

Terry Fox Governing Board Minutes

December 7th, 2016

Attendance: Antonietta Rampone, Andrew Billings-White, Gabrielle Molpeceres, Cathy Bruno, Theresa Bigland, Brenda Tremellen, Sophie Paré, Rob Pigas, Karolina Mielnik, Peter Karantabias, Carina Nielson, Dimitrios Korakakis, Milena De Pasquale, Claudia Mink.

Absent: Tara Branston

1.0 Agenda

- 1.1 Additions - None
- 1.2 Adoption

Motion to approve the agenda: Christina George

Seconded by: Brenda Tremellen

Carried: Unanimously

2.0 Minutes of the October meeting

- 2.1 Corrections - None
- 2.2 Adoption

Motion to approve the minutes: Sophie Paré

Seconded by: Andrew Billings-White

Carried: Unanimously

Public Question Period

Chris Eustace was present to speak briefly about the last Parent Committee meeting that took place in December. A recommendation was made, at that meeting that a letter be sent to LBPSB relating to the issues brought to light in the report of the ethics commissioner.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Field Trips

- Nothing to report

3.2 Annual Report

- The annual report for the School Success Plan 2015-16 was presented and reviewed by the members of Governing Board..

Motion to approve the annual report by: Rob Pigas Seconded by: Carina Nielson

Carried: Unanimously

3.3 Success Plan

A new School Success Plan will be created in 2017 based on LBPSB strategic plan.

The goals will relate to

- Improving Achievement
- Ensuring Wellness
- Strengthening Engagement

3.4 November Revised School Budget

- The revised School budget was presented and reviewed by members of Governing Board.

Motion to approve the November revised school budget: Sophie Paré

Seconded by: Carina Nielson

Carried: Unanimously

3.5 November Revised Daycare Budget

- The revised daycare budget was presented and reviewed by members of Governing Board.

Motion to approve the November revised Daycare budget: Peter Karantabias

Seconded by: Milena Di Pasquale

Carried: Unanimously

3.6 Governing Board Budget

- The governing board received their budget which can be allocated to food and beverages for meeting, an honorarium for the secretary and any request for babysitting. Funds are also available for governing board members who wishing to attend LBPSB workshops.

3.5 Grad Fundraising

- The grad committee would like approval for the following...
 - a silent auction to be held in January outside of school
 - a potential car wash in May

Motion to approve both by: Carina Nielson

Seconded by: Rob Pigas

Carried: Unanimously

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Correspondence

- Nothing to report.

4.2 Varia

- The Governing Board training took place at the school board in November. The role and powers of Governing Board were explained. Our chair shared information.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Commissioners

- The Lester B. Pearson School Board is in the process of selling both the Thorndale and the International School in Dorval building to Commission Scolaire Marguerite Bourgeoys. If we transfer these buildings to another school board, we get a percentage of the municipal evaluation. Money from this evaluation will go towards school projects involving transport.

5.2 Principal

- Francisation is going well with Ms. Lisa.
- The November Remembrance Day assembly was touching. Thanks to Mrs. Bigland, Mr. Billings-White and Mr. P.
- The Dare to Care Assembly took place December 1st. Assemblies were held all day. The speaker; Kim taught and reviewed with students the tools necessary to deal with bullying.
- Grade 4 vaccinations took place early November and second dose will be early May.
- Grade 1 visited the Cosmodome on Thursday, December 8th.
- Kindergarten had a storyteller come to their classrooms to read them Christmas related stories on December 7th.
- Math Olympics is happening tomorrow December 8th.
- On Friday, December 9th a letter will be e-mailed to parents with info about the Holiday Concert.
- Literacy week will be held the week of January 16th. Illustrators or authors will be available for each grade.
- The Kindergarten Open House will take place on Friday January 20th.
- The school is working on a project with the city of Pierrefonds to create a vegetable garden in the school yard.

- Tennis should be starting towards the end of January.
- Pyjama/movie day will be on the Friday, December 23rd. Popcorn and juice will be provided by PPO.
- Volley-ball tournament will be January 11th at John Abbott for gr. 6 students

5.4 Sector Parent

- There is a new LBPSB parent committee website. They are still developing its content but parents can get information about the different committees.
- There were recommendation proposed by M. Rhymes for a new history curriculum. A letter has been drafted and will be sent to the ministry. Parents are asking that more focus be placed on Aboriginal issues as well as and diversity in immigration.
- Sector parents visited Beechwood Elementary and saw projects going on there.
- EPCA will be posting the criteria for eligibility for English school enrolment on their website.
- In discussion, suggestion was made for Terry Fox to be more visible in advertising to increase enrolment and also place the criteria for eligibility for English school on the website.

5.5 Teachers

- Fresh Fox News is looking great. Thanks Mr. P!
- Christmas basket letters have gone home. Delivery will be happening on Tuesday, December 20th.

5.5 Day care

Here is a recap of the Ped Days so far:

September 23rd: Team building Dynamix
 October 7th: Halloween Theme
 October 26th: Ostrich farm
 November 1st: Fun games and challenges
 November 18th: Pyjama day and breakfast

Approval needed for February 10th: Fun park in Laval. Cost of 30\$.

Motion to approve by Carina Nielson
 Carried: Unanimously

Seconded by: Brenda Tremellen

5.6 PPO

- Haunted House in October
- Coffee and tea fundraiser in October
- Cookie dough fundraiser now with pickup on December 19
- Holiday movie treats: popcorn and juice on the morning of December 23rd.
- Mabels Labels will be advertised in the New Year.

Motion to approve Mabel's Labels fundraising by: Sophie Paré
 Seconded by: Andrew Billings-White
 Carried: Unanimously

Adjournment at: 8:27pm

Motion to adjourn: Andrew Billings-White
 Carried: Unanimously

Seconded by: Rob Pigas