

**Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoléon, Ste-Agathe des Monts, QC
Tuesday, June 6th, 2017.**

Members Present:

Elementary Parents: Renée Beauséjour, Tania Colleret, Melinda Lalonde

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

High School Teachers: Mdelwa Mehlo, Julie Wilkins

Elementary Teacher: Ian Masse

Principal: Brian Sénécal (Interim)

Support Staff Representative: Chantal Paquin

Student Council Representative: Fiamma Saragosa

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Guests: France Celestino (S.A.A. Principal 2017-2018), Peter MacLaurin
(S.W.L.S.B. Commissioner)

Motivated Absence: Jacqui Raill

Absent: Victoria Barrett

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB06062017-01

Julie Wilkins moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented with the following additions under “Varia”:

11.1 Substitute Teachers

11.2 Graduation Awards

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

GB06062017-02

Mdelwa Mehlo moved and Julie Wilkins seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 15th, 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.

5.2 Elementary Teachers` Report (Ian Masse)

- A “Talent Show” is being planned by students for the end of June.
- The Grade 6 students will be purchasing “Graduation Hoodies” with the money they raised from their fund-raising activities. Thanks to all for the support.
- The residents at the senior center “Manoir Quatre Saisons” greatly appreciated the visits from our students throughout the school year. More are planned on a regular basis for next year.
- A banner with the falcon school logo has been purchased and will be framed and displayed for the next school year. Thank-you to the P.P.O. for their financial support.
- Mr. Masse recently attended an “Intergenerational Gala” at the Université de Montréal. Subjects presented were urban planning/ projects for students.

5.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

GB06062017-03

Julie Wilkins moved and Melinda Lalonde seconded the motion to approve the “Beach Day year-end Activity” planned for all elementary students on June 22nd.

ADOPTED

The 800 \$ granted to our school from the “Participation Grant” will be used towards the activities planned on June 15th here at the school. Physical fitness activities will be held during the day and a dance will be held the next day, hosted by a d-jay, for the younger students in the morning and the older ones in the afternoon.

5.4 Approval of Elementary Field Trips for 2017-2018

None

5.5 High School Teachers` Report (Mdelwa Mehlo & Julie Wilkins)

- The examination period has begun.
- All sport practices have ended for this school year.
- Some teachers attended a conference in Toronto recently about the topic of ethics, and more specifically how to incorporate and represent minorities in this subject.

5.6 Approval of High School Field Trips

None

5.7 Approval of High School Field Trips for 2017-2018

The following activities were presented for approval:

- The annual “Terry Fox Run” for elementary and secondary students.
- Secondary 4 visit to the Science Museum in Ottawa.
- Secondary 5 visit to the War Museum in Ottawa
- Secondary 5 visit to the “Holocaust Museum” in Montreal.
- The annual “Welcome Back Beach Day Activity” for all secondary students on September 1st.
- Secondary 5 canoe-camping trip on the `Rivière Rouge` from September 20th to 22nd.
- Secondary 4 Geo-Catching & Hiking trip at the U.Q.A.M. center in St. Faustin from October 11th to 13th.
- Secondary 2 visit to the “Tyropark” in Ste. Agathe.
- Secondary 3 Hike, Canoe & Via-Ferrata activity in Mont-Tremblant Park on October 5th and 6th.

GB06062017-04

Jo Morrissey moved and Tania Colleret seconded the motion to approve the annual “Terry Fox Run” for all elementary and secondary students to be held sometime during the month of September 2017.

ADOPTED

GB06062017-05

Mdelwa Mehlo moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the Secondary 4 (Science Museum) and Secondary 5 (War Museum) trip to Ottawa sometime during the month of September 2017.

ADOPTED

GB06062017-06

Mdelwa Mehlo moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the visit to the “Holocaust Museum” in Montreal by the Secondary 5 class sometime during the month of September 2017.

ADOPTED

GB06062017-07

Mdelwa Mehlo moved and Melinda Lalonde seconded the motion to approve the “Welcome Back Beach Day Activity” scheduled for all secondary students on September 1st, 2017. This event will be held at Tessier Beach in Ste. Agathe.

ADOPTED

GB06062017-08

Chantal Paquin moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve the Secondary 5 canoe-camping excursion on the “Rivière Rouge” to be held from September 20th to 22nd.

ADOPTED

GB06062017-09

Melinda Lalonde moved and Mdelwa Mehlo seconded the motion to approve the Secondary 4 hiking & geo-catching activity to be held at the U.Q.A.M. Outdoor Center in St. Faustin-Lac Carré from October 11th to 13th.

