

## **Terry Fox AGA Meeting Notes – January 29, 2025**

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### **2. Budget Consultation**

- The Quebec Ministry of Education has announced \$2.5 million in budget cuts.
- Governing Boards have received the Budget Consultation and must provide feedback by March 28.
- The AGA is requested to review the consultation before the next meeting in February to ensure voices are heard.

### **3. Varia: Bus Monitor Suggestion**

- A model from another school was shared: daycare staff acted as bus monitors, allowing good communication to school staff about student behaviour on the bus.
- A Bus Report Card system was implemented for students with behavioral challenges, providing specific goals and rewards.
- Mr. Stewart is already actively looking for someone to be a bus monitor for 1h30 at the end of the school day, which is when misbehaviour occurs. Mr. Stewart is open to referrals of interested applicants for the position.
- Malik's council report:
  - No bus monitors have been funded in the past.
  - No additional funds are available.
  - The council is not open to volunteer bus monitors.
- Daycare staff are already understaffed, making it difficult to assign them as bus monitors.
- The bus monitor shift would start at 3:40 p.m. and last approximately 1.5 hours.
- **Bus cameras:**
  - Footage is available but difficult to review due to quality and the requirement to watch in full.
  - Cameras serve as a deterrent but are not a solution.
- **Behavioral concerns:**
  - A student was removed from the bus for the remainder of the year due to safety concerns.
  - No legal justification exists for physically securing students.
- The AGA can draft a letter outlining concerns, suggestions, and potential solutions for Malik to present at the transport meeting.
- Bus contractors are shifting responsibility onto the school, but the school has no authority over the buses.

- Malik encourages parents to speak to other parents at other schools who are facing similar issues to submit letters.

#### 4. Correspondence

- **Staff Appreciation Week (February):** A link will be shared for parents to submit messages of appreciation.

#### 5. Council Meeting Highlights

- **Commissioner's Report:**
  - Annual report available online.
  - DEI (Dignity, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) report (formerly DEDI) also available online.

#### 6. Future Meetings

- February 26 (Online) – Jackie requires an alternate.
- March 26 (In-person) – 6:30 p.m.
- April 30 (In-person) – 6:30 p.m.

#### 7. Principal's Report

##### Field Trips

- **Laval Rockets (Feb 19):** 35 students attending, no cost. Additional 40 tickets available at \$30 each. Motion approved.
- **Band Trip to PCHS:** No approval required, within walking distance, no cost.

##### Fundraising

- **Home and School:** Fruit & Veggie Box – \$40 per box, free pickup, \$7.50 for local delivery. \$1 per box goes to the school. No subscription required. Motion approved.
- **Grad Committee:** Bottle and can drive starting mid-to-late March with after-school drop-off points. Motion approved.

##### Enrollment

- 12 registrations for K4 (target: 16).
- 43 registrations for K5 (target: 45).

##### School Updates

- **Book Club:** Launched, but no parent attendance so far.
- **Teacher Training:** Staff attending a 'Numbers Talk' workshop for math instruction.
- **Survey for Grade 4s:** To be presented at the next Governing Board meeting.

- **Entrepreneurship Grants:** Lost due to budget cuts, particularly affecting high schools.
- **Budget Impact Details:** Available in recordings of the Council Meeting with Stephanie, Assistant Director General.
- **Cultural Programs:** Not affected by budget cuts.
- **Budget Spending:** Requests issued for school staff to allocate funds for food.
- **Survey Addition:** Next year's survey will include a question about bus safety and comfort.

## 8. Parents Committee

- **Meeting Overview:** Discussed budget cuts and concerns.
- **Workshops:**
  - EBCA offers governance workshops; next one in February focuses on concussions.
  - Karyn will email workshop details and Allo Prof resources.

## 9. Teacher's Report

- **Events & Trips:**
  - Thanks to Home & School for gym popcorn and activities—students loved it.
  - **Biodome Trip:** Successful turnout.
  - **Open House:** High participation.
  - **Global Play Day:** February 5.
  - **Winter Carnival:** Organized by gym teachers, including skating and Cabane à Sucre.
  - **Art Program:** Student artist visiting once a week.
  - **Drumming Activity:** School-wide participation.
  - **K5 & G1 Tubing (Feb 21):** Helmets required, one parent per child. Parents may attend independently (\$20–\$25 fee).
  - **Pink T-Shirt Day:** Planned.

## 10. Daycare Report

- **Basketball Program:** Older students not interested; will only run for younger groups.
- **Upcoming PED Day (Feb 7):** Cookie decorating, Valentine's crafts.
- **Lulu Ceramics Workshop (Feb 17):** \$23 per student, motion approved.

## 11. PPO Report

- **Winter Activities:** Ongoing planning.
- **Staff Appreciation:** Organizing events.
- **Student Events:** Magician show planned.
- **April Dance Party:** Scheduled.
- **Fundraising:** More activities coming soon.

- **Pizza & TCBY Orders:** Deadline January 29, 2025.
- **Event Recaps:** Reviewing movie day and holiday market for improvements.

## **12. Principal Selection Criteria**

- **Previous Criteria Reviewed:** Used to secure Doug Stewart.
- **Amendments Suggested:**
  - Increase expected tenure duration for principal.
  - Explicitly include DEI (Dignity, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) in selection criteria.

## **13. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.