

St. John Fisher Sr. Elementary
Governing Board Minutes 06/12/19
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Staff Room

Type of meeting: Governing Board – Regular 18-19 #7

Parent Members: Balgovind Pande, , Laurie Corbett, Julie Smith, Martin O’Connell, Christina Forest;

Staff: Linda Neron, Marie-Hélène Mondor, David Arless

Support Staff: Laura Sulano;

Ex-Officio: Deborah Shizgal,

Parent Substitutes not present: Cecily Ranger, Colleen Timm, Angela Micciche

Regrets: Kathleen McAdams,

AGENDA TOPICS

7.1 Call to Order & Welcome

Balgovind Pande called the meeting to order at 6:35 and welcomed everyone.

7.2 Adoption of the Agenda

After discussion regarding the agenda, motion duly proposed by Martin O’Connell and seconded by Marie-Hélène Mondor, the modified agenda was approved unanimously.

7.3 Adoption of the Minutes of April 30th, 2019

After discussion motion duly proposed by Marie-Hélène Mondor and seconded by Linda Neron, the minutes were approved unanimously

7.4 Adoption of the Minutes of May 9th, 2019

After discussion motion duly proposed by Laurie Corbett and seconded by Laura Sulano, the minutes were approved unanimously

7.5 Questions from the Public

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

7.6 Business Arising

No business arising

7.7 New Business

7.7.1 School Fees (2019-20)

Motion to approve School Fees proposed by Laura Sulano, seconded by Martin O’Connell. Carried unanimously.

7.7.2 School Supplies List

Motion to approve School Supplies List proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Marie-Hélène Mondor. Carried unanimously.

7.7.3 Daycare Lunch Schedule

Changes to daycare hours. Mornings 7:00-7:55, Lunch 11:20-12:10, Afternoon 2:30-6:00. There will be no lunch time activities this year as time does not allow.

Motion to approve Daycare Hours proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Martin O’Connell. Carried unanimously.

- 7.7.4 School Budget
Motion to approve School Budget proposed by Marie-Hélène Mondor, seconded by Martin O'Connell. Carried unanimously.
- 7.7.5 Daycare Budget
New Stage curtain, new kitchen, new security system.
Motion to approve Daycare Budget proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Martin O'Connell. Carried unanimously.
- 7.7.6 Tell Them From Me – Survey Results
Results were reviewed
- 7.7.7 ABAV Plan
Anti-Bullying Antiviolence Plan
Motion to approve ABAV Plan proposed by Marie-Hélène Mondor, seconded by Linda Neron. Carried unanimously.
- 7.7.8 Educational Project
Project was discussed and reviewed.
Motion to approve Educational Project proposed by Christina Forest, seconded by Martin O'Connell. Carried unanimously.
- 7.7.9 Major School Change
Major School Change was discussed. Governing Board Chairs were invited to meeting on June 18th from 7-9. Sarah, Christina, Julie to meet over the summer.
- 7.7.10 House System Implementation
“Harry Potter like” houses will be implemented next fall in order to create bonding and cross grade relationships
- 7.7.11 Rentals
Gym will be rented to WILBA
Motion to approve Rentals proposed by Julie Smith, seconded by Marie-Hélène Mondor. Carried unanimously.
- 7.7.12 Tournaments
Motion to approve Tournaments proposed by Laurie Corbett, seconded by Laura Sulano. Carried unanimously.

7.8 **Reports**

- 7.8.1 Parents' Committee Report
The Regional Parents' Committee report can be found online.
- 7.8.2 Council of Commissioners' Notes
Judith Kelley sent her regrets. The report is presented in Appendix 1.
- 7.8.3 Daycare Report
Laura Sulano presented the Daycare Report. Sent by email and presented in Appendix 2.
- 7.8.4 Principal's Report
Deborah Shizgal presented the Principal's report. Sent by email and presented in **Appendix 3**
- 7.8.5 HANDS Report
Sandra Gesualdi sent her regrets. The report is presented in **Appendix 4.**

7.9 **Questions from the public**

No members of the public were present at the meeting

Adjournment: *At 7:55 PM, the meeting be adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Corbett

APPENDIX 1: COUNCIL OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES FOR GB MAY 2019

