

Governing Board Minutes

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary
November 9th, 2016

Participants

Parents: Jocelyn Dauk, Christina Forest, Karl Santaguida,
Teachers: Rachel Éthier, Lise Lecompte, Aida Lukosevicius, Linda Néron
Support Staff: Laura Sulano
Principal: Tony Di Vittori
Public: None
Regrets: Balgovind Pande, Noel Burke
Absent: Julie Smith

2.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Karl Santaguida called the meeting to order at 19:04.

2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

Tony Vittori asked to table the school budget report to the December Governing Board Meeting.

No other changes to the agenda.

16-17-18 *Motion to adopt the agenda proposed by Laura Sulano, seconded by Rachel Éthier. Carried unanimously.*

2.3 Adoption of the Minutes of October 12th, 2016

Typographical corrections made to the October 12th minutes.

16-17-19 *Motion to adopt minutes from last meeting proposed by Aida Lukosevicius, seconded by Laura Sulano. Carried unanimously.*

2.4 Questions from Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

2.5 Business Arising

2.5.1 GB Secretary

16-17-20 *Motion to appoint Tracey Acton to the position of secretary, proposed by Christina Forest, seconded by Aida Lukosevicius. Carried unanimously.*

2.5.2 GB Training

Discussion ensued regarding governing board training.

2.6 New Business

2.6.1 School Budget (Nov. Revised)

Tabled to the December meeting.

2.6.2 December GB Meeting

Discussion ensued in regards to the December meeting including both Senior and Junior Schools.

2.7 Reports

2.7.1 Regional Parents' Committee Report

Parent's Committee Report Introduction-

The meeting took place on November 3rd, 2016 at the School Board offices in Dorval. The agenda for the meeting is included here.

Questions from the Public:

A member of the public commented how difficult it is to find information on the Parents Committee website, including meeting dates and minutes. During the communications update, this was acknowledged and the Communications Committee is working to address this.

Quebec History Program-Letter From EPCA

EPCA would like to the printing of the of the Sec 4 History books to be delayed to and allow for a review with the aim of making the history that is taught less nationalistic, more representative of all of the cultured that have existed through Quebec history, including Aboriginal culture. EPCA is asking the LBPSB Parents' Committee and the GBs in the board to endorse their efforts to promote and request further review of the history curriculum in an effort to achieve greater accuracy and unbiased representation of all of the cultures within the Quebec society. A draft letter will be provided for review and consideration.

Enriched Program Exams-

Due to feedback from parents, the enriched programs placement exams will be held in the spring of 2017 for students entering high school in Sept 2018, i.e. students in spring of their Grade 5 year, rather than taking them in the fall of their Grade 6 year.

Priorities Discussion-

Several topics of interested were collected through Basecamp and these were discussed and prioritized. It was agreed that five sub-committees would be formed to tackle the topics suggested, including topics related to Communications, Marketing, Policies, Curriculum and increasing parent participation in the LBPSB community.

Meeting Dates

The Parents' Committee will meet on the following dates:

December 1st, February 2nd, April 6th, June 1st

The Elementary East Sub-Committee will meet on the following dates:

November 24th (Beechwood), January 19th (TBD), March 23 (TBD), May 25 (TBD)

Elementary East Sub-Committee Meeting-

The subcommittee met briefly to discuss the location of the next meeting, and to agree to the meeting schedule. The next meeting will be hosted by Beechwood in Pierrefonds.

Parents were asked to see if their schools would be willing to volunteer to host upcoming EESCs.

Next meeting is Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted by Christina Forest

2.7.2 Council of Commissioners' Report

No report.

2.7.3 Daycare Report

1. On October 7th the students visited the Cosmodome where they were given guided tours and experienced a training simulator like the ones at NASA & a Space shuttle visit. At the end of the trip the students enjoyed a sampling of dry space ice cream.

2. We presently have stagaire form Concordia University, who is in the Human Relations program, actually a former student of our school. She is talking to the Grade 6 students about the transition into high school with activities planned around topics such as effective communication, what is high school really like, time management, bullying, self-esteem & peer pressure through her own experiences as a former high school student.

2.1 Physically Active

Initiative with student services. Schools chosen: St. John Fisher Senior, St. John Fisher Junior, Birchwood, and Forest Hill Senior. For a two year pilot program.

