

Margaret Manson Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 19, 2019

ATTENDANCE

Parents	Present	Administration	Present
Julie-Ann Leblanc	✓	Stephanie Herault	✓
Karen Sauve	✓	Jutta Bouchard	X
Nadia Iacino	✓	Catherine Guillemette	X
Renee Aspiotis	✓	Jennifer Vaillancourt	✓
Melanie D'Antoni	✓	Lucy Ferracane	✓
Renee Aspiotis	✓	Aline Lajoie	✓
Parent Substitutes		Administration Substitutes	
Nathalie Zobyan	X	Sheila Dunwoodie	X
Sammy Romano	✓	Kim Poirier	X
		Sarah Newton	X
Additional Guests			
Tina Wentzel (Grad 18)	X	Domenico Pavone (Commissioner)	✓
Heidi Sauve (Grad 18)	X	Stephen Bouchard (Community Rep)	✓

1.0 START OF MEETING

- The Meeting started at 6:17 pm in the MMES Staff Lounge.
- Quorum achieved.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- Mme. Herault would like to add Alzheimer's Walk to the Agenda
- No other additions to the agenda.

Motion 18-40: Motion to adopt the February 19th Agenda

Motioned By: Aline

3.0 MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES HELD DECEMBER 18, 2018

- Some minor changes to be made. Karen to action and resend.

Motion 18-41: Motion to adopt the November 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes with adjustments.

Motioned By: Renee

4.0 HOME AND SCHOOL AND GRADUATION COMMITTEE

4.1 GRADUATION COMMITTEE

- The cost of the Grad trip is 244\$ which is less than what was originally anticipated thanks to the subsidy that was used. A reduction of 29\$ was made.

4.2 HOME & SCHOOL

- There are two possibilities of dates for the end of year BBQ, a Thursday June 7th or Friday June 14th.
- The dates are not to be confirmed yet.
- We will defer the conversation to April when the date is more certain.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 PRINCIPAL CRITERIA CONSULTATION (DUE FEB 25)

- Under Values, on first bullet point, adjust the spacing between school and community.
- There have been very few changes throughout the years.

Motion 18-42: Motion to approve the Principal Criteria Consultation

Motioned By: Aline

5.2 BOARD BUDGET CONSULTATION (DUE MAR 29)

- Requirement by the Education Act, for anyone who is a taxpayer, is free to submit remarks.
- All responses are compared and what are the parents in the community asking for.
- Often, more funding for special needs programs and services is requested.
- Each child is allocated a certain amount of funding, depending on special needs coding of the child.
- Try to allocate funds between budgets to meet the needs.
- ARC – Allocation Resource Committee – a group of people within the school board to review where the funds are to be allocated; comprised of principals, directors, school board lawyers, etc. Admins are also surveyed.
- Mme. Herault says that our board puts in more money than other boards for special needs and a lot more than the Ministry, approximately 2-3 more million.
- Suggestions can be made on the shared drive. The deadline is March 23rd for submission on the 29th.
- We should all do it to ensure that our voices are heard.

5.3 TELL IT FROM ME

- Report was passed around to the GB.
- This was a report from surveys done in Fall 2018.
- Anxiety is at 21%, norm is 22%;
- 43 kids are feeling moderately or severely bullied or excluded.
- Bullying occurs most often during Lunch time at 40%.
- Effectiveness of Staff is 7.5/10.
- Children feeling safe – only 58% feel safe in Grads 4/5/6; lowest is Grade 5 males.
- Sense of belonging – we are 75%, norm is 79%.
- Kids want to do well in school; 94% of the girls and 96% of the boys in the school valued school outcomes. The Canadian norm is 96% and for boys 93%.
- Lucie stated that some of the questions need to be more specific (e.g. where is bullying happening? “outside the school” – what does that mean?
- Melanie would be curious to explore the word “bullying” as children often use the term loosely.
- Julie-Ann says that parents can share a perspective on their child’s answers and give an explanation on the reasons why their child answered the way they did.
- Renee asked if there were similar questions to evaluate the validity of the response.
- Mme. Herault said that we have some work to do.

5.4 ONLINE SURVEY FOR EMPATICO

- Empatico - platform that joins up with another classroom in the world; emphasis is on empathy.
- Mrs. Dunwoodie has been offered a fellowship to conduct this survey
- 10-minute survey for students; survey developed by Stanford University.
- For Grade 4 and Grade 5.
- Governing Board has approved it pending ESB.

