

In attendance:

Jennifer Cox, Kim Teolis, Cristina Carpanzano, Romina Tomaro, Laura Catalano, Brian Mader, Sophie Pare, Esther Ming Sun, Sebrina Jones, Tracy Lyall, Nathalie La France, Gaby Molpeceres, Richard Arsenault, Tatjana Tomac, Ginette Fougere, Tara Branston, Cathy Bruno, Nadia Abdalla, Malik Shaheed & Douglas Stewart

1.0 Agenda

- 1.1 No public for public question period
- 1.2 Welcome, Jennifer Cox calls the meeting to order at 6:34 pm
- 1.3 Land Acknowledgement is presented by Jennifer Cox
- 1.4 Additions/ Adoptions:
 - Carolyne Racicot resigned her position on the GB. Sophie Pare has been added as a parent representative.
 - Douglas Stewart requested a change to our next meeting: Thursday, November 24 at 6:00pm in person. We will cancel our December meeting as a result of this change.

2.0 Minutes from September 27, 2022

- 2.1 Minor edits; date changes and full names added.
- 2.2 Adoption approved by Ginette Fougere & Kim Teolis

3.0 New Business

- 3.1 Field Trips & Fundraising Requests/approvals
 - Douglas Stewart requests approval for the Grade 6 Grad Trip
Wednesday, January 25 – Friday, January 27, 2023
Camp Le P'tit bonheur in Lac Superieur, Qc; transportation would be school bus; ratio of 4 adults (including Mme Patenaude and Mr. Arsenault) / 34 students; students will learn about camping outdoors in the winter with both outdoor and indoor activities planned.
Cost: Total cost of \$8544.26 which translates to \$250 per student and hoping to bring the cost down to \$200 per student with the help of fundraising and funding.
Approved by Cristina Carpanzano, seconded by Tracy Lyall.
 - Tracy Lyall requests approval for Grade 5 Quebec City Trip
Thursday, May 18 7:00am – Friday, May 19, 6:00pm, 2023
Quebec City; transportation by school bus; ratio of 4 adults / 35 students; students will stay overnight at a hotel, visit sights and explore history; waterfall, plaines d'Abraham, Old Quebec.
Cost: \$250 per student and hoping to bring the cost down to \$200 per student with the help of fundraising and funding.
Approved by Tatjana Tomac, seconded by Kim Teolis.
 - Tara Branston requests approval for K4 trip to Project PACE Farm
Friday, October 21, 2022
Ile Bizard; transport by bus; ratio of 5 adults / 23 students; this will be a farm visit as well as a Halloween activity.
Cost: Free
Approved by Romina Tomaro, seconded by Ginette Fougere

3.2 Varia (none)

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Correspondence

4.1.1 Council of Commission Meeting Highlights Sept 20 2022 Council Summary

- School Board operating budget adopted with a deficit as a result of transportation cost shortfall. A request to compensate this deficit will be made to the ministry.
- St. John Fisher Sr. project for exterior envelope renovations awarded.
- approved that the consent of the Lester B. Pearson School Board to the proposed "Modification to Transportation Service Contracts" transaction.
- approved that in taking a position against Bill 96.
- Maple Grove Elementary School project for exterior envelope renovations awarded.
- reviewed the recommendations of the Student Ombudsman and approved that after review of the specific situation and specific actions being taken, no further action be recommended.
- approved that the transportation service contracts be approved for the 2022-2028 school years.

4.1.2 School/Centre Name and External Property Name Policy is ongoing.

The objective of this policy is to establish a procedure for choosing the name of a new school/centre or for changing the name of an existing school/centre as well as for naming or changing the name of an external property of the School Board.

4.2 Varia

GB, please review and send any questions to Jennifer Cox before the end of the month. Deadline to respond is November 15, before our next meeting.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Commissioner

- See 4.1 Business Arising
- Malik Shaheed inquired about plans for Diwali, festival of lights. No plans currently; this can be attributed to Terry Fox missing a spiritual animator (on leave). The new animator starting currently will be made aware that this can be a excellent event to celebrate.

5.2 Principal

Douglas Stewart outlined some current challenges:

- School budget template is still missing from the school board.
- Staff council convened to look at drafting a fundraising policy which will be brought to governing board at our next meeting. We should be developing a policy for who we are fundraising for (internally and externally).

5.3 Parent's Committee (no report)

- note: SNAC (special needs advisory committee) has already been selected. However, if a parent would like to attend meetings and/or add their name to an alternate list, they are welcome.

5.4 Teachers

- Richard Arsenault announces x-country run tomorrow, October 19. Also the school has been preparing for season change; fall and Halloween activities.
- Ginette Fougere gave feedback for GUEPE activity. Students went to a park, learned about nature, studied fossils, tasted wild berries, mushrooms and worms. It was an excellent activity (despite not having very much of a Halloween theme).

5.5 Day care

- Cathy Bruno gave feedback on Ped day October 3 – pumpkin scavenger hunt and décor, with apple crisp baking. Next Ped day will be November 11.
- Merenda for hot lunches started October 4. Cathy was pleased with the results. The company also offered 2 free meals for children in need.

5.6 PPO

Romina Tomaro gave feedback on several initiatives:

- Haunted House on October 31, 2022. Jenn Depuis is taking point on organization. 8-10 volunteers are needed to run the event. The haunted House will run during the day for students, but volunteers are still missing for an evening event.
- Pizza & TCBY forms are out to parents. Start dates are November 7 for pizza and November 8 for TCBY.
- PPO will also be covering the cost of pumpkins for each classroom for Halloween (Doug knows a guy).

6.0 Adjournment at 7:35 by Kim Teolis and Cristina Carpanzano



