

**Minutes of the Governing Board held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoleon, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC
Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

Members Present:

Elementary parents: Melinda Lalonde, Renée Beauséjour

High School parents: Jo Morrissey, Sandra Morselli (Chairperson)

Elementary teacher: Ian Masse

High School teachers: Mdelwa Mehlo, Julie Wilkins

Principal: Brian Sénécal (Interim)

Support Staff Representative: Chantal Paquin

Community Representative: Victoria Barrett

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated absences: Vivianne Cliche, Tania Colleret, Jacqui Raill, Fiamma Saragosa

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB11042017-01

Julie Wilkins moved and Renée Beauséjour seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented with the following additions:

12.1 Summer School

12.2 Student Council Fund Raising

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

GB11042017-02

Julie Wilkins moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2017, as presented.

ADOPTED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Question Period

None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Principal's Report (Brian Sénécal – Interim)

To be sent via e-mail.

Brian Sénécal requested approval for the “Guardians of the Children Program”, which consists of a series of preventive bullying workshops aimed for the secondary 1, 2 and 3 students to be held twice a month during the lunch hour.

GB11042017-03

Renée Beauséjour moved and Julie Wilkins seconded the motion to approve the “Guardians of the Children Program” to be presented to the secondary 1, 2, and 3 students twice a month during the lunch hour.

ADOPTED

5.2 Elementary Teachers' Report (Ian Masse)

- The “Mindfulness” workshops are being held for elementary students.
- The students visited the John Abbott College “Health Caravan” event held in the school gym last week.
- A visit to the “Cabane à Sucre Gagnon” in Mirabel is planned for all elementary students.
- Our floor hockey team won the latest tournament.

5.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

None

5.4 High School Teachers' Report (Mdelwa Mehlo & Julie Wilkins)

The “Code of Conduct” for both elementary and secondary student agendas was reviewed.

5.5 Approval of High School Field Trips

The following outings were presented for approval:

- An outing to the “Cabane à Sucre Chez Gagnon” in Mirabel, open to all high school students on April 26th.
- A visit to a peat bog ecosystem at “Tourbière de Lanoraie” for the secondary 4 EST Science class on May 1st.
- A car wash fund-raising event for the secondary 4 & 5 students on April 22nd to raise funds towards the senior class trip to Boston, scheduled in May.

GB11042017-04

Julie Wilkins moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to approve the outing scheduled to the “Cabane à Sucre Chez Gagnon” in Mirabel, planned for April 19th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. This activity is optional and open to all high school students with a maximum of 46 participants (first come, first serve basis).

ADOPTED

GB11042017-05

Julie Wilkins moved and Jo Morrissey seconded the motion to approve the May 1st outing to the “Tourbière de Lanoraie” for the secondary 4 EST Science class to visit a peat bog ecosystem. A parent volunteer will transport the students and the P.P.O. will defray 50 \$ towards the cost of gas for the transport.

ADOPTED

GB11042017-06

Jo Morrissey moved and Julie Wilkins seconded the motion to approve a car wash fund-raising activity by the secondary 4 and 5 students to be held in Ste. Agathe on April 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Funds raised will go towards the senior class trip planned to Boston next May.

ADOPTED

5.6 P.P.O. Report (Renée Beauséjour & Jo Morrissey)

Meeting that was to be held this evening was cancelled. The “Vesseys Bulb Sale” fund-raising activity has ended.

5.7 S.W.L.S.B. Parents Committee Report (Jo Morrissey)

Please see attached report.

5.8 S.E.A.C. Committee Report

None

5.9 Elementary Student Council Report

None

5.10 High School Student Council Report

Brian Sénécal presented a proposal from two students from secondary 4, Lia Chenier & Somiya Colatosti, inquiring about the feasibility of constructing a terrace/garden for the senior students (secondary 4 & 5). They would be soliciting donations of construction materials for this project.

Brian Sénécal will contact the material resources department of the school board to inquire about guidelines/rules to be followed for the construction aspect.

It was also agreed by all the members that any future terrace/garden, etc, should be accessible to all high school students.

5.11 Community Learning Centre (Chantal Paquin)

- The elementary students will be participating again this year in the construction/planting of a community garden in collaboration with the town of Ste. Agathe. Johanne Lamarre, the coordinator from Ste. Agathe, will plan this event with Chantal Paquin.
- The “Fit Club” is meeting twice a week to practice towards the race scheduled for May 9th in Montreal. 35 high school girls are registered.
- Isabelle Blais, French teacher, has started a knitting club every Day 7 at lunch.