5.5 ROBOTICS COMPETITION

- Student-led planning to do a robotics competition between MMES and Beechwood.
- Opened to cycle 3, Grade 5 and Grade 6
- For four weeks, Mme. Mercier will teach science and Mme Vaillancourt will teach robotics.
- Competition could be done during school time or outside of school.
- More details to come in April.
- We currently have 16 robotics kits; groups of 2 are preferred.
- We would like to relate it to “space.”
- A grant is being written so that perhaps funding can be granted.
- Julie-Ann has suggested if we should go out to sponsors.

Motion 18-43: Motion to support the Robotics Competition and verify if corporate sponsorship is possible.

Motioned By: Aline

5.6 GB BUDGET (\$303) TIME PERMITTING

- Deferred to next meeting.

6.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- None

7.0 FIELD TRIPS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- We can charge parents for a pool day and a movie day.
- We can subsidize other activities.

7.1 NEW FIELD TRIPS

7.2 FUNDRAISER, RENTALS, AND OTHER TOPICS

- Pearson Educational Fund – Home and School was consulted and happy to participate.
- Donations can be made by any individual directly to Margaret Manson. It can be made for specific purposes.
- We can create a button on our website and highlight priorities; this would give us a better chance to get more funding/via donations.
- School Principal can allocate the funds; parents can't claim a direct benefit for their own child.

Motion 18-44: Motion to add a button on the MMES website/MMES Facebook page linking to the Pearson Educational Fund.

Motioned By: Karen

Carnival Week Fundraiser for Riverview Elementary and Grade 6 support

- Various activities, jersey day, pajama day, crazy hair day, beach day
- First annual ice castle building
- Messages will be going out to parents shortly.
- Riverview school underwent a flood due to a broken flood; kids have been moved to two schools; teachers have lost material.
- We would like the kids to donate 2\$ every day to raise money for Riverview – they are in need of specialized tools, such as salamanders weighted pillows, fidget toys.
- Different schools are also doing fundraising.

Motion 18-45: Motion to ask for a 2\$ donation from each child during carnival week, plus asking parents to ask for additional donations through PEF

Motioned By: Nadia

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Way, Way Off Broadway Ticket Donations

- Mrs. Dunwoodie would like to ask for a 5\$ donation for each WWOB tickets.
- The money goes towards props, costumes, other items for the future WWOB so that it is self-funded.
- A 10\$ t-shirt is also sold to collect additional funds
- WWOB will take place on May 1, 2019.

Motion 18-46: Motion to approve the \$5 donation for WWOB tickets and the t-shirts

Motioned By: Jennifer

Alzheimer's Walk

- We would like to do a walk in Spring to raise money for Alzheimer's.
- Date to be approved
- We would ask for a 2\$ donation for the spring walk

Motion 18-47: Motion to approve the spring walk for Alzheimer's

Motioned By: Jennifer

Eco-Hero

- Environment Club – coming to present to Grades 1-6; related to the Environment.
- There is no cost for this activity.

Motion 18-48: Motion to approve the Eco-Hero visit to the school

Motioned By: Melanie

8.0 REPORTS (SEE DRIVE)

Principal's Report

- Breathe program happening with the older students.
- Junior Leadership was successful.
- Three new student teachers joined the school.
- Playground Committee – every year we set a fundraising objective, this year, some playground equipment/work is requested. They partnered with Home and School to achieve this objective.
- Stephen has mentioned that there is used playground equipment that is still very good and can be donated.
- Next Wednesday, Ped day, daycare is closed.
- Stephen has volunteered to assist during the BBQ; He also mentioned that the city has BBQs that could be rented. We should contact him as soon as the BBQ date is confirmed.

Daycare Report

- May 17th – daycare to be closed to celebrate the 20th Celebration of the school.

Commissioner's Report

- Transfer of Riverdale to the French schoolboard
- We have helped Marguerite Bourgeois with classrooms in the past but the government exercised their rights in taking over the school.
- Carbon Monoxide detectors – most schools are electric and gas. Some have oil, off island. The schools that have gas and oil will be converted and be connected to a central alarm.
- Pearson Educational Fund – March 25th Canadians vs. Detroit hockey game; discounted tickets.

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9..0 CORRESPONDANCE

- None

10.0 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- None

11.0 NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: APRIL 16TH or 2ND

- Discuss should Home and School and Grad Committee merge?
- Staffing Meeting is to take place on April 16th and so a suggestion has been made to move the GB to April 2nd.
- There is no meeting in March.

11.1 FUTURE TOPICS

- GB Budget

11.2 MOTION TO END MEETING

- The meeting ended at 8:04 pm.

Motion 18-49: MOTION TO END MEETING

Motioned By: Nadia

12.0 SIGNATURES

Ms. Stephanie Herault (Principal)

Date

Mrs. Julie-Ann Leblanc (Chairperson)

Date