

2017-2018

**St Patrick Elementary School,
261 Shamrock Street, Pincourt, QC.
Governing Board Annual Report.**

Message and acknowledgments from the Chair.

Being the Chair of any board always brings with it new challenges and new learning curves, this is my 2nd year as the Chair for St Patrick Governing Board and, I can honestly say, I have welcomed each one. St Patrick Elementary GB is a united group of parents and staff, working together to bring about the best for the students of the school and it has been a privilege to be a part of that, as my term draws to a close I find myself looking back and reflecting on what our Board has achieved for our school and I feel a great sense of pride.

However, it always takes more than one Board and the Chair would like to acknowledge several individuals and organisations this year, without whom we would not be who we are or have what we have.

Governing Board members 2017-2018.

A committed group of parents and staff members who have worked hard and steady to ensure St Patrick Elementary always has a voice in the larger consultations and who have shown great passion in securing the best they can for our students. I thank you; it has been a pleasure to be your Chair.

Home and School member 2017-2018.

An amazing and inspiring group of parent volunteers who have given everything they can to the school and worked in collaboration with the Governing Board. We genuinely thank you for all that you have done and look forward whole heartedly to continuing to work with you.

Staff of St Patrick Elementary 2017-2018.

Absolutely dedicated to our students, you have put so many amazing ideas to the GB table this year. We are awed by your creativity, your ingenuity and your passion. Our school is lucky to have such a dynamic group of educators, support staff and Daycare assistants. We thank you.

Wayne Clifford, Commissioner.

Dedicated to Lester B Pearson, our GB is very lucky to have Mr. Clifford attend our meetings. His guidance and advice is invaluable and we hope he chooses to continue for many years yet.

M. Rabinovitch, Principal.

Last, but never least, our school Principal. We thank you for your guidance not only at the table, but in everything the school does, and appreciate the leadership that keeps St Patrick Elementary moving forward and embracing the future with excitement and willingness.

It has been a total privilege to Chair the St Patrick Elementary Governing Board and I very much look forward to our future.

Donnalynn.

Members.

Voting parent members.

Donnalynn Rainey: Chair

Jennifer Taylor

Ryan Getty (rep to PC)

Anthony Cirelli

Shannon Tomalty

Marc Blanchard

Voting staff members.

Robert Pigas (Teacher)

Niru Bhola (Teacher)

Melissa Ruiten (Teacher)

Ashley Dunn (Teacher)

Lorrie Pompeo (Support Staff)

Jodi Esterson (Daycare)

Non-Voting Members.

M Rabinovitch (Principal)

W Clifford (Commissioner)

Meeting Dates.

Sept. 7th, 2017

Oct. 3rd, 2017

Nov. 7th, 2017

Dec. 5th, 2017

Feb. 6th, 2018

Mar. 13th, 2018

Apr. 10th, 2018

May 1st, 2018

June 12th, 2018

Actions / Achievements.

Separate from the Consultations required from the school and the board, the St Pats Gb have been working hard to ensure the students are receiving the most they possibly can from their school year.

An exciting year of field trips crossed the GB table, resulting in trips to the local Eco museum, the arboretum and Ottawa. Skiing and snow shoeing was approved for the winter months, whilst the local parks and pools opened up to our students in the warmer weather.

We had authors come in to the school to talk to students, and we hosted and attended many sporting events through the year. Our school play filled the hall and our Choir sang at events across the Board. All in all it was an incredibly busy and active year for our students.

On an administration side, this year the GB made changes to the schools Anti-Bullying plan as well as our Code of Conduct. These changes reflected the ever growing need to protect our students online and with the use of social media. These changes, although small, were not insignificant and continue to move St Pats forward.

Along that vein our school mission statement was also slightly reworded to reflect the changes and our Emergency preparedness binder was updated. All these changes and documents are made freely available to our community via our school website. In line with the new rules for fees, for the new school year there was a drop in school fees approved for all parents.

St Patrick GB responded to several board wide consultations this year and a 2 sub committees were struck to respond to 2 separate consultations, one being the Budget Consultation, and the other the Extra Curricular activities and Field Trips.

Financials.

The St Patrick GB has an annual budget of \$479 provided by the school board. This year we made the decision to remunerate our secretary from our budget and voted to continue that practice going forward.

\$150 from our budget was put aside for the secretary for the year.

We also reimbursed members for babysitting fees, provided coffee for meetings and finished our year with refreshments.

Our total spends for the year came in at \$461.94, leaving a surplus of \$17.06.

Recommendations.

Moving forward in to the New Year, the current board recommends that efforts are continued to keep GB visible to parents, the use of social media has raised awareness of the work GB does and has kept parents interested in joining and observing the GB meetings.

Communication between GB and the school is also of utmost importance and should be kept at the top of the priority list for the upcoming Governing Board.

The year ahead will bring new challenges with the new field trip rules and working together will help ease the new transition for parents, staff and students.

Once more, it has been my pleasure to Chair the GB of such an amazing school.

Respectfully Submitted.

Donnalynn Rainey, Chair 2017-2018.