

Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – APRIL 10TH 2013

Attendance:	Parents:	Bridget Bagshaw Mike Vallée Sandra Gesualdi	Secretary & Vice Chair
	Staff:	Lise Lecompte Nicole Montcalm Rachel Ethier Laura Sulano Debbie Poirier	Teacher Teacher Teacher Daycare Librarian
	Principal:	Tony Di Vittori	
	Commissioner:	Linton Garner	

Absent:	Ken Johnston, Parent Rep
Regrets:	Balgovind Pande, Chair Gloria Coulter, Community Rep.
Public:	One (1)

5.1 Call to Order

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by S. Gesualdi at 7:05pm.

5.2 Adoption of the Agenda

12-13-51 *It was moved by R. Ethier to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by L. Sulano, and was carried unanimously.*

5.3 Adoption of Minutes of February 13th, 2012.

12-13-52 *It was moved by B. Bagshaw to accept the minutes with the corrections. The motion was seconded by M. Vallée, and was carried unanimously.*

5.4 Questions from the public

No questions from the public.

5.5 Business Arising

5.5.1 “Volunteer of the Year” Nomination

Grace Lee is the SJF Sr. volunteer of the year. She has volunteered at the school since the Jubilee merger. She volunteers at the library.

5.6 New Business

5.6.1 Students with Special Needs Policy Consultation

Commissioner Garner is a member of SNAC. He commented that there is a concern with the shortness of the time frame of the consultation. The advisory committee would like more time to allow parents to get involved and to review the draft policy.

5.6.2 GB Composition Consultation

This year’s Governing Board has decided to continue with the existing GB composition of 12 members.

12-13-53 It was moved by N. Montcalm to have a 12 member GB for the school year 2013/2014. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier and was carried unanimously.

5.6.3 Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables Consultation

12-13-54 It was moved by L. Lecompte to accept this plan with no comment. The motion was seconded by B. Bagshaw and was carried unanimously.

5.6.4 Council of Executive Meeting Dates and Times Consultation

12-13-55 It was moved by N. Montcalm to accept the dates and times of these meeting with no comment. The motion was seconded by M. Vallée and carried unanimously.

5.6.5 Safe and Caring Schools Policy Consultation

Discussion ensued concerning the word “deliberate” in the definition of bullying. This section of the policy is a direct quote and part of the Education Act (from MELS) therefore no part of this section of the policy can be altered. There is no comment on this policy consultation.

5.6.6 McGill Study (teachers)

This study is looking into the burn-out rate and the cause of burn-out in teachers. Teachers will be asked to fill out two on-line surveys.

12-13-56 It was moved by N. Montcalm to allow our teachers to take part in the study. The motion was seconded by M. Vallée and was carried unanimously.

5.6.7 Field Trips

a) Grad. Trip Monday June 17th from 9am to 7pm. Cost is \$62. Ratio is 1:11 (plus the staff at the Centre NDF)

The students will spend the day doing the following activities:

- Centre Notre- Dame- de –Fatima (activities in the forest/sports/survival activities)
- Bowling in Pincourt
- Grad dinner at Pasta Tutti Giorni

12-13-57 It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve the fieldtrip. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier and carried unanimously.

5.7 Reports

5.7.1 Parent Representative Report

No report was given.

5.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

- A Bill 14 committee has been formed and wrote a brief that has attracted much attention.
- Council Notes were included in the kit.

5.7.3 Home & School Report

- Community Walk Friday May 24th rain or shine. This year the committee is looking to make the walk a fun event for the kids, volunteers cheering for the walkers, kids singing, et al. Will ask that parents send in a cheque instead of sending in change. Last year the Community Walk raised \$8000, which made for long hours of rolling coins. Will send a plan to the principals concerning recipients of the funds collected
- Contest for a new Home & School logo is ongoing.
- Looking to create a cheer/chant for the school; getting students to participate in this

5.7.4 Teachers' Report

- Grade 3 students learned to curl at the Beaconsfield Curling Club. Members from the club were on hand to help our students.
- Grade 4 students are entrenched in the Medieval Times
- Grade 6 students performing: "A Rock'n Tale of Snow White".
- Anti-Bullying awareness.

