



Approved Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2018
7:00pm, Senior School



1. Approval of Agenda

2017-18-13 The agenda as presented was approved. M.S.C.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2017 Meeting

2017-18-14 The minutes were approved as sent in the kit. M.S.C.

3. Event Reports

3.1. Parenting series: Part II - Dietitian: (Nov 29 @ Clearpoint)

About 30 people attended this session. Hosted by Clearpoint. The speaker was Naureen Hunani.

3.2. SJF Christmas Fair & Vendor Fair

The Fair went very well and ran smoothly. There was a real sense of community in the school. Many volunteers made this event a success. Noted: possible to have the lunch cafe and bake sale on the main floor.; accept no 'food' vendors in the vendor's fair. We borrowed tables from the Board (these should be reserved at the beginning of the year). We fit 40 vendors in the gym along with the games and raffle.

3.3. Di Vittori Farewell Assembly (Friday December 1st)

Sandra mc'd the assembly. The recording was viewed. H&S presented Mr. Di Vittori with two ties and a framed picture of the 'student SJF picture'. Mr. Di Vittori was very honored to be invited for this belated farewell.

3.4. Family Movie Night (Friday Dec 15)

About 175 people attended movie night. Note: to watch one short movie (30min). The flyer should state that the doors open at 6:45pm and the movie will begin at 7pm. Also, it was suggested to have some type of animation, to avoid kids getting out of control, before the movie begins. The ticketless system worked very well and didn't

require extra volunteers. Parents rsvp'd to H&S email and a list (Sandra created a google form so that a list of names was created). Note: Next time, the google form should be emailed out and parents fill out the form online; list of names will be created automatically - no need to email H&S.

4. School Reports

4.1 Senior School

Principal Shizgal

- Staff Holiday Paint Night on Dec. 14th
- Movie Night at the Jr school on Dec. 15th
- Reading Week was the last week before the winter break from dec. 18th-22nd. The events included:
 - daily whole-school DEAR time
 - guest readers in some classes
 - A bookmark contest
 - A book recommendation board was created
 - A school-wide rendition of Who's on First with John and Victor
 - A story over the PA system
 - PJ day.
 - Thanks to Victor for the planning
- LPHS held a Christmas Concert on Dec. 18th for our whole school
- Dec. 22nd- a whole-school holiday sing-a-long featuring the recorder players and the grade 6 band.

January

- Gr. 6 Volleyball tournament on Jan. 9th. SJFS were well represented and did well.
- We made it through the first week of snow, cold, rain and snow!
- The first Ski Club for grade 4 was postponed until March due to the rain on Thursday.
- Grade 4 English exams start this week
- Lise lecompte will be moving to the board as a Special Needs consultant. Congratulations. Jan. 8th was her last day as resource teacher. She remained at SJFS as consultant for the 9-12th.
- Welcome to Larysa Yurcheniuk-Kostyk who is our new resource teacher
- Hosted the Securities and Facilities Committee on Monday Jan. 15

Coming Up:

- Ski Club for grades 4, 5 and 6 will be heading out over the next few weeks.
- Staff will have a presentation with Dr. Bennett about the attachment patterns and developmental trauma in understanding and working with elementary school children.

- Staff will be taking a road trip to Forest Hill Senior to see some Deep Learning in action on Jan. 22nd.
- SJFJ will hold their Open House on Jan 23rd.
- Jill will be starting the sex ed program in Grade 6.
- Carolyn Schrider is returning to her Grade 4 post on Jan. 22nd
- Thanks to Nadia for all her hard work. In Grade 4.

4.2 Junior Report

Principal Delage

Staffing:

- Enrollment is still at 231 students.
- Janice Murray (Mme. Tessier) was replacing Mme. Corbeil who was on leave from the beginning of December until this Monday.
- Mme. Bérubé is still on leave and Mme. Cristina continuing her replacement.

Maintenance:

- Installation of stepping trunks and logs are planned for the Spring 2018 at this point. Equipment was picked up for storage.
- Tree cutting and pruning happened on Friday, Nov. 24th.
- The library upgrade is moving along as the second phase of the library shelving was done in November. New furniture, television, and painting have all been completed. More to come... Thank you to the volunteers and our librarian for their hard work.
- Sound system from the H & S wish list has been ordered and was delivered on Friday, December 8th. Just in time for the Holiday concert and movie night in December.
- New furniture was also purchase for the staff room (sofa, loveseat and coffee tables).
- Some older cubbies were changed in Daycare this week with recycled cubbies from Thorndale School (now another Board school). A second phase is being considered.

