

**Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoleon, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC, J8C 2Z3
Thursday, February 8th, 2018**

Members Present:

Elementary Parents: Renée Beauséjour, Samantha Rodgers

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

Elementary Teacher: Claudine Houle

High School Teacher: Julie Wilkins

Principal: France Celestino

Student Council Representative: Maryse Cloutier

Community Representative: Jacqui Raill

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated Absences: Melinda Lalonde, Tania Colleret, Paul Legault,
Andrée-Anne Pilon, Gloria Cuccarolo, Chantal Paquin, Angelica Cliche-
Maher, Victoria Barrett

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB08022018-01

Vivianne Cliche moved and Claudine Houle seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

GB08022018-02

Vivianne Cliche moved and Jo Morrissey seconded the motion to approve the January 18th, 2018 minutes as presented.

Approved with 3 abstentions:

Renée Beauséjour, Julie Wilkins & Maryse Cloutier

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Julie Wilkins mentioned that a printer purchased with Governing Board funds was now available for high school students on the 2nd floor.

4. Question Period

None

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Elementary Teachers' & Student Council Reports (Claudine Houle)

- The Student Council will hold a bake sale on Valentine's Day. Students will also be able to wear a pink or red top on that day.
- A nurse from the C.L.S.C. will be giving a workshop on puberty for the grade 6 class.
- A "Kindness Heart" activity is ongoing for the month of February. Students are invited to add their thoughts/words on the heart-shaped poster board in the elementary hallway.

5.2 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

There is a possibility of having a downhill ski day for the students in March. Information will be made available to members with request for an approval by email if needed.

5.3 High School Teachers' Report (Julie Wilkins)

- The secondary 3 & 4 students attended a "Let's Talk Science" workshop in Laval.
- The secondary 4 & 5 students visited McGill University to participate in a science orientated workshop.
- A video-conference with Vanier College took place at S.A.A. for the secondary 4 & 5 students. It was felt however that it did not meet the students' inquiries. The students will not take part in the second video-conference.
- A consultant from the S.W.L.S.B., Anne Nicholson, will be meeting with the teachers next week.
- Secondary 1, 2 & 3 students will be participating in drug-prevention workshops given by Tangage on February 15th and again on February 22nd for secondary 1, 2 students.
- A nurse from the C.L.S.C. will be holding a workshop on puberty for the secondary 3 students on April 4th.
- The Montreal Shakespeare Company will be presenting a performance of "Macbeth" for all students at S.A.A. on March 22nd.
- A player from the Montreal Alouettes Football team is scheduled to visit with the secondary 1, 2, & 3 students. More information to follow at the next meeting.
- The Drama Club will be presenting their performance of the play "The Book Thief" on the evening of May 3rd.
- Miss Vekteris is hoping to bring the secondary 1 & 2 students to the "Maison Symphonique" in Montreal to attend a musical performance. More information to follow at the next meeting.
- Miss Vekteris is continuing an after-school cooking club, with the help of Karen Axelford.
- Anne Nicholson, S.W.L.S.B. consultant, will be organizing "Talking Circles" with the secondary 3 students to help them focus with peer relationships within their class.
- Jason Irven, Behavior Technician, will be conducting one-on-one "Boy/Man Talk" mentoring sessions with at-risk boys from the high school.

- Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on March 15th.

5.4 Approval of High School Field Trips

None

5.5 Principal's Report (France Celestino)

Please see attached.

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

- A Spaghetti Supper fundraiser activity will be held on April 11th on the same night as the Elementary Student-Led Conferences. Tickets will be sold for \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. A maximum of \$25 or \$30 will be charged for families depending on the number of participants. After school activities will be organized for students attending the Spaghetti Supper. Local merchants will be asked for food donations to help defray the cost of this activity. A letter will be sent home to parents for them to sign up for tickets.
- It was decided not to hold the Vesseys Bulb fundraiser activity for this year and focus instead on the sale of tote bags with S.A.A. logo at a cost of \$5 each. More information to follow at the next meeting.
- A Car Wash fundraiser activity will be held on May 12th or May 26th. Funds generated will be spent on technology items for students.
- It was agreed that the bagging fundraiser activities scheduled at Wal-Mart will be exclusively for P.P.O.
- There will be a P.P.O. meeting next March even though the governing board is not meeting.

The following fundraiser activities were put forth for approval:

- Spaghetti Supper – April 11th
- Wal-Mart bagging in April
- Tote-bag sales
- Car Wash in May

GB08022018-03

Vivianne Cliche moved and Samantha Rodgers seconded the motion to approve the P.P.O. Spaghetti Supper fundraiser activity to be held on April 11th at the same time as the Elementary Student-Led Conferences. Profits generated will be used towards the purchase of technological items for students.

APPROVED

GB08022018-04

Jo Morrissey moved and Maryse Cloutier seconded the motion to approve the P.P.O. fundraiser bagging activity to be held at the Ste. Agathe des Monts Wal-Mart store sometime during the month on April 2018. Profits generated will be used towards the purchase of technological items for students.

APPROVED

GB0802018-05

Renée Beauséjour moved and Samantha Rodgers seconded the motion to approve the on-going P.P.O. fundraiser sale of S.A.A. tote bags at a cost of \$5 each. Profits generated will be used towards the purchase of technological items for students.

APPROVED

GB08022018-06

Vivianne Cliche moved and Jo Morrissey seconded the motion to approve the P.P.O. fundraiser Car Wash to be held at Steven Legault's garage in Ste. Agathe on May 12th or May 26th. Profits generated will be used towards the purchase of technological items for students.