5.7.5 Library Report

- April 18th Book Fair in the gym
- Guest authors will be visiting the school. May 3rd Eric Walters will meet with the Grade 5's in our library; the cost is \$425. May 6th and 9th John Wilson will meet with two grade 6 classes at a time at the Valois Library and our library respectively; the cost is \$250. May 28th Shane Peacock will meet with cycle 3 (grades TBA); the cost is \$300.

5.7.6 Daycare Report

- February 18th (ped day) the students went tubing. Despite the cold weather, they enjoyed themselves.
- The Daycare Show participants are practicing for the show Friday May 24th for daycare parents.
- This month, science was added to the activities offered. Grades 4, 5, and 6 are very excited to be working on their projects. Next month this activity will be offered to the grade 3 students.

5.7.7 Principal's Report

- ✓ Public Speaking and Storytelling competitions were a great success.
- ✓ Wear Pink Day: We had great student and staff participation (95 % of the student population in pink).
- ✓ Our Grade 5 students went to LPHS to meet with the leaderships students there to brainstorm ideas for the mural. The LPHS students came to SJF-Sr for a second session. Ideas down on paper and will be presented to the artist(s) for the final rendition.
- ✓ The "Reading Week" activities went extremely well. Had a great assembly on Monday, March 18th to start the week. Our Regional Director, David Meloche was present and spoke to the students.
- ✓ The Cycle 2 & 3 students attended the LPHS play –"The Music Man".
- ✓ The Grade 6 classes attended the Drug Awareness workshop presented by Station 5. Both students and staff had positive things to say about the workshop.
- ✓ We had an Air Transat pilot come in to speak to two of our Grade 5 classes (part of a math unit). The two classes visited the Canadian Aviation Museum today.

- ✓ Our Numeracy committee issued two new math problems in March for our students to solve:
 - Number of rotations made by school bus wheels between SJF-Sr. and Arbraska (Rigaud)
 - If all Cycle 2 students held the arms together outstretch, what would be the distance measured.
- ✓ Four Grade 6 students participated in the Pointe Claire Youth Council on Monday evening. Our own Alexa Dougherty was chosen as mayor by the other students (Ecole Primaire Pte-Claire and SJF-SR) participating in the youth council. The students were greeted by Mr. McMurchie (Mayor) and counselors. Students presented and spoke well throughout the evening. We are in good hands with these fine, future leaders.
- ✓ We are very thankful to the Glenmore Curling Club volunteers for welcoming our students and introducing them to curling. Grade 3 students had a great time curling.
- ✓ This month, Grade 6 students will be competing in our SJF-Sr. Math Competition and both Grade 5 & 6 students will be competing in a Spelling Bee.
- ✓ Students and staff have been busy preparing for the Grade 6 play. They held lunch-time and after-school rehearsals and everything is falling in to place nicely. Today we welcomed the Junior school for a dress rehearsal, with our own students seeing a dress rehearsal tomorrow afternoon. Parents will be seeing the performance tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM. Members of the GB are welcomed to attend.
- ✓ Reminder that the Portfolio Evening will be held on April 18th. Ms. Poirier is organizing a book fair on the same day.
- ✓ April 19th is a ped day.
- ✓ Grade 6 students will be visiting local high school on April 22nd (HS mini-day).
- ✓ The JRHS Band will be giving a performance at our school on April 24th.
- ✓ The Grade 5 math exams have begun. The Grade 6 French exams will begin next week.
- ✓ As part of our school success plan, the staff has completed a survey on "Safe and Caring Schools".
- ✓ The staffing process for the 2013-2014 has begun.
- ✓ Painters have started in the classrooms. Classes being painted move into our spare class for approx. 3 days.
- ✓ Grade 4 students will receive their second dose of Hep B vaccinations in early May.
- ✓ The Grade 4 Medieval Festival will take place on May 3rd. They will be joined by the Vikings of Homeroom 341.
- ✓ Plans underway for the Lève Toi et Bouge activities in May.

5.8 Questions from the Public

No questions.

Adjournment and the Next Meeting Date: 7:00pm, Wednesday May 8th 2013.

12-13-58 *Upon a motion by M. Vallée and seconded by B. Bagshaw, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm. The motion was carried unanimously.*

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday May 8th, 2013.