

## Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING – February 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

#### Attendance:

Parents:	Bridget Bagshaw Sandra Gesualdi Balgovind Pande Jennifer Pastor Karl Santaguida	Regional Parent Rep. Secretary & Vice Chair Chair
Staff:	Rachel Ethier Lise Lecompte Linda Neron Debbie Poirier Laura Sulano	Teacher Teacher Teacher Librarian Daycare
Principal:	Tony Di Vittori	
Public:	One	

Regrets: Noel Burke, Commissioner

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#### 4.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by B. Pande at 7:02 pm.

#### 4.2 Adoption of the Agenda

14-15-30 *It was moved by K. Santaguida to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier, and was carried unanimously.*

#### 4.3 Adoption of Minutes of December 3rd, 2014.

14-15-31 *It was moved by B. Bagshaw to adopt the minutes of the December 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded J. Pastor, and was carried unanimously.*

#### 4.4 Questions from the Public

None.

## 4.5 Business Arising

### 4.5.1 PEF Grant (update)

The request for the Phys. Ed. grant was approved.

The request for the Tech Team's Laptop Project was not approved.

## 4.6 New Business

### 4.6.1 LBPSB Budget Consultation

No Comment.

### 4.6.2 Principal's Selection Criteria

This is a Governing Board mandate, to be done each year. B. Pande will draft a letter, then send it to GB members before sending it to the Board.

### 4.6.3 SJF Annual Report

The report was included in the kit. A few items were highlighted at the meeting:

- Math exam success rates were lower across the Board. SJF success rate was 81.25%. Teachers commented that the wording of the questions and the terminology used in the math exams were new to the students. In light of last year's exam, teachers this year have been doing more sample exams with the students to better prepare them for the Board exam.
- The SJF success rate for the French exams is 94%, a slight increase from the previous year. This success rate is on target.
- The SJF success rate for the English exams is 99%. The rate surpasses our target.
- This is the final (5<sup>th</sup>) year of this particular School Success Plan. Also, it is the last School Success Plan that will be joint with SJF Junior School. Moving forward, SJF Senior School will prepare a School Success Plan solely for SJF Senior School. The next Plan will cover the years 2015 to 2020.
- Results from the Tell It From Me Survey, completed by grades 4 to 6 have been tallied. Overall there is positive feedback from the students concerning school life. There seems to be an anomaly in that some students feel that they don't belong although 93% feel safe at school. In the future, we will try to word the questions more specifically in order to get more accurate results.
- These statistics help start conversations for change.

Principal Di Vittori along with a few teachers, attended a two day workshop. One of the conferences was titled "The Visible Learner". A few points were shared:

- Students having a voice.
- How effective are we?
- Are we having an impact?
- Are we having an impact on the strong students also?

14-15-32 *It was moved by K. Santaguida to approve the SJF Annual Report as presented. The motion was seconded R. Ethier, and was carried unanimously.*

#### **4.6.4 Capital Projects**

Water meters project was added to the 'Capital Projects 2016-2017 over \$50,000 section'.

The following are the other projects over \$50,000:

- Classroom ceiling tiles and drop ceilings in hallways.
- Classroom floor tiles.
- Repave school yard.
- Elevator.

Projects under \$50,000:

- Soundproof library ceiling.
- Library flooring.
- Upgrade fire panel and detection.

14-15-33 *It was moved by B. Bagshaw to approve the Capital Projects as presented. The motion was seconded L. Lecompte, and was carried unanimously.*

#### **4.6.5 Grade 3 Curling**

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, grade 3 students will go to the Glenmore Curling Club for 1 hour slots (bussed to and from the Club). Volunteers from the club will teach the students. The Club has asked for a donation in lieu of a charged fee. The cost will be \$7 per student (transportation).

14-15-34 *It was moved by B. Bagshaw to approve the grade 3 curling fieldtrip. The motion was seconded by L. Neron, and was carried unanimously.*

#### **4.6.6 Research project with Grade 5 Students**

Mme. Roxanne's grade 5 French class will take part in a research project (headed by Julie Lalancet – approved by the LBPSB). The project involves collecting written work from French second language students; this compilation will then be analysed and feedback will be given. A letter of consent will be sent to the parents for approval of their child being involved in this study.

