

**St. Patrick Elementary School  
Governing Board Meeting – Minutes  
March 21, 2017**

**Attendance**

**Members:** Donnalynn Rainey, Nancy Leblanc, Lorrie Pompeo, Michael Rabinovitch, David Patterson, Carole McRae, Ryan Getty, Mary Vassilakis, Niru Bhola, and Jennifer Taylor.

**Regrets:** Anne Lanteigne, John Bateman, and Wayne Clifford.

**Non-Members:** Anthony Cirelli, Nadia Cirelli, Taedra Harris-St Pierre, and Mimi Hamon (Home and School).

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Call to Order** - 6:33 pm

**Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by David, seconded by Nancy, all in favour.

**Questions from Public**

Nil.

**Reports**

**Principal**

- Elite Dance facility rental was cancelled.
- Winter Carnival was well-received, thanks to all the volunteers who helped out and to Home and School for providing hot chocolate.
- St. Patrick's Day was a fun day, nice way to continue with tradition and celebrate the day.
- Jump Rope for Heart was also a great event.
- There is a celebration of learning event on Thursday, March 30, from 5-7 PM. Would encourage all parents to come and visit and feel free to walk through all the classes.
- Next big event is the annual play on April 13 of Annie Jr. The children in the play are going to see a play production of Beauty and the Beast on Thursday, March 23 (field trip was approved at the previous GB meeting).

**Staff**

- Thanks to Home and School and parents for Teacher Appreciation week. It is always a well-received event and the teachers truly appreciated it. Thank you Nadia for the cupcakes.

## **Daycare**

- The Second Annual Art Gala will be on May 25, open to parents from 4-6 PM.

## **Commissioners**

- See attached Report.

## **Parents Committee**

- Presentation on the new Sex-education curriculum. Still in the preliminary phase and will not be ready for launch in September.

## **Business Arising From Previous Minutes**

### **GB Newsletter**

- Discussed some potential ideas to include in newsletter: information on role of parent representatives, issues discussed during the year, role of Governing Board, etc.
- Regarding frequency, it was decided to prepare one at the end of the year as a general round-up and one at the beginning of the next school year with a welcome message.

### **Home and School**

- Mimi presented the idea of holding a second book fair and a bake sale during the Celebration of Learning event on March 30. Motioned by Lorrie, seconded by Jennifer, all in favour.

## **New Business**

### **Field Trips**

- Outdoor Education program seeking global approval to bring students from grades K-6 to Shamrock Park. Motioned by Mary, seconded by Nancy, all in favour.
- Grade 6 to Lakeside Academy for annual high school variety show TOPS on April 6, in the morning with bus transportation. Cost is expected to be \$11 or less for student, for ticket and transportation. Motioned by Niru, seconded by Ryan, all in favour.
- Grade 3 to guided tour of long houses in Iroquois village on May 10. 1:14 ratio, \$25 per student includes entry and bus transportation. Motioned by Mary, seconded by Lorrie, all in favour.
- Internal field trip for Cycle 1 for French literature and arts event on May 12 and 16. School applied for grants to offset the costs, total will be \$7 per student for both days. Motioned by Nancy, seconded by Lorrie, all in favour.
- Planetarium event for grades K, 3, 4, and 5 within the school on May 17 and 18. The gym is available. 309 students will participate at a cost of \$7 per student. Motioned by Mary, seconded by David, all in favour.

- Resource team takes selected students in Grade 6 to go for connecting sessions to incoming high school. Resource teacher will accompany 2 students to MacDonald High School for several site visits (2-4 approximately from now until end of school year at no cost, will obtain consent from parents for driving arrangements. Motioned by Donnalynn, seconded by David, all in favour.

### **Fundraisers**

Nil.

### **Service contracts**

Nil.

### **Governing Board Composition 2017-18**

- Discussed the possibility of adding additional representatives to GB. Given that next year there will be added positions for substitutes, resulting in twelve parent representatives, it was decided to leave the composition as is.

### **Budget Consultation**

- Feedback should be concise - Donnalynn, Jennifer and Anthony already provided input.
- Common ideas include support for resource team, literacy and math, ensuring functional libraries are maintained, and support for online payment options. Also, financial information on website should be more accessible.
- Will finalize input and send to GB members for final review.

### **ACGC Implementation**

- Continuum of Academic and Career Guidance Content. The aim of the program is to link Grade 5 and 6 students to the world beyond primary school and prepare them for high school years and beyond in terms of opportunities.
- At present, there are several activities that take place at St. Pat's that already fit within this mandate. The program has been piloted within a few LBPSB schools.
- Building on what we already do within the school, St. Pats will be implementing the program in the upcoming school year, based on three themes: self-knowledge, knowledge of the world of schools, and knowledge of the world of work. Next year will be for Grade 6, and the following year the program will be extended for both Grades 5 and 6.

### **Success Plan - Annual Report**

- The current Plan continues to be in effect. The Plan will look different with increase in school population - that should change the lay of the land.
- Math exams dates have been communicated to parents at various times throughout the year.
- The Annual Report is a snapshot in time, based on criteria established by LBPSB, it doesn't define who we are as a school.

### **Varia**

- The following meeting dates were confirmed: April 4; May 9; and June 13.

**Questions from the Public (2)**

Nil.

**Adjournment** – at 7:58 pm.