- The Vanier College “Lunch & Learn” video conference has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
- The Secondary 1 students will participate in a video conference presented by the Bank of Montreal on April 19th. Topic: “Talk about money”
- A live webcast for the “National Canadian film Day” will be presented on April 19th to the secondary 4 & 5 students, (movie: The Trotsky)
- The “Kids let’s talk” workshops for children aged 2 to 5 years organized by “4 Korner’s” are meeting weekly in the C.L.C. room.
- We are looking at the possibility of applying for a provincial grant from “Particip-Action” which encourages physical activity in schools. Two grants will be given at the elementary and at the high school level. More to follow at the next meeting.
- A meeting “Theory of Change” is being planned for May 17th at 10:30 a.m. The focus is to seek out opinions and ideas from different sectors in our community and school: elementary and secondary teachers, parents, “4 Korner’s” community group, representative from the city of Ste. Agathe., and therefore using these ideas and suggestion to better focus the role of our C.L.C. center at S.A.A.

6. Promoting S.A.A. (Jo Morrissey)

S.W.L.S.B. will be upgrading their website next year and schools will follow with their upgrades after that.

Please see attached report.

7. Daycare

Discussed under Principal’s Report

8. School Fees for 2017-2018

Brian Sénécal presented to the members the proposed school fees for both elementary and secondary sectors for the 2017-2018 school year.

GB11042017-07

Julie Wilkins moved and Ian Masse seconded the motion to approve the 2017-2018 school fees as presented for Ste. Agathe Academy Elementary.

ADOPTED

The secondary school fees for 2017-2018 were discussed. A question arose as to the use of the French workbook for secondary classes. After discussion, members decided to table the item to the May meeting.

9. Code of Conduct (Student Agenda)

Brian Sénécal presented to the members the “Code of Conduct” rules/regulations that are part of the agenda book that students receive each year.

After consultation, Teacher Council decided to amend the Dress Code Violations to make it simpler to manage for both the teaching staff and administration.

GB11042017-08

Julie Wilkins moved and Mdelwa Mehlo seconded the motion to approve the 2017-2018 “Code of Conduct” as presented for Ste. Agathe Academy Elementary.

ADOPTED

G11042017-09

Jo Morrissey moved and Renée Beauséjour seconded the motion to approve the 2017-2018 “Code of Conduct” as presented for Ste. Agathe Academy Secondary.

ADOPTED

10. Correspondence

None

11. Question Period

None

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12.1 Summer School

Brian Sénécal informed us that our C.L.C. center will be available this summer to offer the Math Secondary 4 review & exam for students. This will be offered through video-conferencing with the S.W.L.S.B. summer school sessions. A fee will be charged to students and our guidance counsellor, Martin Lalancette, will be speaking with students who could benefit from this service.

12.2 Student Council Fund-Raising (secondary)

Brian Sénécal presented a request from the High School Student Council for a fall 2017 fund-raising campaign. SPC Rebate cards (10\$ each) would be sold, which offer discounts on restaurant, coffee shops, stores, etc. Funds generated would be used for Student Council activities throughout the year.

Following a discussion it was decided to table this request until more information is obtained.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB11042017-10

Julie Wilkins moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

Brian Sénécal, Interim Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On April 26th, Governing Board members were requested their approval to allow the Girls' Rugby Team (Secondary 4 & 5 girls) to participate in a GMAA 7's Tournament on Friday, May 5th at the Concordia University Field in Montreal.

GB26042017-01

Be it resolved that Governing Board Members approve to allow the Girls' Rugby Team (Secondary 4 & 5 girls) to participate in a GMAA 7's Tournament on Friday, May 5th at the Concordia University Field in Montreal.

Adopted

On May 1st, Governing Board Members were requested their approval to amend an outing approved on October 14th. Instead of some of the Grade 5 and 6 students attending a Mini Soccer Futsal (RSEQ, Festival Sportif Amicale) they would like to attend McCaig's first Flag Football Festival at Rosemère High School on Friday, May 26th.

GB01052017-01

Be it resolved that Governing Board Members approve to allow some Grade 5 and 6 students to attend McCaig's Flag Football Festival at Rosemère High School on Friday, May 26th.

Adopted

On May 8th, Governing Board Members were sent a revised Governing Board Budget for their review and approval. The amendment was to allow for the purchase of two tickets for two Governing Board Members to attend the Sir Wilfrid Laurier Lobster Fest on Thursday, June 8th and three tickets for three Staffs to also attend as recognition for Staff Appreciation Week.

GB08052017-01

Be it resolved that Governing Board Members approve the revised Governing Board Budget.

Adopted