May 2019

Highlights of interest from Council, May 27, 2019

- At Monday evening's Council meeting the *Major School Change MSC 2019-2020: A Plan for the Distribution of Educational Services at the Secondary and Continuing Education Levels* document for consultation purposes was launched. The timeline, as outlined in the Board's *Policy on Major School Change*, will be adhered to. What this means is that Governing Board subcommittees and school communities and stakeholders will have the opportunity/task of discussing and sharing their visions for MSC in reaction to or with original ideas about how to best manage and re-imagine our network of high school and continuing education centres (as identified in the document). If you do decide to participate in this process, I would recommend you read the document in its entirety and then take the "plunge" into brainstorming, planning and writing your briefs, and advising the Board on your point of view and vision for the future of the LBPSB. As your commissioner, I will listen to and share and defend all of your comments and suggestions with my fellow commissioners. I do not have a clear view, yet, of what the best-case- scenario will be and will not form that opinion until I have had a chance to hear from all of you. I, of course, am in a difficult position that comes with the job, in that in this MSC, two of the high school communities I directly represent are implicated in the MSC document, as well as a continuing education centre (Place Cartier) I have been close to for many years. There are other schools in the network, too, that are being considered for change that I am less familiar with but have to respect, as well, in the overall picture. This is going to be a challenging road ahead for our Board and for the schools who have been asked to look at how to best maximize resources while maintaining their unique communities and serving the families attached to our schools and centres. My "angst" is for all of you, and my hope is for the best possible education to be provided, for the reason we are all here and involved: to the students. I hope that students will also be involved in this process, as hearing from them provides insight for all of us, as well. The MSC document is posted on the LBPSB website.

Administration Staff changes pertaining to my ward, with congratulations

- Kerry Anne Payette – Permanent – Principal Lindsay Place
- Marie-Josée Coiteux – (Principal at Westwood Senior) – Principal St. Thomas – (Permanent / temporary vacancy) *David, we will all miss you!*
- Heather-Anne Denton – (Interim Vice-Principal at BHS) – Vice-Principal St. Thomas – Probationary
- Michael White – (Vice-Principal John Rennie) – Principal Pierre Elliott Trudeau (Permanent / temporary vacancy)
- Mathieu Larocque –(Teacher – Beechwood) – Vice-Principal John Rennie (Interim)
- Diisa Niemi – (Vice Principal Horizon) – Principal Horizon (Permanent Probationary)
- Megan Glendon – (Teacher LCCH) – Vice-Principal Horizon (Probationary)

Summer School Appointments: Kathleen O'Reilly was named Coordinator/Principal for the Lester B. Pearson Summer School Program for the 2019 summer school session; and Christine Dane and Dean Graddon were appointed Vice-Principals for the 2019 summer school session.

June: For all of us, June is a very busy month with many commitments and conflicts, as a result. For your information, I would like to give you a glimpse of my June evening school board schedule, so far:

Monday, June 3 – Committee Meetings: Programs and Services / Long Term Planning

Wednesday, June 5 – Lindsay Place Governing Board / St. Thomas Convocation

Thursday, June 6 – John Rennie Convocation

Monday, June 10 – Committee Meeting: Communications

Tuesday, June 11 – John Rennie Governing Board

Wednesday, June 12 – St. John Fisher Jr. / Sr. Governing Boards / 20th Anniversary School Board Celebration at the Board

Monday, June 17 – Committee Meetings: Executive and Audit

Tuesday, June 18 – MSC meeting

And, May 29 – retirement dinner, May 30, Lindsay Convocation

I am sharing this mostly so that you can observe that I will have conflicts with some of your governing board meetings, which I regret, because this is a vital month to be available. So, please, please, send me questions and concerns, especially about the MSC, if I am unable to meet with you in person. And last, for other appointments and reports from Monday's council meeting, I invite you to the LBPSB website for additional information.

APPENDIX 2: DAYCARE REPORT FOR GB JUNE 2019

Daycare Week was definitely one of the highlights in the month of May. Every day the kids enjoyed a different activity. On Monday we had the Mr. Puffs truck serving the kids cinnamon puffs. Tuesday the students were entertained with a circus & light show in the gym. The grade 6 students performed for all the kids at the end of the demonstration. On Wednesday the kids were treated to their choice of an ice-cream cone or a slush. To end our festivities, on Thursday the students enjoyed taking pictures in a photo booth.

Our High School Musical Show was on Friday May 24 th and was a great success. The students rehearsed diligently and performed a fantastic show.

Upcoming events include our summer carnival coming up on Thursday June 20 th , 2019

Smaller highlights include:

Grade 3

Tie dye t-shirts and sun visors made by grade 3. English muffin pizzas, vegetarian quesadillas and rolo cookie bites were tasted in cooking. In science they experimented with sock bubbles. They also worked on a Father's day gift however we'll keep that secret till Sunday.

Grade 4

The grade 4's made chocolate chip cake & blueberry cupcakes.

Grade 5

In science the students made rock candy. Apparently they didn't succeed but such is the art of science.

Grade 6

The grade 6's continued the quick & easy microwaveable meal ideas theme and made scrambled eggs, cheese and ham tortilla wraps with a salsa dip. They are presently working on the bulletin board with a tribal theme to it. One student in grade 6 had decorated all the tubes as a side project since September and Ms. Lori decided to use them in the display for the June board.

The big news in daycare is that registration was made available through fusion this year, making it possible to register your child online. Combined with the tax receipts going online this year too, we are definitely seeing innovative ideas happening more and more.

