra will coordinate the volunteers.

4.2 Family BBQ (June 7th - rain date, 8th)

- Many items donated.
- Flyer will be distributed next week.
- Coordinated by Sandra and Keith.
- Have a raffle (sport game tickets - if they are donated; if not we can raffle caps and gift cards)

2016-17-31 To include a raffle in the BBQ event.
MSC

4.3 School Survey at Family BBQ - questions

Sandra will create a short survey that will be handed out at the BBQ.

4.4 K-Orientation (May 19)

The orientation pkg includes the following:

1. Welcome to the Community
2. What/Who is H&S
3. SJF Apparel sale
4. FundScrip Q&A flyer
5. Open House pamphlet (school info)

6. Oliver's Labels
7. Latest HandS News Newsletter
8. Editions Vaudreuil supply list

All neatly stapled together with sunny yellow front and back cover pages.

- Sandra will invite the new parents to LIKE us on FB.
- Sessions at 8:30am & 10:15m
- Carla will help at the Hub.

5.0 Event Reports

5.1 Appreciation days: Bus Drivers and Daycare

These days went very well. The bus drivers were given gift cards to Starbucks. The Daycare luncheons were held on separate days which worked out very well re volunteers. Perfect Potluck was used to organize the lunch. Notes were made regarding the quantities of food needed for next year, should a lunch be provided.

5.2 Self-Defense Class (Thursday May 4)

Feedback from the class was very favorable. Discussion included having a series of classes next year.

5.3 Vaccines (May 11)

Daphne coordinated volunteers.

It was noted that students on the spectrum should be in a closed place to lessen the anxiety level.

5.4 QFHSA AGM

Sandra and Daphne attended the AGM and awards dinner. The keynote speaker (Ron Turchyniak - affiliated with the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board) spoke on the topic of technology in the classroom. QFHSA has created a google classroom for executive members - to brainstorm and learn from one another. We would like to invite Ron to host a Parent Workshop.

The ABCs of Black Canadian History (a resource kit for all ages) was a suggested purchase for our school for. The principals will present this to the staff.

6.0 School Reports

6.1 Junior School, Principal Delage

Staffing:

- Enrollment for next year is at 231 at this point. (kindergarten 79, grade one 78, grade two 74 according to our latest numbers).
- Staffing appointment has come and gone and we have two teachers on excess in the Immersion field. We have been assigned 5 Kindergarten so far.
- Lyne Bérubé possible return has been pushed to the end of May and Mme. Dubois who was her replacement will need to be replaced due to her present condition. Mme. Cristina is the new replacement at this point. Letter to be sent to the parents tomorrow.
- Mme Adrienne is off until May 31st and Mme Elizabeth is replacing her for the moment.

Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie:

- Is progressing well and a different activity is planned every week. This week was a cardio workout in the morning with Mme. Angie. Next week we shall be doing a brief version of the cross country run that was cancelled due the flood on the island.

- Looking to have our daycare join in the challenge (Plan activity).

Regular day Friday:

- The pedagogical day that was planned this Friday is now a regular school day. Due to this unforeseen circumstance the kindergarten orientation was moved to Monday, June 5th at the same time. Parents have been contacted by email, ERMS for sibling, posted on school Facebook page as well as the school website.

Extra help:

- Maria Valela was hired to work with certain students that required additional resource help.

Peaceful School:

- The month of May is grow a garden month. Students will get a flower for being respectful towards others and the environment. Each class will be receiving a Bristol board to decorate with good deed flowers.
- PALS initiative is continuing in the classroom and students need a reminder on how they solve their conflict by using their words.

Community Police:

- Came to our school to discuss safety issue in and around the school (crosswalk, accepting unwrapped candies and bike safety).
- Not all classes were seen due to time constraints and kindergarten outing this morning. Another visit for them will be planned soon.

School news:

- May bulletin was sent on May 10th.
- Kindergarten outing was omitted (happened today at Salle Pauline Julien).

Health walk:

- "Walk Wednesday" or "marche mercredi" has been going well with a few staff members participating every week.

Visitors from Haiti:

- The three day visit was part of "Le projet mondial pour l'enseignement du français" (FMEF) and the main goal was the delivery of our early French immersion program. Mme. Bourassa helped coordinate this international visit.

Loyola Traveling Youth Show:

- A presentation was given to our students and the grade 3 and 4 students from SJF Sr. Their energy level and enthusiasm of the presenters was contagious. Special thank you for Mme. Sophie for making this happen again this year.

Appreciation weeks:

- Special thanks to the H & S for taking care of the appreciation days plan for the caretakers, Secretary and for the luncheon for daycare personnel last week.

6.2 Senior School, Principal Di Vittori

To be added.

7.0 Finance Report

Amanda P.

The Association is in good standing. The monthly report was included in the kit.

8.0 School Wish List

Nothing at this time.

9.0 New Business

9.1 New ideas for the year ahead:

A. Parenting series (3)

Discussion included ideas of having Ron T (parenting in the digital age), someone to speak on basics - sleep, nutrition etc, and a psychologist to speak about anxiety. As in the past, we can invite other local schools and share the expenses of the speakers.

B. Town Hall Meetings

Many ideas were shared as to the format and topics to cover in such a meeting. it was agreed upon that we should host two meetings:

- A wine & cheese evening for new parents in the school community; in October to answer those questions new parents have once their child begins school. One idea was proposed: to have parents email questions to H&S to later be answered at the meeting.
- The second meeting would be in November to highlight the school - advertise on the electronic board...as a pre-open house info session. A format would have to be developed to present a cohesive presentation highlighting both Jr and Sr schools.

C. Suggestions

None at this time.

9.2 Agenda items for the June meeting

September activities.

10.0 Correspondence

- Petition re History curriculum
This petition was sent out with the kit. Regarding the new history curriculum not being inclusive and leaving out key societies in our history books.
- Thank you notes from Appreciation days were shared.

11.0 Varia

12.0 Adjournment and Next Meeting Date:

**Next meeting: Wednesday June 14, 2017
Potluck & Planning at Junior School Room 15**

Attendance

Sandra Gesualdi
Keith Earley
Principal Delage
Amy Share
Carla DaSilva
Nadia Jasmin
Ann Shorrock
Patricia Onesi
Daphne Daifas
Melanie Keirl
Angela Micciche
Sarah Lalonde
Sara Birks
Principal Di Vittori
Amanda Pelletier
Sandra Daoust

The Lily of the Valley

*Come, my love, and do not spurn
From a little flower learn.-
See the lily on the bed,
Hanging down its modest head;
While it scarcely can be seen,
Folded in its leaf of green.*

*Yet we love the lily well
For its sweet and pleasant smell,
And would rather call it ours,
Than full many gayer flowers.
Pretty lilies seem to be
Emblems of humility.*

*Come, my love, and do not spurn
From a little flower to learn,-
Let your temper be as sweet
As the lily at your feet;
Be as gentle, be as mild;
Be a modest, simple child.*

