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Minutes February 21, 2024

Start time: 6:39 pm

1.0 Agenda

- 1.1 Welcome and call to order
- 1.2 Public Question Period (we welcome Sophie Lynn Pare and Brian Mader)
- 1.3 [Land Acknowledgement](#) - Kim
- 1.4 Additions/Adoption of the agenda

2.0 [Minutes November 8 2023](#)

- 2.1 Corrections
 - none
- 2.2 Adoption
 - Approved by Tania, Tara

3.0 New Business

3.4 Field Trips & Fundraising Requests/approvals

- May 15th and 16th ... Grade 5 Quebec City Trip. School Bus-yes. Hotel stay. Quebec Aquarium, Citadel tours and eating at a rustic cabance a sucre "La Bouche"... Jeux Montmorency doing geo-tracking. There will be 4 teachers. Asking for 230\$ per child. (Approved by Jackie, Tara)
- March 29 - Mr. C would like to bring 35 band students to Laval Rockets.. ... \$27.50 plus 10\$ (Approved by Tara, Natalie)
- March 17 - Saint Patricks day parade downtown. 35 band students organized by the board. Students going in the name of the school and playing on a LBPSB float. Bus covered by board. (Approved by Tara, Nat)
- February 20 - band/choir k4- 6 feb 20 (Approved by Kim and Jackie)

- May 7 (rain day May 9 or 10)... 9:00am-1:15pm
Ms. Kayla bringing K4-3 to junior cross country race.. Dorset elementary. Taking a school bus there and back.. about 180 students... requires 30 adults (1/6 ratio) cost 10\$.
(Approved by Sara, Christina)

Home and School:

- Staff appreciation next week (Feb.26-March 1). Asking for approval to request email sent to parents if they would like to contribute to the events.
(Approved by Kim, Jackie)
- Felix and Norton cookies .. ask to sell bags for 12\$... pick-up in mid March. Money going to outdoor classroom fund.
(unanimous)
- Comedy Night back and will be in Lachine at "Chasse et Peche". Ticket price drink and snack about 40\$. Space accommodates about 100 people... April 13th
(Approved by Jackie, Christina)

3.2 School Budget review

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3.3 Daycare budget review

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3.1 Francais + vs early immersion

- Mr. Stewart's stated that Terry Fox would not be changing francais plus designation
- Main distinction is instruction of Math in French in grade 4
- Staffing remains school based decision
- He poses the question as to what really is francais plus ..kind of arbitrary.. it was created to keep families from leaving English. Not based on any studies or research based on education.
- Aim to target kids early in k5 and grade 1
- The early immersion would serve at identifying at risk, need to improve English literacy to prepare for high school.
- We want to continue offering French education but also improving English literacy at an earlier level.

Significant difference between the English literacy between our Francais Plus and immersion kids in English literacy but not in French literacy between Francais Plus and Immersion.

- Nathalie: We have not seen a big difference since the school has taken the Francais Plus designation but have seen a decline.
- there seems to be a 'slight' difference in the class that looped from Grade 4 to now Grade 5 (as explained in other points) but that more time would needed to be had in order to see the real difference in the pilot project.
- There is a significant difference between Bilingual schools and Immersion or Francais Plus schools.

Tracy: Students that are at risk and come into Math class and then lose a great deal of anxiety once they start math in English.

- Students that received English an earlier year (grade 4) seem to be a little more successful and are open to learning new things in grade 5. Getting into the literacy aspect.
- Mr. Stewart; we are trying to celebrate language rather than approach it as a subject.
- Jackie: perception is that parents choose this school specifically for Francais Plus. But maybe teaching a subject like Physed would encourage the students to speak French since there is a lot less pressure... not just understanding language but also the subject is the issue with French Math class.
- Tania poses the question with all the new laws, why are we considering to reduce the Francais Plus? Mr. Stewart said that we are looking at a global perspective because we want to better the whole of our population.
- Sophie: questions how we can be a Francais plus school if we shift the classes taught in French. Believes being immersed in French as long as possible is a benefit.
- Sophie also requested that GB minutes be posted on the website
- Mr. Stewart states that he wants to make sure our students have the greatest success in Math while preserving Francais Plus designation while also celebrating the French language.
- Math in English would only start with one group in 4. Bring Francais Plus from 80% to 60% only in grade 4.

3.6 **Varia** none

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Correspondence

- Council of commissioners sent emails regarding administrative changes and financial statement.
- As of Nov 27, 2023 there was a change in the enrollment policies... nothing evident that affects us.

4.1.1 November 28 2023, [Council of Commission Meeting Highlight January 30 2024, council of commission meeting highlights](#) (for review only, Malik to present in 5.1)

4.1.2 December 19,2023, [Council of Commission Meeting Highlights](#) (for review only, Malik to present in 5.1)

4.1.3 [Consultation on Principal Selection Criteria 2024-2025](#) (due March 15) [2023 Criteria for review](#)

4.1.3 [Enrolment Criteria Policy](#) (adopted at the Council Meeting on November 27, 2023)

4.1.4 [Policy on School Daycare and Lunch Program Services](#) and copy of the [School and Continuing Education Fees Policy](#) (adopted at the Council Meeting of December 18, 2023)

4.2 Varia

- none

5.0 Reports

5.1 Commissioner

n/a

5.2 Principal

n/a

5.3 Parent's Committee

n/a

5.4 Teachers

- Family fun night was a great success on Feb 8th, 2024. Excellent feedback.
- Global day of play on Feb 7th... the students brought games and played all day... students had a great time!
- Grade 6 came back from grad trip from Le Petit Bonheur in Quebec and had a great time.

- Omnikin tournament started with grades 4,5, 6
- K4 had Valentine brunch with parents... great time and parents enjoyed themselves.
- Student teacher in grade 3 with mme. Poletta (Ms. Jordan)
- A student teacher will begin with Ms. Catherina and last about 8 weeks.

5.5 Day care

n/a

5.6 home and school

- Christmas market was a great success and photos with Santa raised about \$300 that will go towards an to an emergency fund for students.
- Tcby, pasta and pizza was launched for the second half of the year.
- Spring dance with DJ and animator on March 28th. Snacks, photo boot will be on site. Will be held in the afternoon 1:40-3:40. The is the possibility of splitting the school... possibly the 1st hour just the young students and second hour with the older students... not yet decided.

6.0 Adjournment

8:33pm Jackie, Kim

Next meeting March 20, 2024 at 6:30