

**Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoléon, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC
Tuesday, February 7th, 2017**

Members Present:

Elementary Parents: Renée Beauséjour, Tania Colleret

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

High School Teacher: Mdelwa Mehlo

Elementary Teacher: Ian Masse

Principal: Brian Sénécal (Interim)

Support Staff Representative: Chantal Paquin

Student Representative: Fiamma Saragosa

Community Representative: Victoria Barrett

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated absences: Melinda Lalonde, Jacqui Raill, Julie Wilkins

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB07022017-01

Vivianne Cliche moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

ADOPTED

2. Approval of the Minutes

GB07022017-02

Jo Morrissey moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve the minutes of January 17th, 2017 as presented.

ADOPTED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Jo Morrissey kindly expressed thanks to Sandra Morselli and Barbara Lanthier for their concerted efforts towards producing the monthly Governing Board minutes.

4. Question Period

Tania Colletet questioned the “Criteria for Selection of a Principal” document and how it pertained to us. Sandra Morselli informed the members that this is a yearly process put forth by the school board in which all schools are asked to submit their criteria for potential candidates seeking the position of Principal.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Principal’s Report - Brian Sénécal, Interim

To be sent via e-mail.

5.2 Elementary Teachers’ Report - Ian Masse

- The latest Student Council Bake Sale made 145 \$ in profit.
- The “I Love to Read Week” was held from January 23rd to 27th, with different activities held each day. A parade (Teacher Book Walk) was held on the last day with students and teachers dressing up as their favorite book character.

- The various clubs are pursuing their activities with the Girls' and Bake Clubs joining up their combined activities into one.
- The weekly Friday afternoon activities are continuing with snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing and hockey being offered.
- A dance will be held this coming Friday afternoon, taking advantage of the D.J. before the scheduled high school dance in the evening.
- Activities are being planned for "Carnival Week": Monday – Drawing activity, Tuesday – Crazy Hat Day, Wednesday – Wear Pink Day, Friday - Sliding activity at Mont Avila.
- The staff welcomed Maria Vastopoulos and Mélanie d'Itri, replacement teachers for Kellye Peters and Andréé-Anne Pilon who are on leave of absence.

5.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

The following outings were presented for approval:

- Tubing activity for all elementary students at Mont Avila in St. Sauveur on February 24th as part of the Carnival Week activities.
- Regional Track & Field day for grade 5 & 6 students at Polyvalente Ste. Thérèse on June 1st.

GB07022017-03

Renée Beauséjour moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to approve the tubing activity for all elementary students at Mont Avila in St. Sauveur on February 24th, 2017.

ADOPTED

GB07022017-04

Renée Beauséjour moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to allow the grade 5 & 6 students to participate in a regional Track & Field day at the Polyvalente Ste. Thérèse on June 1st, 2017.

ADOPTED

5.4 High School Teachers` Report - Mdelwa Mehlo

- The high school girls will be offered to participate in the Fit Spirit Conference to be held on May 9th at Parc Maisonneuve in Montreal. This physical training event consists of a conference/launch to be held at S.A.A. on February 14th (period 4) followed by training sessions at later dates for the participants before the May 9th event.
- The Student Council is organizing a dance to be held on February 10th, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Bus transportation, north and south, will be offered after the dance. A former student, Kamil Colatosti, will be the D.J.
- High School students will be invited to participate in a regional Track & Field day to be held at Polyvalente Ste. Thérèse on May 30th.

5.5 Approval of High School Field Trips

The following outings were presented for approval:

- “Fit Spirit Conference” for high school girls on May 9th at Parc Maisonneuve in Montreal.
- A regional “Track & Field” activity day at the Polyvalente Ste. Thérèse on May 30th for approximately 40 to 50 students.
- Two night-skiing outings to Mont Habitant on March 9th and 16th.

GB07022017-05

Vivianne Cliche moved and Ian Masse seconded the motion to allow the high school girls to participate in the “Fit Spirit Conference” to be held on May 9th at Parc Maisonneuve in Montreal.

ADOPTED

GB07022017-06

Jo Morrissey moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to allow approximately 50 students to participate in a regional “Track & Field” day at Polyvalente Ste. Thérèse on May 30th.

ADOPTED

GB07022017-07

Chantal Paquin moved and Tania Colleret seconded the motion to approve the night-skiing activity for high school students at Mont Habitant scheduled for March 9th and 16th, 2017. The students will miss period 4 on those days.

ADOPTED

5.6 P.P.O. Report - Jo Morrissey & Renée Beauséjour

- The wine raffle sales have been dismal so far. Tickets are on sale until February 10th.

Fiamma Saragosa, student representative, mentioned that most high school students were not aware of the wine fundraiser. She suggested increasing its awareness.

- The “Scholastic Book Fair” will be held in the library from February 14th to 16th including during the parent-teacher interviews.
- The Bank of Montreal is hosting a “Make-a-Wish” contest via Facebook where anyone can post a wish for a public organism such as our school. It was suggested that S.A.A.’s community wish for funds to be used towards the purchase of a school bus for transporting our students to and from extra-curricular activities. More details to follow.

