

In attendance:

Jennifer Cox, Kim Teolis, Romina Tomaro, Laura Catalano, Brian Mader, Esther Ming Sun Tracy Lyall, Gaby Molpeceres Nhahthahlhihe La France, Richard Arsenault, Tatjana Tomac, Tara Branston, Ginette Fougere, David Collinson (student teacher), Cathy Bruno & Douglas Stewart

1.0 Agenda

1.1 Public Question Period

No public present for questions

1.2 Welcome, Jennifer Cox calls the meeting to order at 6:04 pm

1.3 Land Acknowledgement presented by Gaby Molpeceres.

1.4 Additions / Adoption of the agenda

- Agenda approved by Laura Catalano & Ginette Fougere

2.0 Minutes of the February 1, 2023 Meeting

2.1 Corrections

- Please correct Natalie La France's name (no h)
- 3.1 Ginette Fougere's fundraiser will cost \$14 (\$10 and \$4)

2.2 Minutes approved by Tatjana Tomac & Laura Catalano

3.0 New Business

3.1 Grad fundraising requests / approvals

Tabled - none at this time

3.2 Principal selection criteria

This was discussed at the end of the meeting, after Douglas Stewart had left. A previous document was addressed point by point (maybe we should add numbers to the points).
Note: Sophie Pare was contacted to ask if there was a more recent version.

- Add Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) (point 4)
- Add an importance to continuing Terry Fox traditions (point 4).
- Emphasize Diversity and Inclusion (last point)
- Remove "curriculum reform" (point 6)
- Remove "Information Communication Technology" (point 10)
- Add a point for community outreach.

3.3 Field Trips & Fundraising Requests/approvals

- Tracy Lyall reported a field trip to the Planetarium
Thursday, April 20 at 9:00 – 3:00
Grade 3 will take a chartered STM bus
Cost: free

3.4 Varia

- Tracy Lyall brought up the topic of hybrid Grade 4 classes; this year there was a trial for one Grade 4 group to be bilingual (50% french), the other as *Français Plus* (80% french). The teachers report that this has been an overall positive experience. Although this was only a temporary measure to accommodate staffing, teachers will make a case for continuing this year after year. This will be discussed at our next governing board meeting. Tatjana Tomac suggested even extending this option to Grade 3. Special note: *Français Plus* will always be an available option to parents.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Correspondence (none)

4.1.1 Council of Commission Meeting Highlights

Jan 31 Council Summary

4.1.2 Budget Consultation 2023-2024

Douglas Stewart Presented the budget at the previous meeting. No comments or questions.

4.2 Varia

5.0 Reports

5.1 Commissioner is not present

5.2 Principal

- Approximately 2.5 additional people have been hired (more hours given to current staff members) to support cycle 1 special needs and integration/support.
- The Terry fox staff and faculty will be actively attempting to communicate more with parents. All faculty and staff actively participate in the Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) of every student, and this needs to be communicated to parents more. For example, faculty and staff have started a book club.
- Terry Fox Jazz Band has gone on tour to multiple schools. They are very talented and were very well received. Next event is for the St. Patrick's Day parade and then opening for the Canada Rockettes in April. An article will be published in the Pearson News to recognize the band's (and Mr. C's) success.
- Registration for Fall 2023 - over 300 students registered (up from 286 in 2022). This suggests there will be no combined classes for the 2023 academic year.

5.3 Parent's Committee

- Meetings have not been communicated with parents, therefore we have not attended.

5.4 Teachers

- The teachers would like to extend a special thank you to the community and the PPO for Staff Appreciation week.

5.5 Day care

- Cathy Bruno presents the 2022-2023 Daycare Budget. Happily, announces a balanced budget following a significant deficit carried over from the previous academic year. Budget approved by Brian Mader & Ginette Fougere.

5.6 PPO

- Romina Tomaro announces that cookie dough fundraiser will start in early March.

6.0 Adjournment at 7:19pm by Kim Teolis & Romina Tomaro

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 in person.

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