



**Approved Minutes of Meeting  
October 18, 2017  
7:00pm, Senior School**



**1. Approval of Agenda**

2017-18-05 Motion to approve the agenda as presented. MSC

**2. Approval of the Minutes of September 20, 2017 Meeting**

2017-18-06 Motion to approve the above mentioned minutes. MSC

**3. Event Reports**

**3.1. Membership**

February will be the deadline to become a member of the Association. We presently have 35 members.

**3.2. Wine & Cheese**

This event was attended by five parents plus volunteers and both principals. Note for next year to incorporate the Welcome Wine & Cheese into the first meeting of the school year.

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

**4.1. Parenting Series:**

**Part I - Dr. Catherine Z. Oct 26 (@ SJF JR)**

All is set for this workshop.

**Part II - Nutritionist Nov 29 (@ Clearpoint)**

This workshop will feature Dietitian, Naureen Hunani. The topic will be: The Picky Eater and Body Image.

**Part III - Parenting in digital age (@ Dorval)**

Glen Katz will be speaking (teacher at St Thomas High School)

**Part IV - Money Matters (@SJF SR)**

Details to follow.

**4.2. SJF Christmas Fair including vendor tables (Nov 18)**

**4.2.1. Lunch cafe**

Pizzeria Marcello will be supplying the pizza. Sandra will coordinate the station.

- 4.2.2. **Games**  
Fair games are ordered. Seth Gesualdi will be coordinating volunteers on the day.
- 4.2.3. **Crafts**  
Ann and Shannon will be coordinating.
- 4.2.4. **Santa's workshop**  
Kim and Melanie will shop for the goods needed. Kim is coordinating the station.
- 4.2.5. **Bake sale**  
Xenia and Ericka are coordinating the station.
- 4.2.6. **Face paint**  
Nancy Gervais is coordinating the station.
- 4.2.7. **Cotton candy/popcorn**  
Machines are ordered with the games.
- 4.2.8. **Raffle**  
Cindy has been soliciting for prizes. Vendors will be donating goods.
- 4.2.9. **HandS Hub**  
Will be selling FundScrip cards and SJF Apparel.
- 4.2.10. **Vendor Fair**  
Sandra Coordinated the Vendors. 30 various vendors to date.

**4.3. Vacant Exec Team Positions: Recording Secretary**

Remains vacant.

**4.4. Family Fun Night - table at November mtg**

Will take place in the winter. Ideas were shared to do a family game night at school, bingo night, and Laurentian lanes offers a fundraising event for schools. \$10 value for \$3.50 (two games and shoe rental). Will be further discussed at next meeting.

**4.5. Di Vittori Farewell**

Students were recorded (by Jason Bolanis) and a short movie will be produced of well wishes to Mr. Di Vittori. The assembly will take place on Friday December 1 at 1:30pm. A couple of classes prepared notes and a large card that will be presented at the assembly. H&S printed a SJF school picture and framed it as a token gift, to be presented. Possibility of a choir to sing.

**5. Finance**

**5.1 Monthly Report**

Motion to approve the budget with the question as to why the hockey raffle is listed as raising only \$2000 (seemed low). Amanda was absent at the meeting. Post meeting update: Listed as \$2000 for both fall and spring raffles together to be conservative.

2017-18-07 Motion to approve the monthly financial report with the question of the raffle amount in consideration. MSC.

## 5.2 FundScrip

Money raised is extremely little and the cost of shipping one or two orders per week is actually costing us money. A paper order blitz will take place at the same time as the next newsletter. In the future, orders will be 'direct ship to home' only - to be confirmed.

Tim Hortons has joined FundScrip!! Spread the word!

## 5.3 Fundraising Events

### 5.3.1 Halloween collection boxes

Marisa will distribute the boxes and volunteers will collect on Nov 1st and 2nd.

### 5.3.2 Paint Night

To be determined.

### 5.3.3 Hockey ticket raffle

Tickets will be distributed shortly. Booklets of 10 tickets will be sent home; \$1/ticket. The draw date is Nov 1st.

## 5.4 School Wish list

Each school requested a lego wall, Hokki stools (seating used in Universal Design of Learning) and new technology.

## 6. New Business

### 6.1 QFHSA Fall Conference

Sandra and Daphne will be attending.

### 6.2 Parent Workshop with school nurse ? (before Nov 7) - Vaccines

Sandra will check with Jill for availability.

## 7. School Reports

### 7.1 Junior School - Principal Delage

#### Staffing:

- Enrollment is at 231 students.
- Christina Marin Aponte is replacing Lyne Bérubé until her possible return in mid-January at this point.

