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GOVERNING BOARD Minutes

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

6:00 pm

Zoom

Territorial Acknowledgement

- **Welcome / Regrets**

Attendance

Parents Representatives: Valerie Beudet, Nadia Longo, Todd Smith, Anouk Petit, Annette Banton, Erminia DiPietro (Alternate for Patrick Bayne)

Staff representatives: Linda Aubertin, Tania Nouvet, Shannon Pine, Donna Montelpart, Karen Gallant, Alyssa Luponio

Administrators: Josie D'Adamo

Regrets: Maya Johnson, Patrick Bayne, Tina Bona (Alt), Lori Morrison (Commissioner)

- **Adoption of the Agenda**

Motion: Alyssa Luponio

Second: Valerie Beudet

All in favour

Motion Passed

- **Adoption of Minutes from Feb 6th 2024**

Motion: Todd Smith

Second: Erminia Di Pietro

All in favour

Motion Passed

- **Correspondence**

- None

- **Public Question Period**

- None

- **Business Arising from the Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- None

- **New Business**

- **Items for Approval**

- **Field Trips, Fundraiser & Daycare Activities:**

- **School Wide Field Trip - Cabane à Sucre des Sportifs**

- **April 24th 2024 - full day (8 am - 2 pm)**

Grade	All Grades (K4 - Grade 6)
Destination	Cabane à Sucre des Sportifs (Sainte-Julienne)
Transportation	Bus
Cost	\$30 / student (entrance fee + part of bus fee) School will cover remaining portion of bus fee
Ratio	1:7 ratio Limit parent volunteers to 1 or 2 / class

Motion: Alyssa Luponi
All in favour

Second: Ermina Di Pietro
Motion Passed

- **Emotional Support Animal**

- Ms. Mary (Spec Tech)
- Has trained and certified her dog as an emotional support animal and is requesting if she can implement Comfort Pet program
- Small Dog (Bichon Maltese - 2 years old - hypoallergenic)
- Comfort Pet will be in the Zen Room and will be available for support during the day.
- Letter will be sent to all parents / caregivers before implementing the Comfort Pet program

Motion: Karen Gallant
All in favour

Second: Linda Aubertin
Motion Passed

- **Tournaments & Phys Ed Events:**

- **Tchoukball Tournament - Change in Date**

- From **March 18th to April 8th**, since the previous schedule date is no longer a Ped Day
- All other items remain the same

Motion: Shannon Pine
All in favour

Second: Valerie Beaudet
Motion Passed

- **Rentals:** None

- **Policies & Programs:** None

- **School Supplies & Fees:** None

- **Items for Adoption:** None
- **Consultations:**
 - CONSULTATION - Day Time and Place of Council of Commissioners' Meetings consultation
 - CONSULTATION - Governing Board Composition 2024-2025
 - CONSULTATION - Complaint Process
 - Upon review of the consultations, the GB committee decided not to respond to any of the consultations.
- **Points of Information:** None

- **Reports**

- **Commissioner's Report:**

With the upcoming eclipse coming in early April, the board has taken the proactive steps to cancel classes as the end of the school days coincides with when the eclipse will be at its fullest. Should you want to suggest protective glasses to your students, many borough locations are offering them at no cost, including at the Verdun library, beginning on March 18th. The glasses are in limited quantities.

March is Women's History Month, and it was so nice to see the activities across the schools in our board. The LBPSB is also featuring several women at our board on their Facebook page.

BGC Dawson will be holding an online workshop on autism in coordination with Giant Steps. Please see BGC's Facebook page or website for the link to register. It takes place on March 12, and March 19, in two parts.

Allion and LCCHS had a science lab event where kids from K4 visited LCCHS' labs and partook in some experiments; it looked like it was a fantastic time.

Students in the grade 11 SN Math group competed in the 2024 Fermat Contest with U of Waterloo, outstanding!

