

**Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoleon Street, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC
Tuesday, March 14th, 2017**

Members Present:

Elementary Parents: Renée Beauséjour, Tania Colleret

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

Elementary Teacher: Ian Masse

High School Teachers: Julie Wilkins, Mdelwa Mehlo

Principal: Brian Sénécal (Interim)

Support Staff Representative: Chantal Paquin

Student Representative: Fiamma Saragosa

Secretary: Barbara Lanthier

Motivated absences: Victoria Barrett, Jacqui Raill, Melinda Lalonde

1. Acceptance of Agenda

GB14032017-01

Jo Morrissey moved and Tania Colleret seconded the motion to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Under Varia (11.1): registration of children of former students

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

GB14032017-02

Vivianne Cliche moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February 7th, 2017 as presented.

ADOPTED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Question Period

Vivianne Cliche inquired about when the choice of hoodies will be made available via Promotion Innov as per the amendment of the Dress Code. Sandra Morselli informed members that she is awaiting pricing for adding the hoodies to the website.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Principal`s Report (Brian Sénécal, Interim)

Please see attached.

5.2 Elementary Teachers` Report (Ian Masse)

The tubing activity which was cancelled on February 24th was re-scheduled and held last week. The weather was good and the activity was enjoyed by all students and staff.

5.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

The following requests were presented for approval:

1. “Cabane à Sucre” outing for all elementary students to take place in April. Tentative dates are April 18th, 24th or 25th. The focus of this activity being the 150 year celebration of Canada, with a visit of a traditional cultural activity of Quebec.
2. A grade 5 fund-raising activity (used clothes and toy sale) to help defray costs for the year-end activity is being planned. Part of the funds collected will be donated to non-profit organizations such as the S.P.C.A.

GB14032017-03

Renée Beauséjour moved and Tania Colleret seconded the motion to allow all elementary students to go to “Cabane à Sucre Gagnon” in Mirabel. Tentative dates are April 18th, 24th or 25th.

ADOPTED

GB14032017-04

Jo Morrissey moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to allow the Grade 5 students to hold a “Used Clothes and Toy Sale” to raise funds towards their year-end activity. The fundraiser will be held at the school during a school day and will be supervised by a teacher.

ADOPTED

5.4 High School Teachers` Report (Mdelwa Mehlo)

The “Fit Club” activity for high school girls has started with training practices twice a week at lunch. 38 girls have joined and the culmination of the activities will be a 5 or 10 km race in Montreal next May in which they will participate along with other schools throughout the province.

5.5 Approval of High School Field Trips

The following requests were presented for approval:

1. A visit to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in Montreal for the Secondary 3 & 4 class to visit the Chagall exhibit.
2. “Mindful Me” presentations for Kindergarten to Secondary 4 students. There will be two 15-30 minute sessions weekly for a period of 8 to 9 weeks. The aim is to help students develop a deeper sense of awareness and help them recognize and navigate through their emotions.

GB14032017-05

Vivianne Cliche moved and Julie Wilkins seconded the motion to allow the Secondary 3 & 4 students to visit the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in Montreal on April 4, 2017.

ADOPTED

GB14032017-06

Fiamma Saragosa moved and Chantal Paquin seconded the motion to approve the “Mindful Me” presentations for students from Kindergarten to Secondary 4 which will be held twice a week (15-30 minute sessions) for a period of 8 to 9 weeks starting in the month of April 2017.

ADOPTED

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

- The “Wine Raffle” generated an approximate profit of 1,400 \$.
- The next fund-raising activity will be launched before the Easter holiday with the sale of flowering bulbs from the “Vesseys” company.
- The “Staff Appreciation Lunch” will be held May 10th.
- A year-end B.B.Q./party is being planned for all students and parents on June 9th. P.P.O. will supply the food and obstacle course activity for the students.

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

A complex overview of Bill 105 and the changes in its wording was presented. This bill gives the Ministry of Education the power to intervene in school board affairs. Implementation of this bill is scheduled for June 2018.

The new history curriculum for the high school was discussed. Jennifer Macarone, S.W.L.S.B. chairperson, reported that the ministry is open to changes and that new material will be published and available to all school for September 2017.

