

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at

Ste. Agathe Academy

26 Napoléon Street, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC, J8C 2Z3

Thursday, November 9th, 2017

Members Present :

Elementary Parents: Renée Beauséjour, Melinda Lalonde, Samantha Rodgers and Tania Colleret (Alternate)

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

High School Teacher: Julie Wilkins

Elementary Teachers: Claudine Houle, Andrée-Anne Pilon

Principal: France Celestino

Student Council Representatives: Maryse Cloutier, Somiya Colatosti

S.W.L.S.B. Commissioner: Peter MacLaurin

Community Representatives: Vicky Barrett, Jacqui Raill

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated Absences: Gloria Cuccarolo, Chantal Paquin

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB09112017-01

Renée Beauséjour moved and Julie Wilkins seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the following addition:

14.1 Dress Code

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

GB09112017-02

Jo Morrissey moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the October 2nd minutes with the following correction:

Item no. 18: Last sentence should read:

The workbooks used by the students are decided upon by the teachers, as per the M.E.E.S. guidelines.

APPROVED

3. Community Representatives

Julie Laroche who expressed interest to be a Community Representative is no longer available to take part due to conflict of schedule. Therefore the representatives for this school year will be Vicky Barrett and Jacqui Raill.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Question Period

None

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Principal's Report (France Celestino)

To be sent via e-mail.

France Celestino presented the following activities to be approved:

- Annual Rugby Dinner
- Rental of gym for C.S.S.S. students

GB09112017-03

Julie Wilkins moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the “Rubgy Annual Dinner” to be held at the school on January 27, 2018.

APPROVED

GB09112017-04

Renée Beauséjour moved and Andrée-Anne Pilon seconded the motion to approve the rental of the gym on pedagogical days for the students of the local C.S.S.S. The students will be accompanied by parents.

APPROVED

6.2 Elementary Teachers’ Report (Claudine Houle & Andrée-Anne Pilon)

- A “Developmental Progression Workshop” for the Kindergarten class was held on November 7th with various specialists from the school board observing the students to assess needs and establish early intervention plans.
- The SWL Foundation has granted funds in the amount of \$1,400 for each sector, elementary and high school, to be used towards the purchase of sensory equipment.
- Halloween activities were held. A Bake Sale generated \$400 profit for the student council.
- There will be a “Movember” activity day planned this month and more activities will be organized in December by the student council.
- The skiing activity planned at Mont Tremblant later this winter has been cancelled due to the fact that our school is not in the zone for their program. We are looking for alternate activities to be planned.

Sandra Morselli mentioned that a parent is inquiring at Mont Blanc as a replacement for this skiing activity.

6.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

None

6.4 High School Teachers' Report (Julie Wilkins)

- The secondary 2 & 4 students had their respective outdoor excursions during October. Sec. 4 – hiking and Sec. 3 – Tyropark.
- The Citrus fund-raising campaign has ended and an order has been placed with the company. A delivery date is scheduled for mid-December.
- A “Remembrance Day” ceremony will be held on November 10th in the gymnasium for cycle 3 elementary and all high school students.
- The secondary 5 class will be visiting the Synagogue in Ste. Agathe on November 17th. This is a follow-up to their visit to the “Holocaust Museum” in Montreal and to thank Rabbi Carlebach and the synagogue for generously covering the cost of the bus to the museum.

6.5 Approval of High School Field Trips

The following activity requests were presented for approval:

- Visit to Cegep Mont Tremblant for the Secondary 4 & 5 classes on November 16th.
- Secondary 4 & 5 high school students to attend a play at Cegep St. Jérôme on November 20th. Free tickets were made available for all students.
- Change of dates for senior trip to New York City in April 2018.
- Bagging fund-raising activity at “Bourassa” store in Ste. Agathe in November or December for the Secondary 4 & 5 students wishing to participate. Monies raised will go towards the senior trip and/or Graduation.

GB09112017-05

Renée Beauséjour moved and Samantha Rodgers seconded the motion to approve to allow the secondary 4 & 5 students visit the “Centre Professionnel & Cegep Mont Tremblant” on November 16th. The students will miss periods 1 to 3 and will be accompanied by teachers.

