

Minutes of the Forest Hill Junior Elementary School

Governing Board

Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 6:38 p.m.

Present: A. La Traverse, J. Le Gallais, T. Minisini, M. Vivier, G. Haines, D. Fortier, N. Smith, D. Myles, D. Olivenstein

Absent: C.-A. Wapen

Administration: Principal J. Bray Le Gallais

Commissioner: D. Olivenstein

Recording Secretary: C. Bordo

Community Representative: -----

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and quorum established at 6:38 p.m. by A. La Traverse.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

1.1 Additions None

1.2 Acceptance 6.2 Forest Hill Anti-bullying/Anti-violence Plan 2015-16 to be voted on via email vote as there are no changes to be made.

Motion to approve the agenda proposed by M. Vivier and seconded by T. Minisini.

Motion carried

3. Adoption of the minutes of the June 18th meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes as presented proposed by T. Minisini and seconded by D. Myles.

Motion carried

4. Public Question Period

T. Minisini speaking on behalf of parents from the community:

Q: Has there been any decision from the school board regarding eliminating the gaps in the fence on each end of the school? A: J. Le Gallais explained that there will be no plan for funding from the School Board for the extension of the fence. Q: T. Minisini asked about the possibility of fundraising for the project through Home and School. A: J. Le Gallais responded that she would need to verify with the School Board.

5. Reports

5.1 Commissioner's Report

Administrative Staffing - Head Office

France Daoust- appointed Director of Finance and Marie-Eve Claude- appointed Assistant Director of Student Services.

SNAC

SNAC's AGM was on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom.

Elections held- 3 two year positions were filled, -4 one year Alternative positions were filled. The Chairperson was re-elected.

Next meeting- September 30. 2015 at 7:00 at the Board

Education Committee

Tom Rhymes, director of ESD, gave a power point of Summer School statistics.

1259 students attended, 2/3 of them from Secondary 4 mainly in Math, Science and Social Science (History)-Ministry exams.

Next meeting- a presentation on Daycare Programs.

Career fair cancelled due to contract negotiations.

Daycare Fees- rising to \$10.00 from \$8.00 (provincial decree).

October 21- Google Summit at the Board.

2 summer camps opened- Camp Venture for FSSTT students and Camp Transitions for Adult Transitions students.

YMCA Peace Medal- FSSTT will receive medal at Peace Gala.

Executive Committee

The allocations to GBs and other Committees

- CSC \$1000
- SNAC \$2000
- Regional Parents & CPC \$5000

GB Formula

- 8-12 members \$225 + .30/student
- 13-16 members \$325 + .30/student
- 17-20 members \$425 + .30/student
- \$150 for Soulanges Elementary School

- Enrollment Criteria- no change- December Council Meeting
- Food program- \$50,000 altogether- 32,300 from the Ministry, \$17, 700 from LBPSB because the Ministry does not consider certain areas of LBPSB territory poor enough.
- Milk Program- \$95,100 altogether- \$ 26, 391 from LBPSB for same reason as above.

QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association)

Suanne Stein Day is running for Vice-president-elections in October.

- **Pearson Education Foundation**

1st annual LBPSB family Day with the Alouettes. Sunday, October 18, at 1:00. Tickets are \$14.00 with \$2.00 going to the PEF. The regular price is \$36.00. Orders end on October 2. Website is: <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/alouettes.htm>

5.2 Principal's Report

- We have had 2 fire drills and 1 lockdown since the beginning of school, all went very well.
- We have a new Spiritual Animator, Anne Vrana, until November. She is very popular with staff and students. She is doing yoga, meditation, and storytelling with the students.
- October 19th – our school is a polling station for the election. We will also have a fire inspection that day.
- We have a new librarian, Karen Murray, who will be here 3.5 hours a week with parent volunteers. She expects to have the library up and running by beginning of November.
- The first official teacher strike date is set for Thursday, October 29th.

5.3 Daycare Report - None

5.4 CPC Report

- The first Annual Assembly was held on October 1st. A. La Traverse attended as the representative for FH Sr. Discussions regarding: the 5 available CPC rep positions, underlining the fact that CPC represents the parents, not the Governing Board; teachers' strike, budgets.
- M. Vivier attended the October 9th meeting, where discussions centred on how parents can get involved in support of teachers by writing letters to local MP's, underlining the importance of how the children are impacted, and the need to look at the long-term. Also discussed the formation of sub-committees to address specific interests/concerns.

5.5 Home and School Report None

6. New Business

6.1 Governing Board Income statement 2014-15

- A. La Traverse and J. Le Gallais signed the statement and circulated to all present.

6.2 Forest Hill Anti-bullying/Anti-violence plan 2015-16

- To be voted on via email. No changes.

6.3 Major School Change

- Final discussion regarding the content of the brief to be submitted by Governing Board, as the deadline is October 31st. A. La Traverse to finalize and submit.

6.4 2015-2016 Governing Board Meeting Dates

- December 9th, February 10th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th

7. Public Question Period

- Parent on Home and School Association, attending as a member of the public, commented on an earlier discussion regarding the need to have a H&S representative attend all Governing Board meetings at both campuses.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. proposed by T. Minisini and seconded by M. Vivier.

Motion carried

Adjourn - Next meeting December 9th, 2015

A. La Traverse

Governing Board Chair

Carol Bordo

Recording Secretary