The usage and availability of the Arundel Nature & Science Center was discussed. There are conflicting reports about its future and some schools are still unsure if this center will still be available to them as a teaching resource/activity for all students.

5.8 S.E.A.C. Committee Report

None

5.9 Elementary Student Council Report

None

5.10 High School Student Council Report (Fiamma Saragosa)

Nothing to report as no meeting was held this month.

5.11 Community Learning Center (Chantal Paquin)

- The John Abbott “Health Caravan” workshop/visit scheduled for tomorrow was cancelled at the last minute due to inclement weather. It is not known at this time if they will re-schedule. More information to follow at the next meeting.
- The “Kids Let’s Talk” workshops organized by “Four Korner’s” have begun and are held every Thursday.
- “National Canadian Film Day” is presently being organized for the Secondary 4 & 5 students. There will be a film presented on April 19th and teachers will be receiving class materials to support this activity.
- A video conference from Bank of Montreal will be presented to the Secondary 1 class on April 19th. Topics covered will be: bank accounts & managing money, writing a c.v., and other financial related information for students.
- Chantal Paquin attended the presentation of the new logo for the town of Ste. Agathe des Monts and made use of this opportunity to promote our school and its services.
- The Grade 6 class will be hosting an English workshop at the “Manoir Quatre Saisons” senior center on March 29th. Activities will include board games, reading activities, etc. with the anglophone seniors.

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

Jo Morrissey inquired if it was possible to obtain the coordinates of the “Mobilys” representative, Vincent Desmarais. It was felt that he could help us with the organization and use of the school website.

7.0 Daycare

The status and potential implementation of a daycare service at Ste. Agathe Academy was discussed. Brian Sénécal, will contact the school board about this project and will also speak with the Principal from Rawdon Elementary school about how they manage their daycare service. More information to follow at the next meeting.

8.0 Budget Building Process 2017-2018

Members received the Budget Building Process via email prior to the meeting for their review. Sandra Morselli completed the questionnaire with members input.

GB14032017-07

Vivianne Cliche moved and Jo Morrissey seconded the motion to approve the “Budget Building Process 2017-2018” as per members input for Ste. Agathe Academy elementary school 172.

ADOPTED

GB14032017-08

Ian Masse moved and Fiamma Saragosa seconded the motion to approve the “Budget Building Process 2017-2018” as per members input for Ste. Agathe Academy secondary school 189.

ADOPTED

Renée Beauséjour left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

9.0 Correspondence

None

10.0 Question Period

Fiamma Saragosa, student representative, commented about the lack of Sexual Education Classes/workshops offered at the school. She added that this view is also shared by many students who feel they are offered inconsistent classes/workshops on the subject. Chantal Paquin will call our contact nurse at the C.L.S.C. to obtain information on what can be offered. A discussion ensued and the Brian Sénécal agreed to allow Jo Morrissey to contact the school board to inquire about what additional resources could be made available to our students so that we may establish a calendar with scheduled classes/workshops.

11. Varia

11.1 Tania Colletet inquired if the school was aware as to why famous former students, such as the Olympic skier, Eric Guay, do not send their children to our school. It was suggested that we could call to find out if they were planning to register their children at our school in the near future. Some members felt it would be an asset and possibly encourage enrollment if these potential students could attend our school.

12.0 Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.

GB14032017-09

Chantal Paquin moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

Brian Sénécal, Interim Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary

Addendum:

On April 3rd, 2017, Governing Board Members were requested for their approval to allocate \$95 towards the purchase of a ticket to the Tremblant Foundation Auction Event to be held on April 15th.

GB03042017-01

Be it resolved that Governing Board Members agree to approve to allocate \$95 towards the purchase of a ticket to the Tremblant Foundation Auction Event to be held on April 15th.

Adopted with 1 abstention

On April 10th, Governing Board Members were requested for their approval to allocate to the SWLSB Foundation \$50 to the Charlotte MacLaurin Memorial Bursary.

GB10042017-01

Be it resolved that Governing Board Members approve to allocate to the SWLSB Foundation \$50 to the Charlotte MacLaurin Memorial Bursary.

Adopted