

**Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoleon Street, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC J8C 2Z3
Thursday, April 12th, 2018**

Members Present:

Elementary Parents: Samantha Rodgers

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

Elementary Teachers: Claudine Houle, Andrée-Anne Pilon

High School Teacher: Julie Wilkins

Principal: France Celestino

Support Staff Representative: Chantal Paquin

Community Representative: Victoria Barrett

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated absences: Renée Beauséjour, Maryse Cloutier, Gloria Cuccarolo,
Jacqui Raill

Absent: Tania Colleret, Melinda Lalonde

1. Acceptance of the Agenda

GB12042018-01

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

ADOPTED

2. Approval of the Minutes

GB12042018-02

Jo Morrissey moved and Claudine Houle seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February 8th, 2018 as presented.

ADOPTED with 3 abstentions

Andrée-Anne Pilon, Chantal Paquin and
Victoria Barrett

3. Business Arising

None

4. Question Period

None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Elementary Teachers' & Student Council Reports (Claudine Houle & Andrée-Anne Pilon)

- The very successful winter sports activity program has come to an end. It is hoped to be offered again next year with a few changes to the activities offered.
- Student Council is currently planning the year-end activities. Bake sales will be held in conjunction with Dress down Day at the end of every month.
- The "I love to read" week will be held during the last week of April. Daily reading activities will be planned as well as a dress-up as your favorite character day to be held at the end of the week.
- E.C.A. clubs have begun various activities for students during the lunch hour: Pokemon Card Club, Lego Club, Tinker Club, Girls' Club, U-Cube Club and grade 6 boys Club.

- Positive comments from parents were received during the Student-Led Conference held on April 11th. The time frame and organization were very much appreciated.
- A “Scholastic Book Fair” was organized by the librarian, Jeanne Marcotte, from April 10 to 12th which generated close to 1,000 \$ in sales.
- The 5 Plus Club, students who improved their overall term marks by 5%, did not have the expected results. Some students were disappointed in not achieving the targeted improvement. A new approach with different incentives will be planned for next year.
- The Grade 1/2 teacher, Lindsay Redhead, will be returning progressively to work from her leave of absence.

GB12042018-03

Vivianne Cliche moved and Claudine Houle seconded the motion to approve the “I Love to Read” week to be held from April 23rd to 27th during class time. Various reading activities will be organized by the teachers.

APPROVED

5.2 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

The following requests for approval of outings were presented:

- Outing for all elementary students to the Centre de Plein Air Le P’Tit Bonheur on June 1st.
- Outing to the Arundel Nature & Science Centre for Grades 4, 5, & 6 from May 16th to 17th.

GB12042018-04

Julie Wilkins moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to approve the outing for all elementary students on June 1st, 2018 to the Centre de Plein Air Le P’Tit Bonheur in Ste. Agathe des Monts.

APPROVED

GB12042018-05

Jo Morrissey moved and Samantha Rodgers seconded the motion to approve to allow the grade 4, 5 & 6 students to take part in an outing to the Arundel Nature & Science Center from May 16th to 17th. The students will be accompanied by elementary teachers and staff.

APPROVED

5.3 High School Teachers' Report (Julie Wilkins)

- The spring dance organized by the Student Council a few weeks ago was a successful event.
- Our Guidance Counsellor, Martin Lalancette, presented a Success in College workshop to the secondary 5 students.
- The secondary 3 students are participating in a Circle Talk activity organized with a consultant from the school board, Anne Nicholson. Plans are to offer the same to the secondary 2 & 5 students as well.
- The Montreal Shakespeare Company presented a dramatic play to the students here at the school. This activity was greatly enjoyed by all. It was felt however that a comedic play would be more appreciated by our younger students in the future.
- The year-end senior trip to New York City will take place at the end of the month.
- An outing to the Sugar Shack will be held next week for the high school students on a first-come first serve basis as there is only one bus available.
- The 5 Plus Club, students who improved their overall term marks by 5%, organized at the high school level was a success and appreciated by the students involved.
- The graduation and prom activities are presently being organized with the graduation ceremony being held on June 21st at S.A.A. during the evening and the prom dinner on June 23rd to be held at the Chanteclerc Hotel in Ste. Adèle.

5.4 Approval of High School Field Trips

The following requests for approval of activities were presented:

- Girls' Fit Club activities
- R.S.E.Q. Track & Field at the Polyvalente in Ste. Thérèse

GB12042018-06

Julie Wilkins moved and Samantha Rodgers seconded the motion to approve the 8-week health/sports "Girls' Fit Club" activity to be held at S.A.A. ending with the club participating in a province wide race of 5 km or more at Parc Maisonneuve in Montreal on May 15th, 2018. The girls will be accompanied by several teachers and/or staff members.

APPROVED

The R.S.E.Q. Track & Field request was tabled until further information is received.