APPROVED

GB09112017-06

Melinda Lalonde moved and Andrée-Anne Pilon seconded the motion to allow the secondary 4 & 5 students to attend a performance of the play “L’homme de la Mancha” at Cegep St. Jérôme on November 20th. The students will depart at noon and will return after the departure of school buses. Students will need to make arrangements back home. High school teachers will accompany the students.

APPROVED

GB09112017-07

Samantha Rodgers moved and Andrée-Anne Pilon seconded the motion to approve the Senior Trip to New York City in April with Omnitour. The scheduled dates are from April 25th to 28th, 2018. Students will be charged \$598.00 and does not include meals or personal expenses. The trip is optional. Three adults will accompany the group.

APPROVED

GB09112017-08

Jo Morrissey moved and Melinda Lalonde seconded the motion to allow the Secondary 4 & 5 participating students to attend a fund-raising bagging activity at the “Bourassa” store in Ste. Agathe to raise funds towards their visit to New York City next April and/or graduation. Parent volunteers and teachers will accompany the students.

APPROVED

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

- A calendar of P.P.O. activities will be sent to parents and will also be available on the school website.
- The Christmas cards order forms will be made available to parents by next week. The designs were produced by elementary students and Craft Club.
- P.P.O. Fund-raising bagging activities are being planned for Ste. Agathe and Mont Tremblant for mid-December and January.
- P.P.O. is considering planning a “Spaghetti Supper/Welcome back” activity for the beginning of the next school year for all parents and students.
- P.P.O. members are also looking into ski day options for students.

The following requests for approval were presented: bagging activities and Christmas card fund-raising.

GB09112017-09

Claudine Houle moved and Melinda Lalonde seconded the motion to approve the P.P.O. “Christmas Card Sale” fund-raising activity to be held during the months of November and December. Profits generated will be used towards student activities.

APPROVED

GB09112017-10

Vivianne Cliche moved and Andrée-Anne Pilon seconded the motion to approve the P.P.O. fund-raising bagging activity to be held at the Ste. Agathe “Maxi” store sometime in mid-December. Profits generated will be used towards student activities.

APPROVED

GB09112017-11

Samantha Rodgers moved and Jo Morrissey seconded the motion to approve the P.P.O. fund-raising bagging activity to be held at the Mont Tremblant “Maxi” store sometime in mid-December. Profits generated will be used towards student activities.

APPROVED

GB09112017-12

Melinda Lalonde moved and Samantha Rodgers seconded the motion to approve the P.P.O. fund-raising bagging activity to be held at the Ste. Agathe “Walmart” store sometime in January 2018. Profits generated will be used towards student activities.

APPROVED

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

Please see attached.

A discussion ensued on the decision of the board to ask school professionals and teachers to refrain from giving reference letters to students who are planning on attending a school of a different school board.

Peter MacLaurin, SWL Commissioner, mentioned that the board is experiencing a drop in the enrolment due to students/parents that choose to attend schools that offer specialized programs such as sports and arts.

6.8 S.E.A.C. Committee Report (Samantha Rodgers)

- Four workshops will be presented during the year for parents and teachers. Topics covered will be A.D.H.D., Anxiety, transition from elementary to high school, Special Needs Children: who to talk to at school.
- Parents are encouraged to get assistance from their local C.L.S.C.
- More funds for remedial will be made available for special needs students as well as more computers for student use.
- There are presently 200 coded students throughout the board. These students are entitled to attend school until the age of 21.

6.9 Elementary Student Council Report (Andrée-Anne Pilon)

- Halloween activities were held including a Bake Sale which generated a profit of \$400 for the student council.
- More activities are planned for the month of December.

6.10 High School Student Council Report (Maryse Cloutier & Somiya Colatosti)

- Halloween activities were held such as candy count, pumpkin carving, pumpkin relay race, scary movie, costume contest and a haunted house.
- The November 23rd “Dress down Day” will be in support of the “Movember” cancer month.
- A high school dance is planned for December 15th.
- High school students are asking if turtlenecks respecting school colors can be added to the dress code. This item will be discussed under “Varia”.

GB09112017-13

Julie Wilkins moved and Claudine Houle seconded the motion to approve the high school dance to be held during the evening of December 15h. The students will be supervised by teachers.

APPROVED

6.11 Community Learning Center (France Celestino)

- An employee will be hired temporarily to replace the C.L.C. Coordinator, Chantal Paquin, who is on sick leave. There is a need to handle e-mails and activity requests.
- The Grade 6 class will be visiting the “Manoir Quatre Saisons” senior residence.
- The “Fille Active” physical activity program will again be offered next spring for the high school girls.
- Funds will be used to order materials needed. Chantal Paquin had produced a list of the required materials needed.