APPENDIX 3: PRINCIPAL'S REPORT FOR GB JUNE 2019

May 9th, 2019

Governing Board

Principal's Report

Colleen Henderson is our new librarian. Thanks to Debbie Poirier for stepping in during the interim.

May 10th reading Buddies; Grade 5s invited the 2s to read together and share their stories that they wrote.

Our new set of soccer nets were installed. One of the items purchased through daycare last year.

May 15th - Rain day for Junior Cross Country Run

May 16th - Volunteer Appreciation Event took place at the Senior School. All who attended had a lovely time.

May 17th was a PED Day used to prepare for the end of this year and starting off next.

May 22nd the grade 3s were shining as poets at our Poetry Cafes. Families enjoyed sharing their children's favourite poems and hear some beautiful original compositions.

May 24th was the spectacular Daycare Show - High school Musical

Author Monique Polak visited with the grade 4s as the prize for winning the regional Battle of the Books Jr. I do not know how anyone would not want to start writing after listening to her enthusiastic explanation of the writing process.

May 28th was Track and Field

On May 29th the teachers took on the Grade 6 students in an Ultimate Frisbee competition. Just saying, the teachers won. What talented students who showed great sportsmanship.

May 30th - Grade 3s presented during an Kindness assembly to the grade 2s and 4s. Thanks to Ms. King for organizing.

June 3rd was a PED Day. We are planning exciting things for next year.

June 4th - Grade 3s went to the science Center and had an amazing time.

June 4th - Gr. 4s had a presentation from Mr. D on the Samurai and how it relates to Medieval times.

June 4th and 5th - Grade 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s enjoyed the gr. 6 Band rehearsals

June 4th and 5th - Gr. 6 Band concerts for parents

June 5th is Gr. 4 Castle Day. The whole school took the time to look at the wonderful castles that students and their families built.

June 6th - Gr. 4. Our halls and gym became the venue for an authentic Medieval Feast

June 6th we toasted Bernie Mount, our IA who is retiring after 27 years at SJFS

June 7th - Community Walk. We were greeted with smiles, high 5s and some freezies as we walked the streets of Pointe Claire

Coming Up

June 11th and 12th - Gr. 5 will go to the Canoe Club

June 11th - BBQ and Rock Band

June 12-18th - Pool Days

June 14th - Dragon's Den for Gr. 5s

June 19th - Social Action Raffle

June 20th - Graduation

June 21st - last and shortened day

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Balgovind for leading me, and the GB through the past two school years. I am sorry that this time has come to an end. You have led our GB in a relaxed and stress-free manner making it a very manageable part of my workload. I think back to that first meeting we had in my kitchen because the school was still under construction. I had no idea what I had to do and no idea how to do what you said I had to do. You did not hesitate to answer my many questions, even those that I asked many times more than once. You must have been shaking your head wondering about how we would do. You made me feel that I had the knowledge that I needed, even when I doubted myself. So, thank you, I will miss your quiet leadership and remind you that we always could use a good community member on our GB and we know where you live.

APPENDIX 4: HANDS REPORT FOR GB JUNE 2019

June activities include the Community Walk, Family BBQ and graduation. It's always a busy time of year. The Community Walk raised over \$6000 and that was distributed to our Social Action Team, and split evenly to WICS and La Corde. Our Family BBQ will hopefully be blessed with decent weather (fhw!). Our local fire station is invited to bring their trucks for the kids to explore, our school choir will sing and we will cook A LOT of food! Graduation activities planned, heading up a grad committee; they contributed to organizing the grad pool party/BBQ and decorating the auditorium and gym for the grad ceremony and party to follow. Once again this year, a grad dance party will take place following the grad reception. The party is organized by the grad committee I was the coordinator/chair). H&S paid for decorations, DJ, candy bar and some food. Grade 5 families 'paid it forward' by contributing to the reception (which is coordinated by me). All should go well.

Throughout the year, dedicated volunteers served the Jr lunches, distributed TCBY, coordinated FundScrip, Oliver's & Mabel's Labels and helped with Apparel sales. As ongoing fundraisers, many hours were dedicated to our school - next time you see a volunteer- thank them! Thank you to Oksana, Seema, Carla, Alison and their volunteer teams.

In a nutshell: Many ideas were shared and new friendships formed - this is community! This year gave me another opportunity to volunteer alongside dedicated Executive Team members - who were the first to roll up their sleeves to get things done; count money, make deposits and keep us organized financially; and fill in where volunteers were needed. Lastly, it was a pleasure to work together with supportive Principals, teachers, staff and our two awesome secretaries - all for the good of our kids.

On a personal note, it's been a pleasure to serve our school for seven years on the Governing Board followed by the last four years as president of H&S. I encourage all parents to get involved in school life - to any degree - because it is time well spent. H&S has evolved thanks to a forward thinking group of dedicated parents and I am confident that things will continue with a great attitude and foremost, a love for our school.

Sincerely submitted,
Sandra Gesualdi