

Dec. 18, 2024

Participants:

Chair Person : Jennifer Cox

Parent Representatives: Karyne Dion, Tania D'Amico (stepping in as secretary for the meeting), Priscilla Grace, Sarra Isabel, Jackie Jansons, Jay Pare

Staff : Tara Branston, Tracy Lyall, Natalie La France, Tatjana Tomac, Jasmine Rostami, Gaby Molperes

Commissioner: Malik Shaheed

Daycare Coordinator: Cathy Bruno

Principal: Douglas Stewart

Start Time: 6:41 PM

1. Agenda

- Public Question Period- no questions
- Welcome and call to order
- Land acknowledgement led by Jennifer Cox
- Additions/ Adoptions of the Agenda- *approved unanimously*

2 Minutes from November 20

- No corrections or additions
- *Adopted by: Jay and Tara*

3 New Business

- Field Trips & Fundraising Requests/ approvals
 - Grade 5 – Quebec City trip May 22-23
 - Bus leaves at 7AM on May 22, returns at 5:30PM on May 23
 - Cost is 225\$ per person
 - 5 adults and 40 children
 - Cost includes bus, \ hotel, aquarium, meals, cabane a sucre
 - *Approved by: Nat & Gaby*
 - Ice Skating for entire school
 - Week before March break (Feb 27)
 - Will be at DDO Civic Centre

- 9:00AM-2:00; each grade will take turns
 - 60 adults and 300 kids (Ratio 1:5)
 - If children do not have skates, there will be borrowing action
 - Parents are welcome
 - 10\$ each, including the bus
 - *Approved by: Tara and Tania*
- Grad Bake Sale at the Terry Fox Open House Feb 16
 - Prices between 1\$-5\$
 - Managed by the Grad Committee
 - *Approved: Unanimously*
- Retroactive approval: John Rennie Play
 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
 - *Approved via email- Tara and Tracy*
- School Budget Review
 - 326 students & 25 K4s
 - Last year school had a deficit, this year the deficit was highly reduced
 - There is a basic allocation per student, but if a student registers after Sep 30, they do not receive an allocation
 - Additional allocation is provided for projects defined as "Support to Student Success"
 - *Approved by Karine & Gaby*
- Daycare Budget Review
 - Carried over \$14,489 from 2023/2024
 - Forecasted surplus of 23,347 for 2024/2025
 - *Approved by Jackie & Tania*

4 Business Arising

- No Correspondence
- Governing Board Training
 - Jen Cox attended. Good notes and reminders on how Governing Board should run. Including a reminder on providing enough notice for public to attend.

- Counsellor of Commissioners Meeting Nov. 18
 - Big Holiday event called “One Magic Moment” down town
 - 175 kids total attended including some families from Terry Fox
- Dates of Future Meetings
 - Jan. 29 – in person
 - Feb. 26- on zoom
- Varia: Sharing of the Terry Fox Emergency Preparedness Plan
 - Plan for the school in case of emergency
 - Includes fire drill plan and plan for lock downs. Note: School has practiced 2 fire drills
 - List of key contact information in case of emergency
 - Binder is available in the office

5 Reports

- Commissioner
 - See 4.3
- Principal
 - Holiday Baskets went very well. Several gift cards were purchased
 - Welcome back Gabby
 - Teacher absences:
 - Ms. Tania is replaced by M. Jordan
 - Mr. A will be going on leave, currently interviewing replacements
 - Open House: Jan 16
 - Terry Fox started a Chess Club
- Parents Committee
 - There is a subcommittee formed regarding bullying on school buses.
 - Proposal is to hire bus monitors
 - Maleek mentioned that we are the second school that has mentioned this and suggests that we provide a letter to be noted at the next Commissioners Meeting
 - Action: Jen and Doug to draft email and provide preview to GB
- Teachers
 - Great participation in food drives
 - Home & School, market well received by kids and staff
 - Mr. C accompanied the band to the Laval Rockets opening.

- There was a holiday concert for younger grades
- Big thanks to Mr. P and Ms. Kayla for coordinating Holiday Sprit week (dress ups, movie, songs)
- Daycare
 - Ornament making day was well received y the kids
 - Champs Basketball will be reviewed in January, this time it will be offered to all grades. Price is 80\$
 - Approves: Unanimous
- Home & School
- All holiday activities went well (foyer décor, market, movie)
- Pizza/ TCBY will be up for new orders in January

6 Adjournment- 7:58