5.5 Principal's Report (France Celestino)

Please see attached.

5.6 P.P.O Report (Jo Morrissey)

- The "Spaghetti Supper" fundraising activity held on April 11th on the same night as the Student-Led Conferences and the Book Fair was a great success with over 160 people in attendance.
- A "Car Wash" fundraising activity is being planned during the month of May as well as bagging activities at the Walmart store.
- The "Carnival & B.B.Q Day" is being planned for June 8th for all elementary and high school students.

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

- The Budget Building Process and the Complaints Procedures were reviewed.
- Mr. Greschner reviewed the town hall activities that were recently held.
- A school success draft will be sent to all governing board next month for their approval.
- Two schools for accelerated learning will be opening in Laval for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

- A workshop on anxiety was held on February 20th. There were 117 online participants as well.
- A workshop on A.D.H.D. was held on March 20th and another one on transitions from elementary to high school will be held at a later date.
- The next regular meeting of S.E.A.C. will be held on April 17th.

5.9 High School Student Council Report

Nothing to report as no meeting has been held.

5.10 Community Learning Centre (Chantal Paquin)

- Our school was visited by the John Abbott College "Health Caravan" this week. Many positive comments were received by our students and community members who took part in this activity.
- The "Fit Spirit Girls' Club" has begun their training activities in preparation for the 5 or 10 km. race to be held in Montreal during the month of May.
- A video conference will be presented to the grade 4 class on April 17th, "Journey into the Solar System".

- A committee for the C.L.C. has been formed to help plan and prioritize activities for the next school year. Two teachers, Lara Holmsted and John Colatosti will assist Chantal Paquin in the mapping out of the “Giving back to the Community” theme that is being developed.
- Our elementary school has been selected to participate in an elaborate project organized by the “Co-Lab” local organization which develops themes and workshops for schools. The topic of organic farming and assisting the local community in finding better ways to enhance its nutritional needs will be developed in this project which will be led by Monique Vacval and John Colatosti, teachers.
- There is presently one student enrolled in the Adult Education Program.

6. Review and Approval of Code of Conduct (France Celestino)

France Celestino reviewed with the governing board members the proposed changes to the Elementary and High School Code of Conduct.

GB12042018-07

Julie Wilkins moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to approve the Elementary Code of Conduct for the 2018-2019 school year.

APPROVED

GB12042018-08

Julie Wilkins moved and Jo Morrissey seconded the motion to approve the High School Code of Conduct for the 2018-2019 school year.

APPROVED

7. School Fees (France Celestino)

France Celestino discussed the issue that is sometimes encountered when workbooks are ordered by teachers who do not return to our school for the following school year. Problems sometimes arise when the new teachers do not wish to use the workbooks that have been previously ordered. A possible solution might be to divide the cost to parents into two bills, with the first one covering supervision and consumable items, which do not change. A second bill would be sent later when the workbook choices have been finalized and ordered. More information to follow at the next meeting.

8. Budget Building Process 2018-2019 (Sandra Morselli)

The Budget Building Process Document was sent to all members via email for their review prior to the meeting. The survey was completed with the input of all members.

GB12042018-09

Julie Wilkins moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to approve the S.W.L.S.B. Budget Building Process survey completed for Ste. Agathe Academy Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year.

APPROVED

GB12042018-10

Claudine Houle moved and Andrée-Anne Pilon seconded the motion to approve the S.W.L.S.B. Budget Building Process survey completed for Ste. Agathe Academy High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

APPROVED

9. Amendments to the By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or their Parents

France Celestino commented that the by-law established by the board is an efficient tool and works well in the exercise of conflict resolution.

No further comments or amendments were proposed by the members.

GB12042018-11

Claudine Houle moved and Andrée-Anne Pilon seconded the motion to approve the proposed amendments brought forth by the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board to the “By-Law Establishing Procedures for the Examination of Complaints from Students or their Parents”.

APPROVED

10. Commitment to Success Plan – Town Hall Discussion

Item tabled to next meeting due to lack of time.

11. S.A.A. Newsletter

Item tabled to next meeting due to lack of time. Sandra Morselli did mention though to Jo Morrissey that the March Newsletter was amazing!

12. Correspondence

None

13. Question Period

None

14. Varia

None

15. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB12042018-10

Julie Wilkins moved and Samantha Rodgers seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

France Celestino, Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On April 24th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow 4 students from elementary and 4 students from high school to take part in an outing to the McGill University Science Contest “Let’s Talk Science Challenge” to be held on Thursday, April 26th. The outing coincides with the grade 6 and secondary 1 & 2 curriculum. Students will depart S.A.A. at 6:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. There is no cost to the students.

GB24042018-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow 4 students from elementary and 4 students from high school to take part of the McGill University Science Contest “Let’s Talk Science Challenge” to be held on Thursday, April 26th.

APPROVED