3. The daycare was buzzing with many activities in October:

Grade 3's took part in an apple science activity. They observed apple slices while placed in different liquids (such as tonic water, vinegar, lemon juice...), over the course of a day. They also experimented with soap-powered boats. They observed that Styrofoam with a drop of soap will sail across water. In craft they decorated the halls with spiders, Halloween masks & cup ghosts.

Grade 4's decorated our stairwell with creative pumpkin faces. The Grade 4's also created the November bulletin board in honor of Remembrance Day.

Grade 5's: Our young chef's made spicy white chocolate pumpkin cookies and apple crisp in cooking class. In craft they decorated our halls with Halloween mobiles and Halloween banners. They also made a slingshot with paper cups and a balloon on the bottom.

Grade 6's filled the hallways with the aroma of Quesadilla's. Parents were requesting samplings when picking up their kids on that day.

On Halloween day the whole daycare participated in making Halloween treats for their class. The students enjoyed wafer cookie band aids, Oreo cookie Dracula's, ear wax

marshmallows, crackers and dip, mummy hotdogs, and apple slice Frankenstein smiles. The students played games while enjoying their snacks. Then gathered for a Goosebumps Halloween movie at the end of the day.

4. Revision to Monday December 5th ped day:
Lunch at Jack Astor's \$10.50 (tx. & tip included) & movie at Cinema Guzzo (boul. Sources)

16-17-21 *Motion to revise Monday December 5th ped day to Lunch at Jack Astor's and a movie at Cinema Guzzo, proposed by Lise Lecompte, seconded by Christina Forest. Carried unanimously.*

2.7.4 Principal's Report

- ✓ Halloween candy collection: Will organize to bring the candy to Dans la Rue this coming Friday.
- ✓ H&S organized a parent information evening with Ms. Jill (school nurse) last week. The evening was very informative and many parental questions answered by Ms. Jill. I'd like to thank the H&S for organizing the evening and Ms. Jill for being available to our parent community.
- ✓ We had our Remembrance Day Assemblies today. Ms. Hunter (LPHS History teacher) and 4 former SJF students (two of which are junior air cadets) spoke at our assemblies. Our students did us proud in that they listened well and were a very respectful audience.
- ✓ The Social Action Team collected well over 400 food items to donate to the St. Michael's Mission and are in the process of collecting socks for the same organization. Our goal is to collect 700 pairs of socks by the end of November. Our Social Action Team is to be commended for the work they are doing.
- ✓ LPHS collaboration
 - Applied for a grant to be able to collaborate with LPHS in a mega virtual band.
- ✓ Grade 4 students having their vaccinations tomorrow morning.
- ✓ A letter will be sent out on Friday, Nov. 18th to inform parents about Parent/Teacher interviews. Supper will be provided to teachers on that night.
- ✓ Report cards go home on Nov. 21st with P/T interviews being organized for the afternoon and evening of Nov. 23rd and the morning of Nov. 24th (ped day). Friday, Nov. 25th is also a ped day and teachers' convention.
- ✓ SJF Fair on Saturday, Dec. 10th (10:00Am – 2:00 PM). Some classes will be used.
- ✓ We will have an early dismissal on December 23rd. Details to follow.
- ✓ Renovations at school summer 2017:
 1. Classroom floors and ceiling tiles
 2. Hallway ceilings

3. Students' washrooms
4. Drinking fountains (tentative)

- ✓ *TOPO is the largest health survey of Montreal elementary school children targeting Grade 6 students (public and private schools) and their parents (sent to complete on-line).*

This survey will take place in all of the elementary schools on the Island on Montreal as of December, and the goal is to survey all grade 6 students across the island. The survey is supported by MEES as well as MSSS, and aims to provide data back to schools and the health and social services network on the needs of the community across the island. I will keep you posted once more information becomes available.

Timeline: December 2016 - June 2017

Purpose of the data collection: Meet the needs for information on young people's health and its determinants for the Montreal area e.g. Social and environmental conditions, lifestyle habits, use of social media – A Public Health mandate.

- ✓ Polish school requesting use of SJF-Sr for Saturday morning classes.

- Tony Vittori presented the request of a Polish school to rent the school facility on Saturdays. Discussion ensued.

16-17-22 *Motion to refuse the rental for the Polish school, proposed by Christina Forest, seconded by Rachel Éthier. Carried unanimously.*

2.8 Questions from Public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 19:48.

16-17-23 *Motion to adjourn proposed by Christina Forest, seconded by Lise Lecompte. Carried unanimously.*

Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 14th, 2016 (18:30)