ADOPTED

GB06062017-10

Jo Morrissey moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve the “Tyropark” activity scheduled for the Secondary 2 students in Ste. Agathe des Monts on October 2nd, 2017.

ADOPTED

GB06062017-11

Renée Beauséjour moved and Mdelwa Mehlo seconded the motion to approve the Secondary 3 canoe-camping/hiking/via-ferrata activity in Mont Tremblant Park scheduled for October 5th and 6th.

ADOPTED

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

The "Carnival Day" activity sponsored by the P.P.O. for all elementary and secondary students will be held on June 9th. Various activities and a lunch will be available for all.

A "Spaghetti Supper" is being planned for the month of September. This event will be held at the same time as the Curriculum Night. The P.P.O. will also present themselves to the parents to discuss their objectives for the upcoming school year and encourage new membership. A raffle will be held at the end of the evening with a prize of a 100 \$ rebate towards school fees. The C.L.C. room will offer babysitting services to parents during this event as well.

5.9 S.W.L.S.B. Parents` Committee Report

None

5.10 S.E.A.C Committee Report

None

5.11 Elementary Student Council Report

None

5.12 High School Student Council Report

None

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

Our elementary school received a 800 \$ grant from ``Participation``, which will be used towards year-end activities for students. Thank you to Monique Vacval, kindergarten teacher, for processing the application.

The Secondary 5 students attended the “Fêtons en toute Sécurité” activity at the Polyvalente des Monts on May 30th. This re-enactment of a fatal car accident was presented to sensitize students to the dangers of drinking and driving during year-end/prom activities.

6.0 Promoting S.A.A.

Chantal Paquin presented her idea of inviting the “Chambre de Commerce” of Ste. Agathe des Monts to our school/C.L.C. Center next fall during Curriculum Night to present and promote our school.

All members agreed this was an excellent opportunity to advertise our school and collaborate with the city of Ste. Agathe and local enterprises. A date will be scheduled next fall.

7.0 Governing Board Budget 2016-2017

The Governing Board Budget was sent to all members via email prior to the meeting for their review.

GB06062017-12

Jo Morrissey moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the Ste. Agathe Academy Governing Board Budget as presented for 2016-2017.

ADOPTED

8. Governing Board Annual Report

The Governing Board Annual Report was sent to all members via email prior to the meeting for their review.

GB06062017-13

Jo Morrissey moved and Mdelwa Mehlo seconded the motion to adopt the Governing Board Annual Report as presented by Sandra Morselli.

9. Correspondence

Brian Sénécal read a letter received from a few high school girls asking for a revision to the “S.A.A. Dress Code” which would allow the girls to wear knee length skirts for the next school year.

A short discussion ensued and it was agreed to leave the dress code regulations status quo.

Sandra Morselli or Brian Sénécal will respond to the request.

10. Question Period

None

11. Varia

11.1 Substitute Teachers

Renée Beauséjour questioned the quality and professionalism of the substitute teachers recently hired to fill in the vacancy in the French class. She was recently made aware of a situation in class during a French practice exam where the substitute teacher did not speak French and therefore could not and would not help the students who requested help. Renée Beauséjour also inquired as to why the S.W.L.S.B. could not step in and send a consultant to help in this situation.

Jo Morrissey supported the concerns addressed by Renée Beauséjour and stated that some parents are worried that the students are not prepared for the upcoming exams nor for the upcoming school year as some students seem to be lacking the proper skills in French.

The Interim Principal, Brian Sénécal, responded that the lack of a teacher in French had been a major concern for the past few months and that it had been very difficult to find qualified substitutes this late in the school year.

France Celestino (Principal at S.A.A. for 2017-2018) informed the members that this valid concern was not a Governing Board matter and should be addressed directly with the administration. She added that she would be available to discuss this matter with them and make it a top priority at the beginning of July when she starts working at S.A.A.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB06062017-14

Julie Wilkins moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

Brian Sénécal, Interim Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On September 19th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow all elementary students to go to the Eco museum zoo in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue on September 25th. Students will have the opportunity to learn about animals that are exclusive to our province. Students will be transported by bus. The total cost for the trip is \$2431.78 (bus \$1584.28 and admission \$847.50). The charge to the students is \$20.

GB19092017-01

Be it resolved that governing board members agree to allow all elementary students to go to the Eco museum zoo in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue on September 25th.

Adopted

On September 19th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the secondary 2 students to go to the Holocaust Museum with the secondary 5 students on Thursday, September 28th which was approved by members at the June 6th meeting.

GB19092017-02

Be it resolved that governing board members agree to allow the secondary 2 students to go to the Holocaust Museum with the secondary 5 students on Thursday, September 28th.

Adopted