

**Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoleon Street, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC
Monday, May 15th, 2017**

Members present:

Elementary Parent: Renée Beauséjour

High School Parents: Vivianne Cliche, Sandra Morselli (Chairperson)

Elementary Teacher: Ian Masse

High School Teachers: Julie Wilkins, Mdelwa Mehlo

Support Staff Representative: Chantal Paquin

Community Representative: Victoria Barrett, Jacqui Raill

Student Council Representative: Fiamma Saragosa

Principal (Interim): Brian Sénécal

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated Absences: Tania Colleret, Jo Morrissey

Absent: Melinda Lalonde

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB15052017-01

Renée Beauséjour moved and Julie Wilkins seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

GB15052017-02

Ian Masse moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 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)

Please see attached report.

5.2 Elementary Teachers' Report (Ian Masse)

- The elementary students attended a performance of a Shakespearean play presented in the gymnasium by a professional theatrical group.
- The outing in Mirabel at the "Cabane à Sucre Gagnon" was a great success and enjoyed by all students.
- The planting of seedlings project, in collaboration with the city of Ste. Agathe has begun. Students will plant and grow flowers which will be added to flower beds around Ste. Agathe at a later date.
- Flag-football season will commence next week.

- The “Mindfulness Program” has finished and was much appreciated by the students.
- Students participated in various activities related to the theme of Canada’s 150 year celebration.

5.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

The following trips were presented for approval:

- June 13: Village du Père Noël in Val Morin for students of Pre-K to Grade 2
- June 14: Hike & Swim activity in Mont Tremblant for students of grades 3, 4, & 5.
- June 19: Hiking at Domaine St. Bernard in Mont Tremblant for all elementary students.

After discussion, members suggested that teachers consider organizing the Village du Père Noël and the La Source Trips on the same day. The trips will be approved via email after review.

GB15052017-03

Chantal Paquin moved and Julie Wilkins seconded the motion to approve the hiking activity at “Domaine St. Bernard” in Mont Tremblant scheduled for June 19th for all elementary students.

ADOPTED

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

- The "Teacher Appreciation Lunch" was held last week and enjoyed by all. A big thank-you to the P.P.O. for making this event possible.
- The after school outing to the "Cabane à Sucre Gagnon" was enjoyed by all participants.
- All students attended the presentation of a Shakespearean play held in the gymnasium last week by a professional theatre group.
- The "Mindfulness Program" in which students participated has ended. Student feedback was that it was appreciated by most.
- The Secondary IV EST science class visited a bog in Berthierville last week.
- Soccer practices are still going on.

5.5 Approval of High School Field Trips

None

5.6 P.P.O Report (Renée Beauséjour)

- The Vesseys Bulbs fund-raiser campaign raised a profit of \$1,485.
- The Teacher Appreciation lunch was held last week in the teacher lounge.
- The P.P.O. helped with the organization of a Bake Sale during the intermission of the play "Murder at the Malt Shop" presented by the high school Drama Club.
- A summer B.B.Q./Carnival activity for parents and students is being planned for June 9th.
- A Spaghetti Supper fund-raiser activity is being planned for next September.
- We are looking at the possibility of applying for funds through different grants available from stores such as Wal-Mart and President's Choice.

- Mrs. L. Satz, one of the teachers involved in the Grades 3, 4, & 5 outing to “La Source” in Mont Tremblant, has inquired if the P.P.O. could fund part of this activity.
- It has been suggested that for the next school year teachers establish a “wish list” of items and/or funding for activities to be considered by the P.P.O. committee in order to distribute monies fairly.

5.7 S.W.L.S.B. Parents Committee Report

None

5.8 S.E.A.C. Committee Report

None

5.9 Elementary Student Council Report

None

5.10 High School Student Council Report (Fiamma Saragosa)

The Graduation Committee has decided they would like to have their graduation ceremony at “Place Lagny” park in Ste. Agathe des Monts. There is a fee of \$175 charged by the city of Ste. Agathe for this activity. Sandra Morselli suggested that the \$100 set aside in the governing board budget for the high school student council could be used for this purpose.

5.11 C.L.C. Report (Chantal Paquin)

- Our students participated in the “National Canadian Film Day” interactive webcast and came in 9th place out of the 161 schools taking part in this activity.

- The “Kids Let’s Talk” program organized by “4 Korners” for pre-school aged children has finished its eight weekly activities here at the C.L.C. This program will probably be offered to local families again next year.
- Mr. David Johnston, member of the National Assembly, visited our school to meet and discuss with our students and staff about the state and future for English schools.
- Some students will be participating in a video conference, “Mummy Maker”, offered by the “University of Pennsylvania”.
- The grade 5 & 6 “Knitting Club” is meeting weekly in the C.L.C. room.
- 37 high school girls participated in the provincial “Fit Girls Race” held in Montreal on May 9th. They received participation medals and were greeted at the finish line by Mme. Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau.
- The senior high school students will be attending the “Fêtons en toute Sécurité” activity organized by the Polyvalente des Monts on May 30th. The theme of this reenactment “drinking and driving” accident is to sensitize teenagers as to the impact and consequences of reckless behavior during year-end graduation activities/parties.
- The elementary students have begun the seedling planting project in collaboration with the town of Ste. Agathe.
- We are in the process of looking at several available grants.
Walmart: \$1000 for community engagement, hunger relief.
Participation: \$500 towards physical activity.
President’s Choice Nutrition Grant: \$4000 towards feeding student in need.

6. Promoting S.A.A.

None

7. Daycare

Brian Sénécal reported that implementing a Daycare service at our school does not seem to be feasible at the present time. We have been informed by the school board that any deficit incurred would have to be absorbed by the school budget. Since the results of the parent survey for participation were low, it does not appear to be the right time for such an endeavor.

8. School Fees for High School 2017-2018

At the April governing board meeting, members expressed their concern of the lack of utilization of the French workbook over many years. Members were reluctant in allowing the purchase of the workbook for the school year 2017-2018. The issue was discussed at the May teacher council meeting and the pros and cons were discussed with governing board members. Members came to the conclusion that the workbook is a pertinent tool for the students to have a complete overview of the French program established by M.E.E.S.

GB15052017-04

Renée Beauséjour moved and Julie Wilkins seconded the motion to approve the 2017-2018 school fees for High School as presented.

ADOPTED

9. School Budget 2017-2018

Members were presented with the 2017-2018 elementary and high school budgets for their review and approval.

GB15052017-05

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the governing board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the principal;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;

Mdelwa Mehlo MOVED THAT, in accordance with the 2017-2018 Budget Parameters, the governing board of Ste. Agathe Academy Elementary School, adopt the school budget for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$38,381.50 and expenditures of \$38,381.50.

AND THAT the budget be submitted to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for final approval.

Seconded by Julie Wilkins

ADOPTED

GB15052017-06

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 95 of the Education Act, the governing board is responsible for adopting the school's annual budget as proposed by the principal;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 96.24 of the Education Act, the school budget must maintain a balance between expenditures, on the one hand, and the financial resources allocated to the school by the school board and the school's own revenues, on the other;

Ian Masse, MOVED THAT, in accordance with the 2017-2018 Budget Parameters, the governing board of Ste. Agathe Academy Secondary School, adopt the school budget for the 2017-2018 school year, as presented by the school Principal, which forecasts revenues of \$62,214.75 and expenditures of \$62,214.75.

AND THAT the budget be submitted to the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board for final approval.

Seconded by Mdelwa Mehlo

ADOPTED

10. Correspondence

None

11. Question Period

Renée Beauséjour questioned why students are made to watch movies instead of doing class work when part of the class is away on activities. It was felt by her and other members that when part of a class is away, the rest could benefit by having some extra/individual tutoring and practice on subjects they need to better.

She also reported that a substitute teacher was rude and unprofessional towards students during class time.

Brian Sénécal informed the members that at the next teacher council he will address the subject of prep work for class when teachers are absent. He also thanked Renée for informing him about the inappropriate behavior of the substitute teacher and will address this issue very shortly with the person concerned.

12. Varia

None

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB15052017-07

Julie Wilkins moved and Mdelwa Mehlo seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

Brian Sénécal, Interim Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On Wednesday, May 24th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the Pre-K to Grade 1 students to go to the Village du Père Noël in Val-David on Tuesday, June 13th.

GB24052017-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the Pre-K to Grade 1 students to go to the Village du Père Noël on Tuesday, June 13th.

Adopted

On Wednesday, May 24th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the grades 2, 3 and 4 students to go to La Source in Mont-Tremblant on Tuesday, June 13th.

GB24052017-02

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the grade 2, 3 and 4 students to go to La Source in Mont-Tremblant on Tuesday, June 13th.

Adopted

On May 30th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the grade 6 students to take part in the following activities on Tuesday, June 20th:

- Mont-Tremblant in the morning to take the Gondola up to the top and hike back down to the village.
- La Source to swim for a block of 3 hours.
- S.A.A. for a pot-luck dinner and camp overnight (indoors if it is rainy) play games and watch a movie followed by breakfast in the morning.

Parent volunteers will transport the students and contribute to the pot luck dinner.

GB30052017-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the grade 6 students to go to Mont-Tremblant on Tuesday, June 20th. Students will go for a Gondola ride, hike, at La Source to swim and then return to S.A.A. for a pot luck dinner, activities and to camp overnight followed by breakfast in the morning.

Adopted

On Tuesday, May 30th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the grade 5 students to go hiking and lugging in Mont-Tremblant on Wednesday, June 14th. Students would leave S.A.A. at 9:30 a.m. and return home at 7:00 p.m. via carpooling by parent volunteers.

GB30052017-02

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the grade 5 students to go hiking and lugging in Mont-Tremblant on Wednesday, June 14th.

Adopted

On Wednesday, May 31st, governing board members were requested their approval to allow the secondary 1 students to go to the Centre de l'Exposition in Val David on Thursday, June 1st to see their exhibition display. Students would leave S.A.A. at noon missing their 3rd class and return to S.A.A. at 2:15 p.m.

GB31052017-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the secondary 1 students to go to the Centre de l'Exposition in Val David on Thursday, June 1st.

Adopted