

Governing Board

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary School

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 14th, 2015

Attendance:

Parents:	Sandra Gesualdi Balgovind Pande Jennifer Pastor	Secretary & Vice Chair Chair
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Staff:	Rachel Éthier Lise Lecompte Linda Néron Debbie Poirier Laura Sulano	Teacher Teacher Teacher Librarian Daycare
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Principal:	Tony Di Vittori
Commissioner	Noel Burke
Public:	None

Regrets:

Bridget Bagshaw Karl Santaguida	Regional Parent Rep.
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6.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Having attained quorum, the meeting was called to order by B. Pande at 7:04 pm.

6.2 Adoption of the Agenda

B. Pande requested the addition of TrottiBus to the agenda; to be placed at point 6.5.2

14-15-44 It was moved by D. Poirier to adopt the agenda with the addition of TrottiBus. The motion was seconded by R. Éthier, and was carried unanimously.

6.3 Adoption of Minutes of April 8th, 2015.

14-15-45 It was moved by L. Sulano to adopt the minutes of the April 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded L. Néron, and was carried unanimously.

6.4 Questions from the Public

None

6.5 Business Arising

6.5.1 Major School Change

The Chairpersons of the Jr. and Sr. schools will compile questions to create a survey for the school community. Two parents responded to join a sub-committee (non-GB parents, to be inclusive).

6.5.2 Trotibus

A questionnaire went out. A parent volunteered to compile the information received.

6.6 New Business

6.6.1 School Calendar (2015-16)

Principal Di Vittori presented the school calendar for the next school year.

- The first day of school will be Tuesday September 1st, 2015.
- GB meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month:

October 14 th	April 13 th
November 11 th	May 11 th
December 9 th	June 8 th
February 10 th	

14-15-46 *It was moved by L. Néron to approve the 1015-16 school calendar. The motion was seconded by J. Pastor, and was carried unanimously.*

6.6.2 School Fees (2015-16)

School fees will be as follows:

\$55 (incl. \$34 photocopying, \$15 art material, \$6 consumable science materials),

\$7 agenda

\$10 social studies workbooks

\$72 Total

Although there are less copies made, the cost of maintaining the machines has increased.

14-15-47 *It was moved by R. Éthier to approve the school fees for the coming year. The motion was seconded by L. Sulano, and was carried unanimously.*

6.6.3 Community Program with Spiritual Animator

Approval needed for the Grade six programs for the 2015-16 school year; the programs are as follows:

- a) Bayview Residence activities (weekly)
- b) Pointe Claire Legion, to serve lunch (weekly)
- c) Pet Show at Bayview (October)

These programs incur no cost to the students. Small groups of students take part each week. Parents volunteer to drive the students to the locations.

14-16-48 It was moved by D. Poirier to approve the grade six Community Program. The motion was seconded by S. Gesualdi, and was carried unanimously.

6.6.4 Bank of Montreal Partnership Trip

Ms. McCulloch's grade six class is working on a math unit learning percentages. The BMO manager will visit the class to discuss interest rates, percentages, credit cards and opening accounts. The students may walk to the BMO bank (on Donegani) to visit and learn about the vault and safety deposit boxes.

14-15-49 It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve the grade six BMO/Math trip. The motion was seconded by J. Pastor, and was carried unanimously.

6.6.5 Year-End Pool Days

Permission forms will be sent out. Every class will have the opportunity to have pool time at Valois Pool during the month of June. The cost is \$4.

14-15-50 It was moved by R. Éthier to approve the pool days. The motion was seconded by L. Néron, and was carried unanimously.

6.6.6 June 23rd Schedule

The final day of the school year will be Tuesday June 23rd; it will be a full day of school. The graduation ceremony will take place on Monday June 22nd.

6.6.7 AGM 2014

It was discussed to move the AGM (from September 2nd) to Thursday September 3rd at 6:30 prior to 'meet the teacher' in order to encourage more parents to attend the meeting and get involved. The AGM date and time will be tabled at the next meeting.

6.7 Reports

6.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report

No report.

6.7.2 Commissioner's Report

- Notes included in the kit.
- Discussions at council included the following:
 - Stressed that the MSC title is "A Consultation for *Sustaining and Enhancing Services*".
 - Financial cuts from the government.
 - Changing programs in schools (how to attract eligible students) to our schools.
 - The real threat is a cut in government non-funded services (the extras).
 - Interested in increasing revenue (involve corporate involvement – always following the advertising rules).
 - Adding social services/offices to buildings that need a boost.
 - Demographics at elementary level (birthrate and eligibility choices) produced a 10% drop but shows stability over 15 years.
 - After grade 6, there is a great drop in enrollment for high school. Students are going to other institutions other to LBPSB schools. The drop in the high school population is 24%.
 - At the secondary level, we have to respond to the wants of clients – we should learn from the services provided by the private schools.
 - Administration is availability to be involved in Town Hall Meetings. The next meeting is tentatively May 27th at Lindsay Place High School.
 - Approval for the Home Schooling Policy.
 - Finalization of Administration positions.
 - Construction projects in schools.

Points discussed at the GB meeting:

- More and better marketing is needed (success rates and all the good); advertising at preschools to let them know what is available in the neighborhood schools.
- There's insecurity/lack of confidence in the School Board due to the changes that have occurred.
- Government funds 60% of private school education; what would happen if these funds were put into the public system?