#### Maintenance:

- A SmartBoard in the computer lab has been installed.
- Installation of stepping trunks and log in the works. Waiting to hear back about a specific date for the installation of the equipment bought with the grant from la "Fondation Pierre Lavoie".

- The library shelving part 1 was installed last week. Looking for volunteers to put some of the books in place this Friday with the librarian.

**Lockdown:**

- Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and it went very well but slightly long.

**Fire drill:**

- We have had 4 fire drills so far this year (3 during school hours and one during daycare hours).

**Mesure Partir du Bon Pied :**

- Started on October 2<sup>nd</sup> (tentative schedule Monday & Wednesday) with Maria Valela (40% post) with support to grade one class only.
- Looking at team teaching, working in the classroom with small group on specific notion, etc.).

**School bulletin & Interim report card:**

- The Interim report card was sent out on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The October bulletin was sent out last week.

**Author visit:**

- Ted Staunton, author of children's books, visited Kindergarten students on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The event was planned by our librarian (W. Corner).

**Extracurricular activities:**

- Educ-action Fall session has started (offered on three days). Tuesday: 1 activity, Wednesday: 2 activities, Thursday 3 activities.
- Pelo information sent last week (waiting for replies before making final decision about offering third language class).
- Another after school activity (Takabouger) is also in the works for the Fall and was sent to the parents last week. Registration open and classes should start next week. (Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.).

## 7.2 Senior Report - Principal Shizgal

We had a bumpy start this year with the construction delays. Teachers were not allowed into the building until August 25<sup>th</sup>, leaving only two days for cleaning and setting up. Everyone worked hard and the students were welcomed with a clean school and smiling teachers. The construction is done and we are waiting on some touch-ups and final finishings.

The new playground installation began yesterday.

378 students in 16 homerooms

New staff members are:

Nicoletta Pantazopoulos, Gr. 3 100%

Nadia Lakhdari, Gr. 4 100%

David Lemor, Gr. 5 100% (was here two years ago)  
Graham Cairns, Phys. Ed. 57%  
Nicole Marshall, Media tech 78%  
Liana Goldsmith, Music 18%  
Eric Kamel, Day Caretaker 100%

Kevin Denham was promoted to night supervisor. We are saddened to see him go but happy for this opportunity.

We have one McGill Student Teacher, Stephanie Bailey working with Tracylee McCulloch in Gr. 6

Despite the het Curriculum Night was well attended.

We have had two assemblies, one by cycle and one by grade. The ongoing themes are community, respect, safety and responsibility. Each person has the right to be safe and the responsibility to help keep others safe. Each person has the right to be respected and the responsibility to respect others. Each person in our community has the responsibility to work hard to maintain a safe, respectful school for themselves and others.

We have had the 5 required fire drills, one during daycare hours. We have also had one lockdown.

Our emergency plan is up to date thanks to Aimee.

Our resource team is working hard with weekly meetings in place to discuss our students. Irum Sheik, our psychologist and Cynthia Ebow, our speech and language specialist are both at SJFS on Tuesdays.

School photos went extremely well. I'd like to thank our H&S volunteers that came out to assist - their help and time at school is greatly appreciated. Many of the Gr. 6 students were away on an ultimate Frisbee tournament so their picture day will be Oct. 24, also the retake day.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual H&S Corn Roast was a great success. Thank you, H&S!

Terry Fox Run is tomorrow, rain date is Friday

Interim Reports will be going out electronically on Friday. IEPs will be sent by hard copy.

The school's success planning committee has met and will begin the process of developing our Educational project.

Grade 4 vaccinations: Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>

Community service (intergenerational project) at Bayview Seniors Centre and the Pte-Claire Legion has begun with Ms. Simatos.

I would like to thank Ms. Allard, Ms. Cindy, Mme. Neron, Ms. Poirier, Sandra Gesualdi and Daphne Daifas for all their help in weeding our school garden. The plan is to lay biodegradable plastic covered in mulch along the cleared pathways. Final trimming will happen shortly.

Facebook page is active and we are getting a lot of visitors.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for making me feel welcome and supported. This is a lovely school.

8. **Varia**

None.

9. **Adjournment and Next Meeting Date:**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday November 15, 2017 at Junior School, 7:00pm**

**Attendance**

Sandra Gesualdi  
Principal Delage  
Principal Shizgal  
Kelly-Anne MacPherson  
Nadia Gulli

Carla Da Silva  
Kim Harper  
Catherine Brisebois  
Sara Birks  
Melanie Keirl  
Daphne Daifas



*I'm so glad I live in a world  
where there are Octobers.*

– L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables