

**Minutes of the Governing Board meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoleon, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC
Monday, June 6th, 2016.**

Members present:

Elementary Parents: Renée Beauséjour, Tania Colleret, Anne-Marie Moran

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

Elementary Teachers: Monique Vacval

High School Teachers: Gloria Cuccarolo, Natasha Syrkos

Principal: Bessie Tsatoumas

Community Representative: Victoria Barrett

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated absences: Chantal Paquin, Jacqui Raill

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB06062016-01

Renée Beauséjour moved and Anne-Marie Moran seconded the motion to accept the agenda with the following additions:

- 10.1 Extra-curricular activities for the next school year
- 10.2 S.A.A. Clothing

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

GB06062016-02

Vivianne Cliche moved and Jo Morrissey seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 16th, 2016 as presented.

ADOPTED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Question Period

None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Principal's Report (Bessie Tsatoumas)

(Please see attached)

5.2 Elementary Teachers' Report (Monique Vacval)

- The orientation/visit day for the kindergarten students registered for 2016-2017 was held last week. Seven students have registered so far.
- The graduation ceremony for Kindergarten and Grade 6 will be held on June 15th.
- The kindergarten students will take part in an outing at the "Maison 1840" restaurant. Funds from the "Green Apple Grant" from the Metro store will be used for this visit.
- Track & Field will be held on June 17th and the annual "Beach Day" will be held on June 22nd at "Tessier Beach" in Ste. Agathe.
- The students took part of the planting activity for the "Mon Jardin Urbain" activity with the city of Ste. Agathe.

5.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

The following requests were presented for approval:

- Hiking trip for all elementary students on September 22nd, 2016
- Elementary Track & Field Day on June 17th, 2016

GB06062016-03

Anne-Marie Moran moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion allowing all elementary students to take part in a hiking outing at Far Hills Center in Val Morin on September 22nd, 2016.

ADOPTED

GB06062016-04

Natasha Syrkos moved and Gloria Cuccarolo seconded the motion to approve the elementary “Track & Field” activity planned for June 17th, 2016 at the school.

ADOPTED

5.4 Secondary Teachers’ Report (Gloria Cuccarolo & Natasha Syrkos)

The senior trip to New York City was a great success. The students were very appreciative of all the activities planned.

The exam period is underway this week as well as mandatory tutorials to help students prepare for their exams.

The students attended a simulation of accidents (drunk driving, etc.) related to graduation parties at the “Polyvalente Ste. Agathe”.

5.5 Approval of Secondary Field Trips

The following requests were presented for approval:

- Outing at “Tyro Park” for secondary 2 students
- Canoe-camping trip for secondary 3 students at Mont Tremblant

- Hiking trip for secondary 4 students at “Montagne du Diable” in Ferme Neuve
- Canoe-camping trip for secondary 5 students on “Rivière Rouge”
- Senior trip to Boston for next spring
- Beach Day/Team Building activity for all students on September 2nd

GB06062016-05

Gloria Cuccarolo moved and Monique Vacval seconded the motion to approve the one day outing for the secondary 2 students to “Tyro Park” in Ste. Agathe in mid-October 2016.

ADOPTED

GB06062016-06

Renée Beauséjour moved and Gloria Cuccarolo seconded the motion to approve the three day canoe-camping trip for the secondary 3 students to Mont Tremblant Park on October 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2016.

ADOPTED

GB06062016-07

Monique Vacval moved and Renée Beauséjour seconded the motion to approve the three day hiking trip for the secondary 4 students to “Montagne du Diable” in Ferme Neuve on October 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2016.

ADOPTED

GB06062016-08

Gloria Cuccarolo moved and Monique Vacval seconded the motion to approve the three day canoe-camping trip for the secondary 5 students at “Rivière Rouge” on September 21st, 22nd, & 23rd, 2016.

ADOPTED

GB06062016-09

Monique Vacval moved and Natasha Syrkos seconded the motion to approve the senior trip to Boston, Massachusetts from May 18th to 21st, 2016.

ADOPTED

GB06062016-10

Renée Beauséjour moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the “Beach Day” outing at Tessier Beach in Ste. Agathe for all high school students on September 2nd, 2016.

ADOPTED

The following activities were also presented for approval:

- One-day team building visit to Montreal for students of secondary 1 for end of September
- Secondary 4 students one-day visit in mid-October to Ottawa to visit the War Museum as part of the History Curriculum and for the preparation of the November 11th Remembrance Day Activities along with the secondary 5 students visiting the Science Museum.
- The annual “Terry Fox Run” activity for all elementary and secondary students scheduled for the end of September.

Due to the lack of information put forth for these activities, approval will be requested via e-mail by Sandra Morselli, Chairperson, when all the pertinent details have been presented.

The cost of all the activities presented was discussed. Some of these activities require monies from the school budget in order to be held due to the high cost of transportation and other associated costs. Students pay a certain amount to participate but it was felt they could fund-raise as well to help defray the costs and lessen the burden on the school budget, which is already very limited.

5.6 P.P.O. Report (Renée Beauséjour)

- An extra 654 \$ was earned by the recent Art Auction fund-raising event.
- 3,000.00 \$ from the P.P.O. budget was allotted to the installation of Smartboards.
- A letter will be sent to parents outlining the fund-raising events planned for next year. Dates will be set to avoid conflicts with other fund-raising activities planned by students. A Car Wash and Art Auction are planned so far for the secondary 5 graduation students.
- Thank you cards, with art work from students, will be sent to persons involved with the fund-raising.
- A donation box for second-hand student uniforms will be set up in the school to help parents in need.

5.7 S.W.L.S.B. Parents' Committee Report (Vivianne Cliche)

Vivianne Cliche was unable to attend. Vivianne informed members that many of the items on the agenda did not pertain to our school and when there are guest speakers presenting a topic to members, which was the case this month, it is very difficult to follow the presentation via video conferencing.

5.7 S.E.A.C. Committee Report

None

5.9 Elementary Student Council Report

None

5.10 High School Student Council Report

None

5.11 Community Learning Center

No report – Chantal Paquin absent.

6.0 Promoting S.A.A. (Jo Morrissey)

Bessie Tsatoumas will be reviewing the S.A.A. website with Jo Morrissey.

7.0 Governing Board Annual Report and Budget (Sandra Morselli)

Sandra Morselli presented the final Governing Board Budget of 2015-2016 for approval.

GB06062016-11

Monique Vacval moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the Governing Board Budget of 2015-2016 as presented.

ADOPTED

Sandra Morselli inquired if members had any questions about the Governing Board Annual Report they received via e-mail. Corrections to the report were included in the final version sent to all members.

GB06062016-12

Jo Morrissey moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the Governing Board Annual Report of 2015-2016 as presented.

ADOPTED

8.0 Correspondence

None

Sandra Morselli mentioned that she had not yet received a written response from Fred Greschner in regards to the letter sent to him about Governing Board members' concern of the abolishment of the 50% staff assistant for the 2016-2017 school year.

9.0 Question Period

None

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10.1 Extra-Curricular Activities for the next school year

Jo Morrissey inquired if there will be any or more extra-curricular activities planned for the next school year. Bessie Tsatoumas replied that next year there will be only one teacher teaching both elementary and secondary physical Education classes. Due to the full schedule, it makes it difficult for this teacher to organize more activities. Gloria Cuccarolo also explained that with fewer teachers on staff, it makes it difficult to manage extra activities since they already have to supervise tutorials at lunch hour to help students in need. It was agreed that parent volunteers could help with after school activities. Sandra Morselli inquired if P.P.O. could help in this endeavor. This issue will be looked into again next September.

Vivianne Cliche informed members that she will be meeting with Diane Martin, coordinator at the C.A.S.A. "Centre Aquatique Ste. Agathe". There is a possibility that our students could practice their swimming skills at their pool. Our school did not have a swim team this year and the coach, Mr. Hugh Cooke, is undecided about coaching a team next year.

Victoria Barrett suggested it could be a good idea to look into the possibility of investing in the purchase of a school bus with other schools to reduce the transportation costs of school outings and activities.

10.2 S.A.A. Clothing

In a recent P.P.O. meeting, Tania Colleret suggested that the local merchandising company “Innov” be considered for supplying clothing to our students. Sandra Morselli met with the owners of the company and after reviewing the items and prices, a decision was made to use this local company. Orders will be processed on-line and discounts will be given for early orders. Other items such as water bottles and school bags with our school logo will also be available. Parents will be receiving a memo explaining how to order online, if they so wish.

11.0 Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

GB06062016-13

Renée Beauséjour moved and Monique Vacval seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

Bessie Tsatoumas, Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum :

On Monday, September 12th, Governing Board members were requested for their approval to allow the secondary 4 students to go to the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa as part of the ST and EST curriculum and the secondary 5 students to the War Museum also in Ottawa in preparation of the Remembrance Day celebrations.

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Be it resolved that Governing Board members approve to allow the secondary 4 students to go to the Canadian Museum of Nature and the secondary 5 students to the War Museum in Ottawa on Tuesday, September 27th.

Adopted