7.0 S.A.A. Digital Newsletter

Jacqui Raill presented a sample of a digital newsletter for our school which was produced by her staff. This could be used to inform parents of activities and upcoming events.

A discussion ensued and all agreed it could be sent monthly to parents via e-mail and also be added to the school website where it could be a useful marketing tool to promote our school. France Celestino supported the idea and added that the newsletter would need to be defined more to reflect our school and what it has to offer.

Jo Morrissey offered to work with Jacqui Raill’s staff to achieve a finished product that could be presented at a later date for approval.

8.0 A.B.A.V. Plan

Item tabled to the December meeting.

9.0 M.E.S.A. Report

Previously discussed in Principal’s Report.

10. Deeds of Establishment

The Deeds of Establishment was sent to all members via email for their review and/or comments. The use and enrolment projections remain status quo for our school. Members had no comments.

11. Governing Board 2017-2018 Budget

Sandra Morselli presented the proposed 2017-2018 Governing Board Budget for approval.

GB09112017-14

Jo Morrissey moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the proposed 2017-2018 Governing Board Budget as presented.

APPROVED

12. Correspondence

Jo Morrissey mentioned that the S.W.L.S.B. Parents` Committee received a thank you card from our school for their contribution to the graduation ceremony awards of last June 2017.

13. Question Period

None

14. VARIA

14.1 Dress Code

A request was presented from Teacher Council to abolish the wear of headbands and scarves for students. Another request was presented by Student Council on behalf of the students to allow the wearing of turtlenecks to the present dress code abiding the school colors.

A discussion ensued amongst members revealing differences in opinion. It was explained by members who were part of the Governing Board at the time of the implementation of the Dress Code two years ago that it was always understood that appropriate accessories would be allowed in order to allow the students to express their individuality. The members came to an agreement to allow France Celestino to decide what she deems appropriate or not.

As for the implementation of the turtlenecks, differences of opinion were also expressed. Members agreed to allow it only if worn under their polos.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB09112017-15

Renée Beauséjour moved and Claudine Houle seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

France Celestino, Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On November 15th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the Girls' Basketball Teams, junior and senior, to take part in games at l'Académie Laurentienne on Wednesday, November 22nd. Players will be leaving at lunchtime missing their last period and returning to school at 6:00 p.m. The transportation is by bus and the cost to the players is between \$12 and \$15.

GB15112017-01

Be it resolved that Governing Board members approve to allow the Girls' Basketball Teams, junior and seniors, to take part in games at l'Académie Laurentienne on Wednesday, November 22nd.

APPROVED

On November 28th, Governing Board members were requested for their approval to make an amendment to the motion **09112017-10** allowing PPO to take part in bagging sessions at the Ste. Agathe Maxi store. PPO has agreed to forego the bagging sessions approved by Governing Board at maxi to allow the secondary 4 & 5 students to take part instead during the week-end of December 2nd and 3rd. The monies raised will go towards the senior trip and/or graduation.

GB28112017-01

Be it resolved that Governing Board members approve to allow the secondary 4 & 5 students to take part in bagging sessions at the Ste. Agathe Maxi store during the week-end of December 2nd and 3rd.

APPROVED

On November 28th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the boys' Basketball Teams, junior and senior, to take part in games at l'Académie Laurentienne on Thursday, December 7th. Students will leave S.A.A. at 2:00 p.m. missing their last period and returning to school at 6:00 p.m. There will be no cost to the students as the transportation will be covered by the school.

GB28112017-02

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the boys' Basketball Teams, junior and senior, to take part in games at l'Académie Laurentienne on Thursday, December 7th.

APPROVED

On December 6th, Governing Board members were requested for their approval to allow all elementary students to take part of an outing to the Cinema Pine movie theatre in Ste. Adèle on Friday, December 22nd. Students would leave at 12:45 p.m. and return on time for the end of the day buses. Fee for students is \$8 to cover the cost of the movie. \$371.71 cost for transport will be covered by PPO.

GB06122017-01

Be it resolved that Governing Board members approve to allow all elementary students to take part of an outing to the Cinema Pine movie theater in Ste. Adèle on Friday, December 22nd.

APPROVED