Francisation, Wellness and Homework:

- Most programs have started at this point. Maria Valela is doing the Homework groups on Friday's (focus on reading).
- Wellness is being done by one of our integration aide Deidra Yim 30 minutes in the morning every day (8 to 10 week program. Groups can and will be changed according to needs).
- Francisation is pending at the time of writing this report. The goal is to have it twice a week in order to be beneficial for the students.

Educational Plan:

- The school success team has met several times already. Direction 1 (improving achievement) and 2 (ensuring wellness) are mostly done. Mission and vision statement was discussed during at staff meeting and will be discussed with the Senior campus at some point in the new year. The plan is to share the Educational project with GB at some point in the new year (February or March).

À l'école on bouge au cube initiative:

- Our school along with a few others was chosen to create new healthy habits at school with a special measure 15023 from the ministry and with the collaboration of "Le Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie". A committee of teachers has been formed and the goal is to be active for 60 min. per day. Planning an activity or two with both campus is also a requested as well as participating in "Le Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie" in May.

Parent-Teacher interviews:

- Went very well with the Fusion portal booking. Most teachers saw their entire classes.

Report card & School bulletin:

- First term report cards were made available on the Fusion portal on November 20th. All went very well very few requests came to the office. Parents were redirected to the Fusion portal information sent to them in October.
- The December bulletin was sent on Dec. 5th and the January bulletin was sent yesterday (Jan 16th).

Extracurricular activities:

- Educ-action Fall session finished on Nov. 30th and the Winter session started this week (8 week program).
- PELO started today (20 weeks program with 12 students).
- Takabouger was offered on Tuesday last Fall and it is being planned for the same day for the Winter. (7 weeks program).

Home & School:

- Thank you to the Home and School and the volunteers (students, parents, grandparents) and for all the hard work in order for to making the Christmas Fair so successful again this year.
- Thank you to all volunteers for planning for the second year a Christmas movie night at the Junior campus on December 15th.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Parenting Series

Part III - Parenting in digital age (@ Dorval- Jan 24, 7:15pm)

Glenn Katz will be the speaker.

Part IV - Money Matters (@SJF SR) - date TBA

Upon availability of the speaker.

5.2 Family Fun Night: Laurentian Lanes, Bingo

Sandra will call and get info. Coordinators are needed in order for these activities to take place. A tentative date has been set for Bingo night, Feb 16.

5.3 Open House (Jan 23, 8:45am/12:45pm @ Jr)

Volunteers are needed. An ad is posted on the electronic city board. Invitations have been sent out to local daycares and preschools. It was discussed that we should highlight the fact that we are an immersion school. Noted: should consider having an evening session next year.

5.4 Annual Fran Lowry Blood Drive (Jan 31, 1:30-8pm) - Bakers

A call out for bakers has been made.

5.5 Teacher Appreciation Week (Feb 19-23)

A great week is planned for our teachers. 'You mean the world to us' is the theme. Each day a new county will be brought to SJF staff rooms.

5.6 Paint Night

Sandra will get info. A coordinator is needed. It was discussed that it would be easier to have this event off site (not at school).

5.7 Chapters FUNdraising Evening (Wed Feb 28, 4-9pm)

A maximum of four volunteers are needed for each hour. Principal Delage will bring the electronic frame to showcase the school.

6. Finance

6.1 Monthly Report

Amanda P.

The association is in good standing. Thank you to Amanda who keeps everything in fine order and all funds accounted for.

2017-18-15 Approval of this monthly report. M.S.C.

6.2 FundScrip - changes in delivery

Changes have been made to the delivery option of the cards. Now, the only option for delivery is direct ship to home as shipping to the school was expensive considering the number of orders received.

7. New Business

7.1 Grad Dance Party Committee

Two grad parents were present at the meeting. They will begin to look into getting a price for a DJ and animator. They will also recruit other parents to help.

7.2 Yearbook Committee

A call out has been made for those interested to help put together this year's yearbook. Parents from the Jr school inquired about having the book include the jr school therefore creating a schoolwide yearbook. The principals will refer to their staff. This will be tabled at the February meeting.

7.3 Appreciation Days:

7.3.1 Bus Drivers - April 23 gift cards

7.3.2 Secretaries - April 25 gift cards

7.3.3 Caretakers - April 24 lunch/supper

7.3.4 Librarians - Sr April 26, Jr April 27 gift cards

7.3.5 Daycare Staff - May 4 luncheon

8. Varia

9. Adjournment and Next Meeting Date:

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 21, 2018 at Junior School, 7:00pm



Renie Britenbucher

Attendance

Sadra Gesualdi

Daphne Daifas

Sara Birks

Principal Delage

Nancy Norena

Rebecca Cherry

Lisa Bridgeman

Shelley Gluszko

Shannon Cater

Amanda Pelletier

Oksana Yakimiy