The Verdun borough is still looking for ideas from our schools on how we can have the kids participating in the 150th anniversary. Please send me your ideas, and I will bring them to the committee during our next meeting, set for April.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Morrison

Commissioner, Ward 1

○ **Principal's Report:**

- Thank you to our Black History Month Committee - presented cycle assemblies "By US for Us". We celebrated the value of our differences. Students did many projects throughout the month in their classes.
- Thank you to our Amazing Home & School for all the wonderful activities for staff appreciation. The Staff really appreciated it. As well a big thank you to all the families who donated gifts for our staff.
- Annie-Claude did a penpal meet in St. Ignace and the students really enjoyed their ice fishing experience. Thanks to Mme Valois, Mme Caroline and all the parent volunteers as well as the receiving school (In St. Ignace)
- Thanks to Ms. Dorothy for all the hard work for registrations. Our enrollment is looking good for next year. A big thank to Ms. Cheryl for holding up the fort as well.
- Thanks to Tiffany for organizing for Raymond Parent, the cartoonist to come and work with the students. As well in March we have a puppeteer coming for Cycle 1.
- Thanks to Grade 6 & Sharon for Epique for the Transition to High School workshops. Many students and parents found the workshops to be very helpful.
- Our K4-grade 2 celebrated the 100 days of school. Thanks to all the families for your support and the K4-grade 2 team. The kids really dressed up for the occasion and thanks to the teachers & support staff for the lovely class activities. The team had a great time.
- Reminder Evaluation - Interviews by teacher request March 20th from 3pm-5pm & 6pm-8pm by zoom.
- Reports will be released on March 19th
- Comfort Pet Program - we are looking at having a comfort pet (Dog - Murphy) in the zen room. There are many benefits in having a comfort pet in schools. Here are some:
 - Decreases the physiologic indicators of stress, such as heart rate and blood pressure
 - Reduces pain
 - Promotes social interactions and behaviors
 - Increases emotional comfort
 - Decreases loneliness
 - Increases levels of oxytocin (eases stress & promotes attachment)
 - Increases levels of dopamine (pleasure & reward)
 - Decreases the cortisol levels, particularly when students have learning difficulties

"The presence of a calm, attentive dog moderates the stress responses more than the presence of an adult and even more than the presence of a supportive friend" (Jalongo et al., 2004)"

○ **Teachers' Report:**

<p>Kindergarten-4</p>	<p>K4 continues to work on their letters. The students enjoyed learning new Valentine's Day songs and reading new books. We celebrated the 100th day of school! Students came in with a creative tshirt and we spent the day celebrating and counting to 100. The K4 team invited their families to come spend an afternoon doing Valentine crafts and enjoyed an ice cream sundae. We have also learnt about many important people (Mae C. Jemison, Martin Luther King jr, Alma Thomas, Ruby Bridges, Bob Marley, etc...). We are excited to be starting our Spring theme!</p>
<p>Kindergarten-5</p>	<p>K5 is working on letters, alliteration and syllables. We celebrated the 100th day of school! Students came in with a creative tshirt and we spent the day celebrating and counting to 100. Furthermore, we learned about many important black leaders during Black History month (Alma Thomas, Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther King, Bob Marley, Garrett Morgan, Mae Jemison) as well as learning about what makes our skin, eyes and hair color unique. We will learn about different types of foods during nutrition month (in French) as well as beginning a theme on Spring and Easter.</p> <p>We also have been learning French winter themed words.</p>
<p>Grade 1</p>	<p>ELA: Students have begun a mini ubti on Fairy Tales. They are learning about conflict in a story and characters.</p> <p>They have also continued to work on building on their sight words, CVC words and sentence structure.</p> <p>Math: Students just finished the concepts of telling time, reading a graph and representing and comparing numbers. Next week, they will begin Book B of the math program.</p> <p>Francais: Depuis le 8 janvier, nous avons commencé avec le thème de l'hiver (mots de vocabulaire, chansons, enquête sur les activités d'hiver, l'histoire de Stella Reine des neiges). Pour la Saint Valentin, nous avons parlé de l'idée de l'amitié. Les enfants ont fait des portraits d' amis en classe. Les enfants avaient une présentation orale à faire au sujet de leur jouet ou leur toutou préféré. Nous allons commencer à utiliser les stratégies de lecture et travailler avec les sons et les mots magiques. Avec Miss Angela, les enfants ont commencé à étudier le système solaire pour l'expo de STEAM. Les enfants ont aussi fait des beaux projets en arts plastiques avec elle.</p>
<p>Grade 2</p>	<p>In French, February was about kindness and BHM. We learned about what actions are considered kind and we learned about melanin and different skin tones. In March, we are starting our STEAM unit in transportation. Beforehand, we are learning about where we are in the world (learning about the name of our planet, our continent, our country, our province, our city and our borough).</p> <p>In literacy, we are learning strategies to help with reading comprehension. We are still working on fluency but we are adding voice to our reading aloud. In writing, we are going to introduce the kids to narrative and informational text. They will also start to learn strategies to spell their words.</p> <p>In art, we will continue to explore different elements of art and different artists.</p>