6.7.3 Home and School Report

- Fundscrip: this year, the money raised per grade, was allotted to the grade. The breakdown is as follows:
\$113 (K), \$241 (1), \$109 (2), \$158 (3), \$226 (4), \$113 (5), \$164 (6)

- The Spring Fair went well; 50 volunteers, 60 raffle prizes, 170 cookies were decorated, 300 flower arrangements made, 500 visits to the bouncy house. Grade six students sold TCBY (\$158). Social Action bought three goats (\$143). The grand total raised was \$647.
- \$350 to purchase flags with school logo to be used at school events.
- Three workshops planned for next school year:
 - A) Parent/child self-defence
 - B) Anxiety in parents and children
 - C) Dietician
- Junior book fair went well.
- Community Walk: 10% to Social Action Team, and the balance evenly divided to three charities.
- An introduction to H&S will be given at the Kindergarten Orientation Session.
- BBQ June 3rd (4 rain date)
- Donation of exercise bikes to the resource room.
- The next H&S meeting will be the AGM.
- \$820 in clothing sold.
- Mother's Day blitz for Fundscrip.
- Oliver's Labels will be offered as a fundraiser to the parents; replacing Mabel's Labels.

6.7.4 Teacher's Report

Included in the Principal's Report.

6.7.5 Librarian's Report

- Author Cheiri Uegaki visited.
- Eric Walters will visit the grade 5 and 6 classes on May 28th in the afternoon.
- The book fair raised \$1100.
- Library will close at the end of May; May 29th is the final day to take out books.

6.7.6 Daycare Report

- The Daycare Handbook will be given out the grade 3 parents. The balance of the school will receive an information paper.
- Notable change is the fee increase from \$350 to \$355/year for the fulltime lunch program.
- The daycare rate chart isn't included in the booklet due to the fee increase to come (the government hasn't relayed the information as of yet).
- Booklet is posted on the school website.
- Mother's Day was celebrated.
- Daycare students created 4 mobiles that are displayed in the Boardroom at the Board.
- Each day during Daycare Week the kids had a special activity. On the final day, parents were treated to coffee and muffins.

6.7.7 Principal's Report

- ✓ Staffing and student enrollment for 2015-16
- ✓ The H&S Spring Fair had a great turnout. Would like to thank the H&S and all the volunteers for their time and effort in making it a great success.
- ✓ Mme Sophie Perreault is the new Grade 4 French teacher replacing Mme Carolyn Schrider who is on maternity leave. The baby should be arriving any day.
- ✓ The Pte-Claire Youth Council was held on April 13th and was a great experience for all students participating. The evening was webcast and the video is on city's webpage.
- ✓ Our portfolio evening was another great success. We had a great turnout and it's always a pleasant evening to participate in.
- ✓ The Bombardier competition was a great experience for our 16 students representing our school. They competed with cycle 3 and high school students from the Marguerite Bourgeois school board. This year there were only two schools representing LBPSB. Although the competition was quite difficult our students rose to the challenge and did well.
- ✓ Grade 3 concert was well attended by parents and family members. The students did a fantastic job and were very impressive.
- ✓ Met with Grade 2 parents on April 27th. Mr. DeVincentis (staff assistant) was present to help with the school tour. We had about 60 parents attend. Most parents who have children already at SJF-Sr. did not attend.
- ✓ On May 5th, the Grade 4 students received their second vaccination for Hep B.
- ✓ This month the Grade 3 classes held their Poetry Cafés. We had full houses in all classes. Parents were treated to excellent poetry with snacks and refreshments.
- ✓ Last week, our school success team attended a workshop at PCHS. The guest speaker was Dr. Egidio Royer (psychologist and special education professor). The theme of the presentation was intervention in class to address behavioural issues and development of social skills among troubled youth.
- ✓ This Friday's PED day: staff will be meeting to discuss, supply lists, graduation preparations, and hold grade level meetings to review plans for the upcoming school year.
- ✓ The H&S Community Walk will take place on May 22nd.
- ✓ The Grade 6 Band concert will be presented on May 28th at 7:00 PM.
- ✓ May 29th the Grade 4 "Medieval Feast" will be held in the gym. It's a feast fit for kings and queens (and lords, knights, peasants, and even the executioners)!
- ✓ The grad trip will take place on May 29th.
- ✓ The H&S BBQ will be held on June 3rd at the senior school.
- ✓ The small group of Grade 5 students is organizing a SJF-Sr. talent show. Last year's show was organized by Grade 6 students. Auditions will be held soon with a tentative show date for the last week of June. Staff is helping to judge the auditions.
- ✓ We have had three new students start at school (grades 3 & 4). Two of which are recent arrivals from Korea. All three have been warmly welcomed to SJF-Sr.
- ✓ We have been in communication with the local BMO branch manager to organize a visit to our school to speak to the students about math and finances. Looking into organizing a bank visit also.
- ✓ There will be 16 homerooms next year; same number of students as this year.

- ✓ Music teacher Libby McCullough is retiring this year.
- ✓ A PDIG application has been submitted for funding to release teachers for professional development (2015-16) in the area of the Smarter Science Framework and inquiry-based learning. We should know by the end of June of this year whether our application has been approved.

- Grade 4 students will visit the Musée des Beaux Arts. Two groups will go each day June 3rd & 10th. 8am to lunchtime. Cost is \$16. Ratio 1:9. They will have a one hour guided tour and one hour of creating art.

- Tech Team will go to the Science Center, Game On Exhibit. They will go by city bus on the June 1st PED day. The cost is \$15 but the school will subsidize \$10, therefore the cost to students is \$5. The ratio will be 1:8.

14-15-51 *It was moved by L. Lecompte to approve the grade 4 fieldtrip and the Tech Team Trip. The motion was seconded by R. Éthier, and was carried unanimously.*

6.8 Questions from the Public

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Next Meeting Date: WEDNESDAY JUNE 10th, 2015 TIME TBA