

Minutes of the Forest Hill Junior Elementary School

Governing Board

Thursday June 18th 2015

Present: A. La Traverse, J. Le Gallais, C.A. Wapen, C.Fraser, D.Myles, N.Smith, T.Minisini, M.Zylberstein, M.Vivier

Administration: J. Le Gallais

Commissioner: Danny Olivenstein

Recording Secretary: C. Fraser

Community representative: vacant

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order and quorum was established at 6:34 by A. LaTraverse.

2. Adoption of the agenda

1.1. Additions

No additions to the agenda

1.2 Acceptance

Motion to approve the agenda proposed by T.Minisini and seconded by N.Smith

Motion carried

3. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of May 5th,2015

Motion to approve the previous minutes proposed by T.Minisini and seconded by N.Smith

Motion carried

4. Public Question Period

What is happening with the kindergarten release time? Are the children getting less Music and Phys. Ed. in Kindergarten next year?

Mme Le Gallais explained the changes for release in Kindergarten. In accordance with collective agreement for K teachers these 90 minutes are not funded by MELS. In the past the board has had a surplus and has funded an extra 90 minutes from specialists (gym/music) at the

Kindergarten level. The school board is no longer able to fund this release. Next year the 90 minutes will come from the daycare/lunch budget. The focus of this 90 minutes release will be physical movement. Therefore Kindergarten will receive 60 minutes of Phys. Ed., and 30 minutes of Music, as well as 90 minutes of release from daycare staff/ lunch staff with a focus of physical movement. The plan chosen is 3 times 30 minutes in a five day cycle.

5. Reports:

5.1 Commissioner`s report

1. Education Committee

- CFER presentation- Work Oriented Training Program (WOTP) that is located in 2 schools- Riverdale-an electronics and computer recycling plant and in LCCHS a wood pallet recycling shop that turns pallets into kindling. These students graduate with a WOTP certificate in their particular field. The course contains basic English, Math and French classes, a business course and related skills in their specialty. There is a high success rate in finding jobs and these students are part of our success rate statistics.

2. SNAC

- SNAC`s next AGM is on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom.
- SNAC is printing an additional 500 IEP kits since they were so popular

3. Executive Committee

- The International department will host a delegation of 5 visitors from the Beijing Bureau of the People`s Government Municipal Education Division. They are potentially interested in examining our Board`s programs with respect to their students.

4. Youth Sector Calendar-2016-17

- The calendar has been tabled until our next meeting

5. Facilities Committee

- The new St. Patrick School`s expansion is complete. The school has expanded into 13 more classes including 4 new kindergartens, a library, a music room, and a multi-purpose classroom. There is also a new floor in the double gym and two new washrooms.

- The air quality inspections are 75% complete and will be totally completed by the end of the school year.
- Energy project-Phase 1- since its inception in 2006-2014 it saved the Board almost 10 million dollars in energy costs.

6. LBPSB Resolution to MEESR

- The Council has sent a resolution to the Ministry of Education regarding the proposed budgetary cuts. It demands that the ministry fully respect and fund the collective agreements that it signed.

5.2 Principal's report:

- The school has been painted and is looking great.
- Grade two went to visit Forest Hill Sr.
- Grade two's fieldtrip to Intermiel – to learn all about bees was great.
- The grade two track and field event was done at school due to the fact that the rain day for the LBPSB track and field event conflicted with the Intermiel field trip.
- The grade two music concert on June 4th was a success.
- On our last Pink t-shirt day we held an ice bucket challenge to raise awareness and support the ALS cause. FHJR raised \$985.00.
- Kindergarten orientation went well. There are 66 students registered and three classes next year.
- Natalie Jorisch is retiring at the end of this school year. Carol Bordo will be the new full time secretary.
- There will be a new teacher joining Forest Hill Jr. next year in grade one.

5.3 Daycare Report:

- Registration at Kindergarten orientation went well. There are 41 kindergarten children registered for daycare next year.
- A BBQ and fun in the sun was held on the last PED day. It was a great day of water fun.
- White t-shirts will be given to the grade two daycare children. They will be given the opportunity to sign each other t-shirts.

5.4 Home and School Report: There is nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

5.2 – Email Vote Ratification

The \$313.25 raised by the grade 1 girls lemonade stand will be used to purchase leveled books for the grade 2.

A motion to approve the ratification of the e-mail vote on Lemonade Fundraiser, proposed by M. Zylberstein and seconded by T.Minisini.

Motion carried

6.2 School Budget Approval

A motion to approve the Forest Hill Junior June proposed 2015-2016 budget, proposed by T.Minisini and seconded by N.Smith

Motion carried

6.3 Daycare Budget Approval

A motion to approve the Forest Hill Daycare June proposed 2015-2016 budget, proposed by M. Zylberstein and seconded by N.Smith

Motion carried

6.4 Education Budget Cuts – Letter to MNA

Governing board has been asked to send a letter written by the CCP to the MNA regarding budget cuts.

The letter will also be posted on the FHJR website as well as a link to receive more information.

A motion to approve governing board sending a letter to the MNA, proposed by T.Minisini and seconded by C.A.Wapen.

Motion carried

6.5 – School Trip Policy

A guideline on how to manage field trips, it is not a policy.

A few changes will be made so that it is more appropriate for a Junior level.

A motion to approve field trip guidelines, proposed by C.Fraser and seconded by M.Vivier.

Motion carried

6.6 2015 Annual General Assembly of parents

The annual general assembly of parents for governing board will be held on September 17th 2015 at 7:00 pm.

6. Public Question Period

None

7. Adjournment

On behalf of the entire governing board we want to thank Tanja Minisini and Mike Zylberstein for volunteering on the governing board.

Motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. by M. Zylberstein and seconded by M.Vivier.

Motion carried

André La Traverse
Governing Board Chair

Christina Fraser
Recording Secretary

