

St. Patrick Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting - Minutes
November 6, 2018

Attendance

Voting members: Doug Bentley, Niru Bhola, Shannon Tomalty, Jessica Paquette, Anthony Cirelli, Donnalynn Rainey, Alia Odubayo, Jodi Esterson

Non-Voting Members: Michael Rabinovitch, Natalie Knott, Wayne Clifford, Tracy Witzke

Regrets: Jennifer Cote Taylor, Lorrie Pompeo

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Donnalynn Rainey at 6:34 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was presented and a motion to approve by Jodi Esterson, seconded by Niru Bhola, all in favour.

Approval of Minutes: October 2, 2018 - Motion to approve by Niru Bhola, seconded by Jessica Paquette, all in favour.

Approval of Minutes: October 25, 2018 - Motion to approve by Doug Bentley, seconded by Jessica Paquette, all in favour.

Presentations: 3 students from grade 6, Raffael Cirelli, Brynn Witzke and Mitchell Beyor-Kaelhart from KICK asked for approval to host a movie night Friday November 23, at 7:00 p.m. Cost \$5.00 maximum of \$20.00 per family, age 3 and under is free. They are raising money to have a pharmacy built in Haiti.

Pizza and TCBY provided by Home and School to be sold. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. There will also be a draw to win the movie that is being shown, Motion to approve by Anthony Cirelli, seconded by Doug Bentley, all in favour.

Sexuality Education Course video presented by Jennifer Murphy and Nancy Leblanc.
Consent from parents

FLASH – stands for Friendship, Love and Sexual Health

Offered to K-6 in terms 2 and 3

5-10 hours for the entire school year

Will talk about internet safety

Offered in high school also

Protecting your body – correct words to use

Nurse comes in grade 5 to talk about puberty

Letter goes home to parents before the program

Clarify who invited guests will be (RCMP / Nurse)

3 sessions to be offered

Video was targeted for all grade levels
Stranger danger / circle of trust all targeted in video
Which adults to go to if you know the person who is hurting you
Who can touch – discussion in Nancy’s class
Small groups with specifics – all teachers are on board, parents can opt out
Pilot schools were successful

Reports:

Principal

Michael Rabinovitch advised that St Patrick will once again be helping 15 families within our school community with a holiday food basket. Each class has been asked to bring in a specific non-perishable food item. We are also accepting monetary donations. Baskets will be delivered the week of December 17th.

Michael Rabinovitch thanked everyone for all their hard work with the grade 6 Halloween Hallway. All the decorated pumpkins looked amazing.

We will be having a Remembrance Day Assembly November 12th at 8:25 a.m. with some Veterans also attending.

Term 1 is done. Thursday November 8, the Fusion Portal will be open to book interviews on line

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held November 28th and 29th, there will be time slots meet with specialists, as well.

Michael Rabinovitch and Taedra Harris to discuss doing work on the soccer field as there is criteria to meet. As well as the 18 month MEES plan for the playground.

There are some repairs to be done, bathrooms, caretaker sinks, security systems, grills on windows. Investigate how they can merge together for maximum cost benefits.

Staff:

In connection with Deep Learning Miss Bhola’s class read a book called “Too Many Toys “, a discussion followed and the children decided to do a toy drive. They are collecting gently used toys from November 12 – November 26th. The toys will be driven by CARTAGE and given to schools in Verdun.

Holiday Concert coming up Thursday, December 13th.

Daycare:

Jodi Esterson clarified that the \$10.00 Supervision for Ped Days is always applicable.

Commissioner:

Wayne Clifford reported that Pearson Education has a 6 million deficit, no funds were released.

Home and School:

Taedra Harris reported that the Holiday Lunch is Thursday, December 20th, Anthony Cirelli's company to assist. There will be 3 seatings. Grade 6 students will be wrapping the Santa Store gifts. Gifts will be sold for a maximum of \$2.00.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held November 28th and 29th during interviews. Pride Wear will also be sold.

There was a discussion about the company hired to undertake the H&S Christmas lunch. Chair of Home & School replied it is status quo. Questions about the procedure how the company was chosen. The issue is a Home and School concern – GB had previously approved the Christmas Lunch in June 2018. No need for further discussion as the contract was already approved.

Parents Committee:

They discussed the correct way to run a meeting.

Where to get online resources for English students.

Noel Burke is the new chairperson.

What the long term 10 year plan is and hope to have it by 2020 – will be open to the public.

Official letter was written denouncing Government intentions, letter will be open for discussion as the December meeting.

New Business:

Celebration of Graduation –Arabraska June 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. There is no cost, 74 students, 6 adults , 1:12 ration, Resource included on the outing. Method of transportation is bus. Motion to approve by Jodi Esterson, seconded by Anthony Cirelli, all in favour.

Miss Bhola asked for approval for her Toy Drive to collect gently used toys to donate to students in Verdun. Motion to approve by Jessica Paquette, seconded by Doug Bentley, all in favour.

Seeking approval for the holiday food drive, any monies collected will be used to purchase the perishables. Motion to approve by Ryan Getty, seconded by Niru Bhola, all in favour.

Mme Tremblay is seeking approval WWF for K – 6 to learn about animals in danger , to protect their habitat. Connected to Curriculum, Donation for a cause , World Wildlife Fund. A letter will be sent home the first week of December. Motion to approve by Jessica Paquette, seconded by Ryan Getty, all in favour.

Service Contracts:

Michael Rabinovitch presented the Homework Program. Lesley Penny, Lisa Mac Donell and Jennifer McClure will be running the program. Additional funds will be set aside to Ashley Dunn for in-class Homework Program. Program runs from November to June and is open to students from grades 3 – 6. Motion to approve by Ryan Getty, seconded by Jodi Esterson, all in favour.

GB Budget: Deadline to hand in the Annual Report 2017-18 may have been missed. Michael Rabinovitch to call Genevieve. Total for GB is \$475.00

Meeting adjourned @ 8:01 p.m.

Next meeting: December 4th @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jodi Esterson, typed by Lorrie Pompeo