14-15-35 *It was moved by R. Ethier to approve the Language Research Project as explained. The motion was seconded by S. Gesualdi, and was carried unanimously.*

#### **4.6.7 Workshop for Grade 5 Students**

SJF's spiritual animator is requesting funding from the LBPSB to help her host a project concerning and including the following topics: Differences, tolerance and inclusive education. She would like to work with the grade 5 students. Should this funding not come through, she will invite someone from the FSSTT (Family and School Support and Treatment Team)

committee at the Board to talk to the students on the above mentioned topics along with other similar topics.

## **4.7 Reports**

### **4.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report**

No report.

### **4.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Notes**

No report.

### **4.7.3 Home and School Report**

- \$900 from the 2013 Shindig is left to purchase two iPads.
- Stage extensions have been ordered; purchased with 2014 Shindig money.

### **4.7.4 Teacher's Report**

Included in the Principal's report.

### **4.7.5 Librarian's Report**

- Eric Walters (received the Order of Canada) will visit the grade 6 classes in May. His new book "Walking Home" is interactive with a website.
- Canadian Children's Book Week: TBA author and grade.
- School surplus went to the library. Last year there was a cut in the library budget, therefore this surplus now balances what was missing.

### **4.7.6 Daycare Report**

- Upon the request of students, the daycare will have a Talent Show on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rehearsals will take place Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school from 2:30 – 5:00pm (10 groups practicing for a half hour each). Approval for a teacher to coach the students is requested.
- February 6<sup>th</sup> PED day at Mount Avila went smoothly. Despite the cold weather, the students had a fun time, as they do every year.
- On the April 24th PED day, daycare will host a mobile Sugar Camp for lunch as well as activities during the afternoon.
- Lunch and daycare activities have begun. Babysitting Course (Mondays and Tuesdays); Mad Science (Wednesdays); Ceramics (Thursdays); Crystal workshop (Fridays). After school the following are offered: Cake decorating (Mondays) and Magic class (Thursdays).

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*It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve that someone will come in to teach/coach the students for the talent show. The motion was seconded L. Neron, and was carried unanimously.*

#### 4.7.7 Principal's Report

- ✓ False fire alarm on Monday
- ✓ School Success Plan (update): SSP committee has started discussions concerning the 2015-20 plan and has attended workshops at the Board.
- ✓ Re-registration distributed this week for Grades 3-5. Grade 6 re-registrations have returned.
- ✓ Laptop project (update)
  - Advertising around school
  - Flyers going home (tech team)
  - As an entrepreneurial program, money can be won on a provincial level for this project.
- ✓ Suitcases for Africa (Ms. Finn came to speak to the Social Action Team)
- ✓ An art club has begun at school (Grades 4 and 5)
- ✓ Glee Club auditions tomorrow with Ms. Yan and Ms. Briere
- ✓ Junior Leadership Day at Westpark Elementary School: Eight Grade 6 students attended with Ms. Lavery
- ✓ Musical well under way. Great involvement by students and staff, including our caretakers.
- ✓ Phys Ed grants being spent. Use of equipment by the community has started. Currently via word of mouth and will be advertised. This is a long term project.
- ✓ Google accounts (staff and students)
- ✓ Staff attended Board workshops this past Friday.
- ✓ Report cards being prepared and will go home first week in March.
- ✓ Parimou presentation next week.
  - Self-esteem & conflict resolution
  - Help improve communication between students and reduce aggressive behaviours
- ✓ Grade 6 Brain Awareness workshops planned for the second week in March.

#### 4.8 Questions from the Public

None.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

14-15-37 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to adjourn the meeting at 8:18pm. The motion was seconded by R. Ethier, and was carried unanimously.*

**Please note: No meeting in the month of March**

**Next Meeting Date:**

**Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**