

St. Patrick Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting – Minutes
March 12, 2019

Attendance

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

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

Substitute Members: Michael Barron

Regrets: Jennifer Cote Taylor, Stephanie Morrice, Shannon Tomalty

Call to order: 6:34 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was presented and a motion to approve by Doug Bentley, seconded by Anthony Cirelli,, All in favour,

Approval of Minutes of February 5, 2019: Motion to approve with the addition to the attendance of Jodi Esterson and to regrets Stephanie Morrice, Motion to approve by Doug Bentley and seconded by Anthony Cirelli, All in favour.

Questions from the Public:

None

Reports:

Principal

Michael Rabinovitch spoke about the upcoming Celebration of Learning March 28th from 5 – 7 p.m. Parents are encouraged to visit all the classrooms.

Carnival was moved up this year but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate. Projected date for next year is the end of January or early February.

Pincourt Pool is under construction so we will not be having our annual swim days in June. Looking to possibly book the splash park, perhaps a splash day or even John Abbott Pool.

Friday March 15th we will be our St. Patrick’s Day celebration, everyone is encouraged to wear all their green. There will be a parade followed by a dance in the Gym.

Donnalynn Rainey asked if it is possible to notify parents about the wearing of the green as soon as possible.

Staff:

Niru Bhola reported that the Sock Drive organized by Robert Pigas for Dans la Rue was a huge success. 1780 socks were collected.

Daycare:

Jodi Esterson advised Free Flow in Daycare with the students rotating should be up and running in April. Also an ERMS message will be sent reminding parents to send in extra clothing since it is quite wet outside.

Commissioner's Report:

Wayne Clifford presented his report from the Council of Commissioners Meeting February 25th. Spoke about having Pre-K in 19 schools. Michael Rabinovitch asked if we raised money for Riverview could it be earmarked for specific items. Donnalynn Rainey suggested it should be sent to the Pearson Education Foundation.

Home and School:

Taedra Harris reported that the taffy during Carnival went well. There will be a French Book Fair during the Celebration of Learning March 28th. The annual Family Dance will be held on Friday June 7th. St. Pat's families are invited to walk in the Hudson St. Patrick's Day parade.

Parents Committee:

Ryan Getty mentioned that Major School Change was brought up. Also by 2020 they hope to have seatbelts on all school buses. Old or current buses by 2025.

Questions from the Public:

None

New Business:

Michael Rabinovitch is seeking approval for a few students from Anne-Marie Tremblay's Grade 6 class to sell bracelets and baked goods during the Celebration of Learning for Plan International an organization that supports women and the challenges they may face. Motion to approve by Ryan Getty, seconded by Jodi Esterson, all in favour.

Donnalynn Rainey advised she will be sending by email the Major School Change Launch and would like Governing Board members to read it prior to the April 2nd meeting. Also should any changes be made to our Governing Board Composition? No it will remain as is.

Michael Rabinovitch advised that the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur has allocated to St. Patrick Elementary School \$150,011 for the specific and protected grants. Wherefore be it resolved that, on a motion by Ryan Getty and seconded by Jodi Esterson, that the Ministry Grants for the 2018-2019 school year be accepted. All in favour.

Varia:

Miss Jodi acknowledged there was an error on the last Ped Day form regarding the in house option not being offered. She did say an email would be sent saying “in house” Ped Days would always be an option if the numbers warranted. Ryan Getty asked if there could be a Daycare Committee? Donnalynn Rainey advised that 3 Daycare parents must request and form a committee. Taedra Harris clarified that it must be parents who have children registered in Daycare. Michael Rabinovitch stated that every school can have a Daycare Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 2, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorrie Pompeo