

Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING – DECEMBER 12TH 2012

Attendance:	Parents:	Balgovind Pande	Chair
		Bridget Bagshaw	
		Ken Johnston	Regional Parent Rep.
		Mike Vallée	
		Sandra Gesualdi	Secretary & Vice Chair
Staff:		Lise Lecompte	Teacher
		Nicole Montcalm	Teacher
		Rachel Ethier	Teacher
		Laura Sulano	Daycare
		Debbie Poirier	Librarian
Principal:		Tony Di Vittori	
Regrets :	Commissioner Linton Garner		
	Community Rep. Gloria Coulter		

3.1 Call to Order

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by B. Pande at 7:25pm.

3.2 Adoption of the Agenda

12-13-31 *It was moved by D. Poirier. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier, and was carried unanimously.*

3.3 Adoption of Minutes of November 14th, 2012.

12-13-32 *It was moved by N. Montcalm to accept the minutes with the approved changes. The motion was seconded by L. Sulano, and was carried unanimously.*

3.4 Questions from the public

No public was present.

3.5 Business Arising

3.5.1 Community Rep

This will be tabled at the next meeting.

3.5.2 PEF Grant (ratification of approval via email)

We will receive a response from the Board in January.

3.5.3 Anti-Bullying Plan (update)

This plan is a working document that deals with bullying and violence in school. Additions and changes to the document are done by staff council. The goal of the plan is to document and deal with incidences. It also gives the school a procedure to follow when bullying is reported. A code of conduct (which will reflect the Anti-Bullying Plan) will be given out to the students as part of their agenda and it will be posted on the school website.

Discussion included:

- Students should be good citizens, and not be indifferent.
- ERC will continue to incorporate this topic in the course.

Dare to Care Workshops for students went well. Support for kids was focused upon, “if you have support, you will win”. A tug of war was given as an example:

Bully X-----X Victim, Parents and Teachers

Approximately 100 people were in attendance at the parent evening. This evening was set-up in collaboration with St. Edmund’s Elementary (Beaconsfield).

12-13-33 It was moved by K. Johnston to adopt this plan. The motion was seconded by M. Vallée, and carried unanimously.

3.6 New Business

3.6.1 SJF – Sr. School Budget (Nov. Revised)

T. Di Vittori presented the budget for SJF-Sr. School

12-13-34 It was moved by N. Montcalm to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by K. Johnston, and carried unanimously.

3.6.2 SJF – Sr. Daycare Budget (Nov. Revised)

L. Sulano presented the budget for SJF-Sr Daycare.

12-13-35 It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve the budget for SJF Sr. School Daycare, as presented. The motion was seconded by N. Montcalm, and was carried unanimously.

3.6.3 Grade 4 Social Studies Guest Speaker

Terre Histoire – Social Studies Animators will present to the Grade 4 students (al classes) what life was like in the 1740's. They will be coming to the school at the end of March. The cost is \$5 per student.

12-13-36 It was moved by K. Johnston to approve the Grade 4 Social Studies guest speaker as presented by T. Di Vittori. The motion was seconded by B. Bagshaw, and was carried unanimously.

3.6.4 Grade 6 Field Trip

Stop-Motion Workshop

The students will create their own scene and will learn “stop-motion“ filming. The workshop which is in French, allows 60 students at a time. This will take place the mornings of January 29th and February 5th. The cost per student is (if one bus is needed) \$16 (\$8.75 plus transportation) or (if 2 busses are needed) \$22.

12-13-37 It was moved by B. Bagshaw to approve the field trip. The motion was seconded by M. Vallée. There was one abstention and nine approval votes.

3.6.5 Cycle 3 French Pilot Projects

The Cycle Three French teachers are piloting a new Social Studies program for grades 5 & 6. Fundamentally it is the same content as is used presently but the presentation of material is more appealing to students. There is a student activity book, smart board friendly teaching material and links to further the resources for students. The cost of the students' workbooks is being shared by the publishing company, the Board, and school. The digital Teachers' manual is being paid for by the school.

A new French Language Arts program , “Littératie En Action”, is also being piloted at the Cycle 3 level. The school has a loan of the textbooks books for three months and the teacher's manual in digital format has been purchased by the school.

3.7 Reports

None

3.8 Questions for the Public

There was no public present.

Adjournment and the Next Meeting Date: 7:00pm, Wednesday February 13th 2013.

12-13-38 Upon a motion by B. Bagshaw and seconded by N. Montcalm, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday February 13th, 2013.