

Minutes of the Forest Hill Junior Elementary School

Governing Board

Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 6:36 p.m.

Present: T. Minisini, D. Olivenstein, J. Le Gallais, G. Haines, M. Vivier
C.-A. Wapen, D. Myles, D. Fortier, S. Ozell, C. Sardinha

Absent: A. La Traverse

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 6:36 p.m. by T. Minisini.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

2.1 Additions – move Commissioner’s Report to 5.1

2.2 Acceptance

Motion to approve the agenda with change proposed by G. Haines and seconded by M. Vivier. All in favour.

Motion carried

3. Adoption of the minutes of the February 7th, 2017 meeting

Motion to adopt the minutes as presented proposed by C.A. Wapen and seconded by D. Fortier. All in favour.

Motion carried

4. Public Question Period None

5. Reports

5.1 Commissioner’s Report

Presentations:

George and Judith Springate Award

- \$2000.00 scholarship to a student from John Abbott CEGEP who will be studying for a teaching career.

Springdale Choir-sang beautifully

Westwood Sr. Band –beyond awesome

1. SNAC Report

- Special Presentation- Bill 105 and Special Needs Genevieve Dugre, the Director General gave an overview of the effect the new Bill 105 will have on SNAC .She gave a thorough reading and explanation of the composition and mandate of SNAC with the changes that Bill 105 will bring. She answered all questions relating to these changes and discussed the issue of confidentiality. The committee thanked her for her thorough presentation and her patience in answering their questions.

2. Programs and Services Report

Annual Report

- T. Rhymes presented a power point containing data from the 2010-2015 Partnership Agreement and Strategic Plan. The 5 strategic directions have been reduced to four. There are 14 general objectives and 44 reporting points. At the time of the presentation, actual numbers had not been available, but since, has been updated and put in SharePoint. Among other positive successes, we continue to increase our overall graduation and qualification rate (87.8%)

Enriched Entrance Exam

- It was reported that the original decision to hold entrance exams in May, has been taken off the table and will not happen for this school year. While feedback was positive from parents, they would like more time to spend on visits to schools. The board will look at implementing this for the 2018-19 school year.

Summer School 2017

- Summer school will be held from July 3rd, to July 28th. LCCHS and St. Thomas will be recommended to council as the locations used.

3. Student Commissioners Report

- At the Junior Leadership Day, they introduced Spencer West, who was the motivational speaker of the day. He was such an inspiration and he really helped motivate the students to go out and make a difference.
- They held two separate workshops during the event. One was about social media and in this workshop, the kids engaged in an activity on iPads where they had to find a secret hidden code that would unlock another device. The workshop was a great way of introducing the use of technology to these students and showing them how to manage their time wisely. They then explained the importance of getting your work done on time and how quickly social media could become a distraction.
- The other workshop that they held was about student life and involvement. This subcommittee compiled some video clips of students from different high schools across the board. They wanted to highlight and address common misconceptions and all the stereotypes that one might associate with high school. After this they gave the students some time to ask any questions about high school, since they know exactly how scary it can be right before students enter high school.

4. Pearson Educational Foundation

- Join them for the PEF Benefit Comedy Show starring Joey Elias! Caution: possible side effects include a boost in morale and a general feeling of well-being. Lakeside Academy, 5050 Sherbrooke, Lachine March 31, 8:00 pm, no intermission Doors open at 7:00 for refreshments All proceeds to support the LBPSB students Tickets only \$25ea, +18 only,

on sale soon <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca> Call Sue at 514-422-3000 ext 37000 or email pef@lbpsb.qc.ca for info.

5. Electoral Divisions Request

- The request was made to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports to authorize the Lester B. Pearson School Board to establish two (2) more electoral divisions than provided for in section 6 of the Act Respecting School Elections. This would enable us to maintain the same number, 12 wards, that we presently have as they are only offering 10

6. By-law 5 – Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners – Consultation Launch

- The draft consultation document entitled By-Law 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners will be **distributed to the consultative partners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board during the week of February 27, 2017, with responses to be returned to the Secretariat no later than April 28, 2017**, for consideration; and the final draft of By-law 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners will be adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners after the legal requirements, prescribed in section 392 of the Education Act, have been complied with.

5.2 Principal's Report

- Thank you to H&S for Staff Appreciation Week.
- Continuing our UDL/tech initiatives by increasing the number of iPads in every class, and teacher release time to attend UDL workshops.
- Exciting new fundraising project to announce (see 5.1 approval request) – the FH staff will be putting on a play written by Gr. 2 teacher Eve Marie Durand! The play will run for 2 days, June 21-22.
- All grades enjoyed the Black History month presentation on Feb. 17th
- Author Bernadette Renaud visited on Feb.
- NASA educator Brian Ewenson gave a presentation to the Kindergarten students on March 20th.
- Enrollment of new K students is presently at 74 for 2017-18.

5.3 Daycare Report

- Thank you to H&S for Staff Appreciation week. Supervisors were really impressed by the lovely luncheon put on by the volunteers.
- Daycare student went to Zig Zag Zoo on February 10th PED day.
- Taxes were all sent out as of February 28th.
- Parents were re-invoiced for the March 15th snow day, to reflect a refund of \$1.85 for the lunch supervision.

5.4 CPC Report - No report, but main discussion on March 2 was regarding new government sex education program. CPC is looking at website-based meetings to address the problem with achieving quorum for meetings.

5.5 Home and School Report

- Members have decided to separate into 2 H&S associations, one for JR and one for Sr. to better serve each school. The end of year BBQ will remain a joint activity.

*GB chair suggests that meetings should be scheduled with members, the GB from each school, the school principal and the school board lawyer to help with the transition in order to ensure that the two new H&S associations be in place for June looking forward to 2017-18. H&S should be presenting at the K orientation in order to recruit new members.

6. New Business

6.1 Field Trip/activity Approvals

- March 23 Native presenter/art activity.
- May 8 Solo music concert.
- June 2 end of year BBQ.
- May 18th Gr.1 field trip to the Base de plein air. Rain date June 2. \$25/student.
- June 15th Gr.2 music concert.
- June 21-22 Staff play fundraiser for future-ready tech initiatives. \$5/student and \$7/adult.

Motion to approve the above-mentioned field trips proposed by G. Haines and seconded by M. Vivier. All in favour.

Motion carried

6.2 Consultation on Bylaw 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners

- Members find the Code of Ethics to be very comprehensive and thorough.

Motion to approve that no feedback is required proposed by M. Vivier and seconded by C.A. Wapen. All in favour.

Motion carried

6.3 Governing Board Composition Consultation

Motion to approve keeping present GB membership numbers for 2017-2018 proposed by G.Haines and seconded by S.Ozell. All in favour.

Motion carried

7. Further discussion regarding the division of H&S, the \$20 fee paid to QFHSA, of which only \$2 goes to the school, the fact that any fundraising money should be in the school's coffers not in a H&S bank account (according to the chair's conversation with School Board lawyer this is not in accordance with the Education Act). Might be more beneficial for the school to have a PPO in place.

8. **Public Question Period** None

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. proposed by M. Vivier and seconded by G. Haines.

All in favour.

Motion carried

Adjourn - Next meeting May 2nd, 2017

T. Minisini

Governing Board Chair

Carol Bordo

Recording Secretary