5.7 S.W.L.S.B. Parents’ Committee Report - Jo Morrissey

Please see attached.

5.8 S.E.A.C. Committee Report

No Report

5.9 Elementary Student Council Report

No Report

5.10 High School Student Council Report - Fiamma Saragosa

- 400 \$ was made in ticket sales for the upcoming Dance to be held on February 10th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. A few prizes will be raffled off and snacks will be available for students to purchase. Two buses will be available for students after the dance, north and south bound.

5.11 C.L.C. Report - Chantal Paquin

- The Club Optimiste of Ste. Agathe is offering a family ski-day at the Belle Neige Ski Center in Val Morin on February 26th. Reduced rates on ski tickets and lessons are offered to all families who have children who are 13 years old or younger. Application forms must be brought back to our school secretary before February 13th.

- The John Abbott College Health Caravan will be at S.A.A. on March 15th as previously advertised. Information about this day will be posted on the S.A.A. Facebook page.
- Workshops will be held every Tuesday during the month of February for the secondary 5 class, presented by Vanier College. Various topics such as financial services at C.E.G.E.P., urban living and the daily life of a college student will be covered.
- The secondary 4 & 5 classes will participate in the National Canadian Film Day to be held on April 19th. The film “The Trotsky” will be presented in celebration of Canada’s 150 years.
- “4 Korner’s” is again offering 8 weekly sessions “Let’s Talk” to families with children aged 2 to 5. These meet & greet/ play activities will begin on March 16th here at S.A.A. in the C.L.C. room. Eight places are available.
- Mr. David O. Johnston, representative of the “Quebec Language Commission” at the federal level, will be here on April 4th or 11th to meet students and staff to evaluate the needs of the English community.

6.0 Promoting S.A.A.

No Report

7.0 Daycare Survey

Sandra Morselli reported that the majority of parents completed and returned the survey. Upon tabulating the results, it was found that there would be a need for 9 participants in the morning (7h to 9h05) and 11 for the afternoon (15h50 to 18h). Requests on ped days were on occasional basis. It was agreed to pursue this initiative. Sandra Morselli will inquire at the board level the steps to undertake and will inquire if the numbers presented are sufficient to go ahead.

GB07022017-08

Vivianne Cliche moved and Tania Colletet seconded the motion to pursue the implementation of a Day Care Service for Ste. Agathe Academy for the 2017-2018 school year.

ADOPTED

8. Criteria for Selection of Principal

The Criteria for the Selection of Principal was sent to all members via email for their review and approval prior to the meeting. Members opted to keep S.A.A.'s Criteria for the Selection of Principal status quo.

GB07022017-09

Ian Masse moved and Tania Colletet seconded the motion to approve to keep S.A.A.'s Criteria for Selection of Principal status quo for the school year 2017-2018.

ADOPTED

9. Dress Code

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding S.A.A.'s dress code. A proposal was presented by Fiamma Saragosa, student representative, to allow the wear of sweaters with hoodies and to allow a fourth color for the polos at the high school level.

It was felt by some members that many parents are still unaware or unsure of the rules and regulations of the dress code. The teacher members present also felt that many staff members are also unaware. Fiamma Saragosa suggested that a general assembly should be held with students and staff to review what is permissible. Sandra Morselli stated that all students, parents and staff were made aware of the rules and regulations of S.A.A.'s Dress Code via email, memo sent home, agenda, website and

information sheet posted in classrooms and that all teachers and staff need to help the administration enforce the dress code rules for it to be successful.

It was agreed to re-send to all parents and staff the rules and regulations including the newest resolution to allow the wear of hoodies.

As for the choice of a fourth color, it was decided to table this decision until the next school year.

GB07022017-10

Fiamma Saragosa moved and Jo Morrissey seconded the motion to allow students to wear sweater with hoodies. Be it understood, however, that the hoodie part itself **must not be worn in the school.**

Adopted

10. Correspondence

None

11. Question Period

None

12. Varia

None

13. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB07022017-11

Renée Beauséjour moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

Brian Sénécal, Interim Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On February 10th, governing board members were requested for their approval to allow 5 to 6 students from the girls' rugby team to take part in a practice at LRHS on Wednesday, February 15th. Students would leave S.A.A. around 3:00 p.m. missing their last class. The practice is in preparation of 2 Rugby 7s Tournament one to be held in February and the other in March.

GB10022017-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve to allow 5 to 6 students from the girls' rugby team to take part in a practice at LRHS on Wednesday, February 15th.

Adopted

On February 18th, governing board members were requested after feedback and suggestions from some members to reconsider the Criteria for the Selection of the Principal approved on February 7th as it was felt by some members that it was not reviewed adequately at the meeting due to inclement weather. A revised Criteria for the Selection of the Principal was sent to all members for their review and suggestions.

GB18022017-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve the revised Criteria for the Selection of Principal for the school year 2017-2018 sent to them via email.

Adopted

On February 20th, members were requested for their approval to allow the secondary 3, 4 & 5 students to take part in an afternoon Carnival Activity to be held on Friday, February 24th at S.A.A.

GB20022017-01

Be it resolved that governing board members approve the afternoon Carnival Activity to be held on Friday, February 24th at S.A.A.

Adopted