

St. Patrick Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting- Minutes
December 4, 2018

Attendance:

Voting members: Donnalynn Rainey, Anthony Cirelli, Doug Bentley, Niru Bhola, Jessica Paquette, Alia Odubayo, Jodi Esterson, Lorrie Pompeo, Ryan Getty

Non-Voting Members: Michael Rabinovitch, Wayne Clifford, Taedra Harris

Substitute Members: Robyn Belvedere, Michael Barron

Regrets: Shannon Tomalty, Jennifer Cote Taylor

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Donnalynn Rainey at 6:32 p.m.

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

Approval of minutes of November 6, 2018 – Motion to approve by Jodi Esterson, seconded by Doug Bentley, all in favour.

A note from the Chairperson: At the beginning of the meeting Donnalynn Rainey reminded everyone that discussions are great but remember to discuss with respect.

Reports:

Principal

Michael Rabinovitch thanked the staff for Parent Teacher Evening , 450 sessions were booked through the Fusion Portal. Also thanks to Home & School for a great Book Fair and Bake Sale.

Our Remembrance Day Assembly was once again a very heartfelt morning, the Veteran who spoke did a great job speaking to the student. We were also very pleased to have our former principal Mr. Jad Deegan attend the ceremony.

Michael Rabinovitch also advised that December 21st will be a modified day, classes end at 11:20 and the buses leave at 11:30.

Cycle 3, Dare to Care, Take the Time will be an all day event, December 6th for grade 5 and December 7th for grade 6.

Thank you in advance to Home & School for organizing the Santa Store and Christmas Lunch.

Commissioner:

Wayne Clifford presented his report, no questions were asked.

Staff

Alia Odubayo advised that on January 22 and 23 that Code Mobile, a free coding grant will come to St. Pat's to run coding clinics with the cycle 3 students. They will teach the students how to code animation as well as provide access to MacBook computers.

Niru Bhola advised that cycle 1 students have been practicing for their holiday show which will be on December 13th. Also that the Toy Drive is over. The toys were shipped out December 5th.

Michael Rabinovitch reminded parents to check our Facebook page to see the awesome activities in the classrooms. There is a great post by Arla Connell on a work session with Carole Montpetit putting letters together to make words.

Cycle 3 term 1 are not doing marks, the focus in on Rubriks and colour coding.

Daycare:

Jodi Esterson reported the Ped Day on November 29th was a success. 110 students attended. Donnalynn Rainey asked what the return time was. Jodi Esterson said parents were told verbally they would be back at 4:00 p.m.

The December 14th Ped Day will be in house. The theme for the day is Winter Blast.

Parents Committee:

Ryan Getty reported there was no meeting.

Home and School:

Taedra Harris reported the Holiday Lunch and Santa Store is December 20th, volunteers are needed.

Field Trips:

Cycle 1 is seeking approval to go to the Montreal Science Center January 11th. Funds came from a Culture in the Schools grant which Teresa Lariviere applied for so there is no cost to parents, 153 students, 21 adults going, ratio of 1:7. Leaving St. Pat's at 8:30 and returning at 2:00. Motion to approve by Jodi Esterson, seconded by Doug Bently, all in favour.

Michael Rabinovitch is seeking approval for the Jr. Leadership Day, February 8th at Macdonald High. Chris Chang is taking on the lead role this year. 12 cycle students from each elementary school are chosen to attend. There is keynote speaker as well as 4 sessions led by high school students. It is an all day event. Students travel by bus and there is no cost. Motion to approve by Anthony Cirelli, seconded by Niru Bhola, all in favour.

Fundraiser:

The students from KICK are going to Pfizer to ask for donations to help with their ongoing initiative to raise money for a pharmacy in the Dominican Republic. 6 students will be going after school by car in the New Year with Mme Nissa, Tracy Witzke and Mr. Randy. Motion to approve by Niru Bhola, seconded by Alia Odubayo, all in favour.

Service Contracts:

Jodi Esterson is seeking approval to have Mr. Robert Fergusson do basketball at lunch for students in grade 4, 5 and 6. It is twice a week with a cost of \$100.00 tax included starting January 10th. Motion to approve by Ryan Getty, seconded by Anthony Cirelli, all in favour.

Michael Rabinovitch is seeking approval to hire Linda Colcomb to help with the Homework Program within the school. Motion to approve by Anthony Cirelli, seconded by Doug Bentley, all in favour.

School Budgets:

Michael Rabinovitch presented the school budget. Robyn Belvedere asked if teachers can ask Home & School to levelled reading book, Michael said that when the new wing was built there was a surplus of money that was spent on books for teachers. Donnalynn Rainey inquired as to where the money for coded children goes. Michael suggested to go to the school board for that. The budget was read and a motion to approve by Jodi Esterson, seconded by Lorrie Pompeo, all in favour.

Jodi Esterson presented the daycare budget. There were no questions. Michael read the daycare budget and a motion to approve by Jessica Paquette, seconded by Niru Bhola, all in favour.

New Business:

Donnalynn Rainey brought the fact the some schools are sending letters to the government to not ban religious symbols. Motion to approve by Jodi Esterson, seconded by Ryan Getty, all in favour to do the same just to change the beginning to say on behalf of the St. Patrick Governing Board and to be signed by Donnalynn Rainey.

Questions from the Public:

None.

Varia:

Donnalynn Rainey advised that on Sunday December 4, there will be a Broadway sing-a-long choir on behalf of PEF.

Michael Rabinovitch advised that we may have to re-convene for a possible emergency meeting for an upcoming trip.

Taedra Harris advised that Jean Tremblay was recognized by Peter Schiefke for being an outstanding volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting: February 5th @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorrie Pompeo