

**Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoléon, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC
Tuesday, January 17th, 2017**

Members Present:

Elementary parents: Renée Beauséjour, Melinda Lalonde

High School parents: Jo Morrissey, Vivianne Cliché, Sandra Morselli
(Chairperson)

High School teachers: Mdelwa Mehlo, Julie Wilkins

Principal: Brian Sénécal (Interim)

Student representative: Fiamma Saragosa

Community Representative: Vicky Barrett

Guests: Ian Masse (Elementary teacher)

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated absences: Tania Colleret, Chantal Paquin, Jacqui Raill

Sandra Morselli welcomed Mr. Ian Masse, elementary teacher, who wished to address the concerns brought forth by the Governing Board regarding the weekly Friday afternoon activities for the elementary students, more specifically the loss of academic teaching time.

Mr. Masse informed the members that according to statistics, 87 % of children do not meet the Canadian guidelines for physical fitness and that studies show that intellectual capacity of students is greatly improved with additional physical fitness activities/courses. Since physical fitness classes are only offered three times per cycle, it was felt by the teaching staff that the added hour of activity would greatly benefit the students. The Friday afternoon activities encourage bonding between the younger and older

students, as they are divided into team colors. The activity has been reduced from two to one hour 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., as some staff members felt the two hour period was affecting the curriculum. It is left to a teacher's discretion whether they want to extend the time of the activity or return to class at the end of the hour.

Jo Morrissey thanked Mr. Masse for the explanation and suggested that the resolution approving this activity needs to be re-worded to reflect the actual structure.

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB17012017-01

Julie Wilkins moved and Melinda Lalonde seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented.

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

GB17012017-02

Jo Morrissey moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve the minutes of December 6th, as presented.

ADOPTED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Jo Morrissey inquired about the "Free the Children / Fast" activity to be held at Laurentian Regional High School and the lack of information available to parents. It was felt by some students that the 55 \$ fee charged to students was too high, and that the money raised by the bagging activity at Canadian Tire was not being allocated towards the cause to help defray their cost. Brian Sénécal will meet with the students and clarify that the monies raised is to be used for their cause.

4. Question Period

None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Principal's Report (Brian Sénécal, Interim)

Please see attached report.

5.2 Elementary Teacher Report

None

5.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

None

5.4 High School Teacher Report

None

5.5 Approval of High School Field Trip

The following requests for high school trips were submitted:

- Junior and senior girls' and junior and senior boys' basketball teams games at L.R.H.S. on February 2nd.
- Junior and senior girls' basketball team game at l'Académie Laurentienne on February 16th.
- Junior and senior boys' basketball team game at l'Académie Laurentienne on February 23rd.

GB17012017-03

Julie Wilkins moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve to allow the boys and girls basketball teams to take part in basketball games at Laurentian Regional High School on February 2nd.

ADOPTED

GB17012017-04

Jo Morrissey moved and Melinda Lalonde seconded the motion to approve to allow the junior and senior girls` basketball team to take part in a basketball game at l`Académie Laurentienne on February 16th. Students will be transported via carpooling.

ADOPTED

GB17012017-05

Julie Wilkins moved and Mdelwa Mehlo seconded the motion to approve to allow the junior and senior boys` basketball team to take part in a basketball game at l`Académie Laurentienne on February 23rd. Students will be transported via carpooling.

ADOPTED

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

- The holiday gift card fund-raiser activity generated 750 \$ in funds. Another holiday gift card fund-raiser is planned for next year.
- The Wine Raffle Tickets will soon be on sale. The drawing will be held on February 14th.
- The P.P.O. has agreed to allocate \$741.08 towards the play “Les Hauts-Parveurs” in conjunction with “Culture à l`École” where all high school students will be attending the play on March 6th.

- A community yard sale will be organized at Wal-Mart later on this spring.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the Library Book Fair to be held during the next parent-teacher interviews.

5.7 S.W.L.S.B. Parents' Committee Report

None

5.8 S.E.A.C. Committee Report

None

5.9 Elementary Student Council Report

- The Christmas/Holiday craft day was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the parent volunteers for making this annual event a success!
- The "horse and buggy" ride at Ferme Duquette, provided by the elementary student council was very much appreciated.
- Thank you to Sandra and Joe Morselli for a fabulous holiday breakfast and to the Baking Club for treating everyone to Christmas/Holiday cookies!
- All the various clubs are still up and running: Girls' Club, Games, Math, Baking and Reading.
- The "I Love to Read" activity week is being planned soon for all elementary students. Daily events are planned for all.
- Students will be participating in a basketball tournament at Laurentian Elementary School in the coming weeks.

5.10 High School Student Council Report - Fiamma Saragosa

- The various Christmas/Holiday activities were held: candy grams, pyjama day, pictures with Santa, classroom door decorating contest and the annual Christmas/Holiday breakfast. Thank you to Sandra and Joe Morselli once again!
- A dance is being planned for some time in the Spring.

5.11 C.L.C. Report - Chantal Paquin

None

6.0 Promoting S.A.A/Daycare

Jo Morrissey suggested that the student Code of Conduct and Dress Code rules be added to the school website. It was also suggested that adding the student schedule for each level would make it easier for parents to consult when making appointments for their children.

Laurentian Regional High School has an activity tab on their website which lists all their upcoming events and activities. Everyone agreed that we should do the same which at the same time would promote our school.

Sandra Morselli mentioned that a survey regarding the need for Daycare services will be sent to all elementary parents. All parents will be asked to respond if they need such a service or not.

7.0 Dress Code

Fiamma Saragosa, high school student representative, informed the members that the majority of the students would like to be able to wear sweaters with hoodies.

A discussion ensued amongst the members. Members decided to allow students to wear sweaters with or without hoodies however the hoodie itself must not be worn in class or inside the school building. Only sweaters

with the school colors, with or without a hoodie, may be worn and only sweaters with or without the S.A.A. logo will be allowed at all times.

The students and parents will be notified of the amendment to the Dress Code. It was also decided that the high school students will be given an opportunity to choose a fourth color for the 2017-2018 school year.

GB17012017-06

Julie Wilkins moved and Melinda Lalonde seconded the motion to amend the dress code. Students are now allowed to wear a sweater with a hoodie. The hoodie itself must not be worn in class or inside the school building. Only sweaters with the school colors, with or without a hoodie, may be worn and only sweaters with or without the S.A.A. logo will be allowed at all times.

ADOPTED

8. Elementary Subject Time Allocation for 2017-2018

Members were presented with the Elementary Subject Time Allocation for the school year 2017-2018 for their review and approval. A discussion ensued and members agreed that 120 minutes for Ethics and Religious Culture for cycles 2 & 3 could be reduced by 30 minutes to increase the math minutes. Brian Sénécal will present the recommendation to the Teacher Council.

9. Secondary Subject Time Allocation for 2017-2018.

Members were presented with the High School Subject Time allocations for the school year 2017-2018 for their review and approval. A discussion ensued and members agreed that the Art class could be reduced by 1 period for secondary 1 & 2 in order to add 1 period to the Physical Education class. It was generally felt by all members that an equalization of Art and Physical Education classes provides more balance to the students'

academic load. The recommendation also supports the elementary teachers' request to allow the Friday Afternoon Activities to be held for students resulting in extra physical activity which benefit the students' well-being. Members felt there should be continuity in the high school level where possible.

10. Enrollment Criteria

The Enrollment Criteria was sent to all members via email for their review prior to the meeting. Members had no comment or questions.

11. Correspondence

None

12. Question Period

None

13. Varia

None

14. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB17012017-07

Julie Wilkins moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

Brian Sénécal, Interim Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On January 17th, the Elementary Subject Time Allocation was presented to members by the principal for their review and approval. Members did not approve the Subject Time Allocation presented to them. On January 26th, a modified Elementary Subject Time Allocation was presented to the members by the principal for their review and approval where 30 minutes of ERC was decreased in order to increase 30 minutes of Math throughout all cycles.

GB26012017-01

Renée Beauséjour moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve the modified Elementary Subject Time Allocation presented to members.

Adopted

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GB26012017-02

Jo Morrissey moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve the modified High School Subject Time Allocation presented to members.

Approve

On January 31st, members were requested their approval to allow a High School Dance to be held on Friday, February 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Staff/Teachers will be chaperoning at the dance. Transportation will be made available after the dance where one bus will be going south and one bus will be going north. Students are allowed to bring a maximum of 2 guests.

GB31012017-01

Be it resolved that members agree to allow a High School Dance to be held on Friday, February 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Approved

On February 1st, members were requested their approval to allow the grades 4, 5 & 6 students to an overnight at the Arundel Nature Science Centre on February 14th & February 15th. Charge to students is \$45 which covers the cost of the transportation, stay and meals.

GB01022017-01

Be it resolved that GB members approve to allow the grades 4, 5 & 6 students to an overnight at the Arundel Nature Science Centre on February 14th & February 15th.

Adopted