Grade 3	<p>Grade 3 Has started a unit on Nutrition in ELA. Students are beginning to understand what a healthy body and mind entail.</p> <p>We will start to investigate sugar consumption by analyzing the food items we eat.</p> <p>In Math, we have been working on graphing. Students have been learning how and why bar graphs are used with respect to data collection.</p> <p>En français, nous commençons un thème sur le Soleil et la Lune. Nous travaillons sur les fruits et légumes pour le mois de la nutrition.</p> <p>En univers social, nous avons commencé à apprendre sur la vie des Algonquiens et à étudier les différences et les similarités avec les Iroquoiens. Nous continuons à développer nos stratégies en compréhension de lecture et nous continuons l'apprentissage des verbes au présent et au passé-composé.</p> <p>Les arts sont toujours associés avec les thèmes vus en classe.</p>
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Grade 4	N/A
Grade 5	<p>In math, we just finished our unit on fractions and will begin a new one on decimals (adding, subtracting, rounding etc.).</p> <p>In language arts, we are working on the hamburger paragraph (topic sentence, supporting details and closing sentence). We are also working on cause and effect relationships.</p>
Grade 561	<p>We are continuing our unit on Harry Potter while looking at response writing in English.</p> <p>We are starting decimals in Math. We are learning about planets/bridges in science. We are going to start our STEAM expo up unit soon.</p>
Grade 6	N/A
Physical Ed	N/A
Music	N/A
DCP	N/A
Support Staff	N/A

○ **Daycare Report:**

- Mad Science Program
 - 8 Week Program starting in March 2024
 - 15 confirmed participants (1 class)

- Ped Day - April 8th 2024 - Daycare will be closed as Lunch & daycare staff will be participating in training workshops.
- **Support Staff Report:**
 - N/A
- **Parent Representative Report:**
 - The Parent Committee is being revamped as many current committee members are leaving this year.
 - March 14th 2024 - Webinar available to all parents in LBPSB - Topic: Social Bias and Language issues in Quebec
- **SNAC Representative Report:**
 - SNAC committee has been focusing on preparing presentations explaining SNAC programs, available resources and providing reference material and other support.
 - Also need new recruits as most of current committee members are ending this year
- **Home & School Report:**
 - N/A
 - Next Meeting - March 18th 2024
- **Varia**
 - Grad Pictures:
 - Pictures will be taken on March 25th 2024.
 - Request to cancel April GB Meeting if no items need to be approved
 - The GB Chair will confirm with the Principal in early April to see if there are items that need to be approved. If there are none, then the April meeting can be canceled. The GB secretary will communicate the final decision of the April GB meeting.
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm on a motion by Valeri Beaudet and seconded by Shannon Pine

Date of next meeting: **April 9th 2024 @ 6pm - Zoom Call**


Respectfully Submitted,

Nadia Longo
GB Secretary

Signed By:



Anouk Petit
GB Committee Chair



Josie D'Adamo
Allion Elementary Principal