APPROVED

5.7 S.W.L.S.B. Parents Committee Report (Renée Beauséjour)

No report this month.

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

No report this month. The next meeting is to be held on February 20th.

5.9 High School Student Council Report (Maryse Cloutier)

- A semi-formal dance will be held on the evening of February 9th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. 65 tickets were sold. Buses north and south will be available for student transportation home after the dance.

5.10 Community Learning Centre (France Celestino)

- Chantal Paquin (C.L.C. Coordinator) will gradually start working four hours per week.
- The John Abbott College "Health Caravan" will again visit our school on March 14th to promote their health programs and give healthy living advice and activities.
- The C.L.C. will be hosting a bingo activity at Trinity church in Ste. Agathe for handicapped persons. Karen Axelford our behavior technician will oversee this endeavor.
- Two high school teachers as well as the France Celestino attended a C.L.C. regional meeting at the school board.

6.0 Approval of MESA Goal for High School (Dropout Prevention) - France Celestino

The Dropout Prevention MESA Goal was sent to all members via email for their review. The objective of the MESA Goal is to address potential students at risk of dropping out. Planned goals include matching up students with an adult for mentoring and creating a positive relationship.

Jo Morrissey inquired if parents are involved and made aware when students are approached to participate in these sessions. France Celestino replied that they are notified and usually meet with the Guidance Counsellor to address the plan of action to be undertaken. She also mentioned that these MESA Goals are public documents and are posted on the school website.

Julie Wilkins mentioned that it is important for the Guidance Counsellor to be available for parents during the Parent-Teacher Interviews.

GB08022018-07

Jo Morrissey moved and Samantha Rodgers seconded the motion to approve the Ste. Agathe Academy High School MESA Goals for the 2017-2018 school year.

APPROVED

7. Amendments to Information and Communication S.W.L.S.B. Policy

The S.W.L.S.B. Information and Communication Policy was sent to all members via email for their review.

France Celestino mentioned that the document has been updated with a few changes.

Samantha Rodgers inquired as to why changes made on registration forms, etc. by parents do not seem to be processed as the same erroneous information re-appears yearly. France Celestino said she would address this situation to rectify the issues presented.

No other comments or suggestions were presented.

8. Amendments to the S.W.L.S.B. Field Trip Policy (France Celestino)

The S.W.L.S.B. Field Trip Policy document was sent to all the members via email for their review.

France Celestino mentioned that not all Principals agreed with the proposed change that students be in charge of tipping when on a field trip. Teachers involved in the organization cannot collect money for tips from parents or the students. Tips and gratuities are the responsibility of the tour operators and are to be collected by them.

9. S.A.A. Newsletter (Jo Morrissey)

Jacqui Raill congratulated Jo Morrissey on the work done in producing the S.A.A. Newsletter to be sent to parents via email. A discussion ensued on the planned timeline for this to be sent. It was decided that a monthly distribution would be the best, for example the second Friday of every month.

10. Amendments to the Governing Board Budget (Sandra Morselli)

Sandra Morselli inquired if members had any comments or proposed changes to the revised budget sent to them via email for their review. All agreed to the proposed changes.

GB08022018-08

Claudine Houle moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the changes proposed to the Governing Board Budget of Ste. Agathe Academy for the 2017-2018 school year.

APPROVED

11. Correspondence

None

12. Question Period

None

13. Varia

None

14. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB08022018-09

Vivianne Cliche moved and Claudine Houle seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

France Celestino, Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On March 15th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the boys basketball team to take part in a game at l'Académie Laurentienne in Val Morin on Wednesday, March 28th. Students will leave S.A.A. at 2:15 p.m. and return around 6:00 p.m. There will be no cost to the students as transportation will be paid by the school.

GB15032018-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the boys basketball team to take part in a game at l'Académie Laurentienne in Val Morin on Wednesday, March 28th.

APPROVE with 1 abstention, Renée Beauséjour

On April 3rd, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow a Book Fair Fundraiser to be held on April 10th to April 12th for S.A.A. students and open to parents and public on Wednesday April 10th from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funds generated will go towards the purchase of books for the library.

GB03042018-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the Book Fair Fundraiser activity to be held on April 10th to April 12th. Funds generated will go towards the purchase of books for the library.

APPROVED

On April 3rd, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow high school students to take part in a social activity to Cabane à Sucre Chez Gagnon in Mirabel on April 17th. The activity is optional with a maximum of 46 students that can attend. Students would leave S.A.A. at 4:00 p.m. and return around 8:00 p.m. The fee to students is \$22.

GB03042018-02

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow 46 high school students to take part in a social activity to Cabane à Sucre Chez Gagnon in Mirabel on April 17th.

APPROVED

On April 3rd, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow the secondary 1 & 2 students to take part in a cultural outing to the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on April 19th. Students would leave S.A.A. at 7:45 a.m. and return at 4:00 p.m. The fee to students is \$15.

GB03042018-02

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow the secondary 1 & 2 students to take part in a cultural outing to the Montreal Symphony Orchestra and Montreal Museum of Fine Arts on April 19th.

APPROVED

On April 7th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow P.P.O. to disburse \$397.90 towards a Sugar Shack Outing to be held on April 17th for 46 high school students.

GB07042008-01

Be it resolved that governing board members agree to allow P.P.O. to disburse \$397.90 towards a Sugar Shack Outing to be held on April 17th.

APPROVED