

**St. Patrick Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting – Minutes
October 3, 2017**

Attendance

Members: Ryan Getty, Donnalynn Rainey, Robert Pigas, Ashley Dunn, Melissa Ruiter, Niru Bhola, Lorrie Pompeo, Jodi Esterson, Anthony Cirelli and Shannon Tomalty

Non-Voting members: Michael Rabinovitch and Natalie Knott

Substitute Members: Doug Bentley (given voting rights), Aliona Siminel (given voting rights), Maria Puente.

Regrets: Marc Blanchard and Jennifer Taylor

Call to order: 7:06 p.m.

Approval of September Minutes : Robert Pigas and seconded by Anthony Cirelli. All in favour.

Approval of Agenda: Melissa Ruiter, seconded by Jodi Esterson, All in favour.

Questions from the Public

Nil.

Reports

Principal

- Mr. Rabinovitch thanked the Home and School as well all the volunteers that helped with opening Barbeque September 1st. Great turn out.
- Despite the heat, The Terry Fox run with Edgewater School was a great event. Together we raised over \$12,000.00. That is \$24,000.00 in 2 years.
- Misty Simes is looking into a self-defence class for the grade 6 girls through the West Island Woman's Shelter.
- The grade 6 Handball and Frisbee tournaments were a great success.
- Interim reports will be available on line on the Fusion Portal October 13th. They will not be printed. All the information is on the St. Patrick School Facebook page. For further information please contact Christine Wilson at the school office.

Staff

- Melissa Ruiter reported the Kindergarten students just completed Rainbow Week, ended with popsicles. Their next unit will be Apples.

- Cycle 1:
 - Grade 1: released their butterflies
 - Grade 2 : is studying the author Mo Willems
- Cycle 2:

Gafe for students , guest speaker Barry Hannah, Embracing technology and doing digital portfolios.
- Cycle 3:

Grade 6 are practicing for Math Olympics at Lakeside on December 6th
- Music Department:
 - Auditions for The Cat in the Hat are underway.

Daycare

- Up Up and Away In-house Ped Day, Friday October 6th.
- Youth Stars Yoga and Dance for Ped day on November 17th had to be tabled due to a conflict with Parent/Teacher interviews.

Parents Committee:

- Ryan Getty reported they met last week. There is nothing to report as they are just getting settled.

Council of Commissioner:

- Wayne Clifford presented his report. There were no questions for him. The next meeting of the Council of Commissioners is Monday, October 30th.

New Business:

Field Trip Approvals

- Cycle 1 asking approval to go to the Botanical Gardens, October 16, 2017, travelling by bus.
- Leaving school at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 2:00 p.m. Celebration of Autumn. The cost is \$20.00 per person, with a ratio of 1:6. Motion to approve by Niru Bhola, seconded by Melissa Ruiter, all in favour.
- Grade 6 asking approval to attend a Remembrance Day Assembly with Edgewater and Macdonald High School at John Abbott College on November 9th or 10th, ratio is 1:12 with a cost of \$5.00 to pay for the bus. Motion to approve by Donnalynn Rainey and seconded by Ryan Getty, all in favour.
- Kindergarten are asking approval to go to the Eco-Museum on November 9th. They will travel by bus. The cost is \$20.00 with a ratio of 1:6. They will leave from school 8:30 and return at noon. Motion to approve by Melissa Ruiter, seconded by Ashley Dunn, all in favour.
- Grade 6 are asking approval to go to Jouvence February 6 – 7, 2018. Cost between \$200.00 - \$250.00. Fundraising to bring down the cost. Travel by bus, ratio 1 – 10. Motion to approve by Jodi Esterson, seconded by Robert Pigas, all in favour,

Grade 5 are asking approval to go Ottawa/Gatineau June 14 – 15, 2018. Travel by coach bus, ratio 1- 11. Cost is \$270.00. Fundraising to bring cost down with movie night, chocolate bar sales and hoping to get a grant. Motion to approve by Anthony Cirelli, seconded by Melissa Ruiter, all in favour.

Music Department is seeking approval for the Holiday Concert, mid- December, Senior music concert and the cabaret. Cost is \$2.00 per ticket for each event. Also for the play April 19th, cost is \$8.00 per ticket. Each family receives 1 free ticket. All monies go back to the St. Patrick School Music Program. Motion to approve by Robert Pigas, seconded by Jodi Esterson, all in favour.

KICK – Kids Igniting Change for Kids. Mme Nissa coordinates this program for Grade. 6 It is a youth upliftment program to help support kids in Puerto Plato stay in school. Motion to approve by Melissa Ruiter, seconded by Jodi Esterson, all in favour.

Halloween Committee is asking approval to sell gently used costumes for \$2.00 from October 23 – 27th. Motion to approve by Ryan Getty, seconded by Anthony Cirelli, all in favour.

New Business

Mesure 30170 seeking approval to hire Devon McIntyre on a service contract for Early Literacy. If any funds are left over they would be for literacy for all students. Motion to approve Jodi Esterson, seconded by Anthony Cirelli, all in favour.

Air quality report, Spring 2017 Michael reported that we are in good standing, there is no concern for St. Patrick.

IEP Rep, If a governing board parent has a child on an IEP that parent could be a liason to SNAC.

Emergency Preparedness Binder, Natalie Knott has updated the binder. In the event of an evacuation we are to go to St. Patrick of the Island Church. Michael explained the specifics. Motion to approve the updated Emergency Preparedness Plan by Jodi Esterson, seconded by Melissa Ruiter, all in favour.

Mesure 15025 Literacy, looking to hire Devon McIntyre as an English Generalist 20% to up the Literacy in Kindergarten and Grade 1.

ACGC is a government mandated career guidance program for Cycle 3, getting students to think about their future work, 12 hours planned and continues in high school.

Food & Nutrition Consultation – no changes to this policy.

Varia

Anthony Cirelli asked if the students are being educated as to email and internet safety. Michael Rabinovitch advised that everything is being monitored and can be traced.

Adjournment

8:37 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lorrie Pompeo