

Governing Board: February 7 meeting minutes

Present: Marty Thomas, Patrick Hall, Mattieu Hack, Dahlia Tanasiou, Brittney Camus, Andrea Gage, Leslie Fumerton, Emma Hadeed, Heather Beresford, Trish Steeves

Regrets: Sarah Gaye, Correne Giles, Sandrine Bedard, Jennifer Olsen, Caryl Greene, Dermot Guinnane

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes
(tabled – waiting for Jan minutes from Jen Olson)

2. Outings to be approved
 - Grade 6 Grad trip to Montreal on June 6:
 - Walk about Old Montreal
 - Biodome
 - Mont Royal
 - Need Charter bus
 - Working on funding: some grant money and fundraising by Grade 6s
 - Dinner at a restaurant
 - Cycle 1 field trip to Nature Museum on March 20th

3. Budget and Grants
 - Extra- curricular costs moved to Supply teaching
 - Wiggle cushions and fidgets bought with Spec. Ed budget
 - Extra costs for technology: charging cables, mice, blue tooth speakers, headsets
 - Grant money is all in. Staff came up with ideas on how to spend grant money, listing priorities
 - Technology budget: main need for Cycle 2 and 3 is more student laptops that can function at a functional speed. Cycle 1 has requested more Ipads.
 - More Sports spending for volleyball tournament. We don't have good sets of volleyballs
 - Additional shelving to be purchased for resource rooms. Staff has requested standing desks for each class. WOTP has made a standing desk to present to the school board which can hopefully be used as a prototype.
 - Library grants can go toward school library or class libraries. We have not shelved last year's book purchases. We want to see those books shelved before purchasing more books.
 - Can we hire someone for cataloguing?
 - Jennifer Davies has come once.
 - If we are in the same position next month, we will consider using school success money to release a teacher to catalogue books.

- Since we do not have quorum, we cannot vote for the decision on hiring someone to catalogue books
- Spiritual Animation grant was revolved around diversity awareness.
- ABVP grant wishlist was for inspirational speakers, a sensory path to help with body breaks for students
- Table created to help show what grants were given and it's intended use
- Supporting parents in Primary Grant is geared toward parent workshops
 - Principles of a forest school
 - 2 day workshop : Benefits of outdoor play and child-led learning and Risky play
 - Flat free for both workshops : March 19th and April 3rd in the evenings
 - Open to the whole school community
- NTIC grant
- Service d'accueils for teaching French to students new to the province to provide extra French instruction
- Culture grant approved for Mark Walters to create a community art installation

4.) Introduction of Educations Project Steering committee

- Next step has been for the team to find time availability to meet

5.) Sexuality Committee

- Need to translate documents
- Attempting to find resources
- Going through cycles and mapping out where the curriculum fits into cycle curriculum

6.) GB member replacement

- Sarah Gaye has stepped down
- Need to find parent replacement
- There are 2 options. We can:
 - Send out a letter to parents inviting them to join. They present themselves at the next meeting and parents of GB vote.
 - Invite people to join via email. They can send information about themselves and parents of GB vote.
- Decision made to invite parents via email, through Andrea. Any interested parents can email Marty with information about themselves and why they would like to join the Board.

7.) Ski Club

- Extra-curricular activity, as opposed to Daycare activity
- Sarah Clarke would like to lead it

- Gen has done the research and provided costs
- Buses are \$200 to Camp Fortune and parents will have to pick their child up
- Since it is an after school program, we can charge parents
- Feb 20th and March 13th are dates to have a trial run of ski club
- Open to Cycle 3 students
- Ratio will be 1:7 students
- Parent volunteers will be responsible for supervision and Sarah will be responsible for program
- We will not be arranging lessons
- Instructor at CF will assess ability levels of students

8.) Jump rope for Heart Fundraiser

- Underway and approved

9.) Music Makers

- We do not have a staff member to lead the music makers
- If we want to participate in mass choir, we need someone musical to read the music and teach them the songs
- Kelly leads ukulele club. She can create a medley of popular songs for MM
- Request was sent out in newsletter, but Andrea has not heard back from any parents
- We can perform in the school choir, but not mass choir, without a leader
- Ideas for a leader:
 - University of Ottawa students
 - Ms. Gable
 - Hire someone out of Spiritual Animation grant (1-2 times/week)

10.) Principal Report:

- Staff Appreciation has been a great success
- Bus Safety Week
 - Teachers have resources
 - Announcements made every morning
 - Presentation next week
- International Mathematical and ELA study
 - Selected one grade 4 class, doing a 70 minute math assessment on April 11th
 - Anonymous results
 - Looking at math and science achievement levels internationally
 - School Board approved and said we do not have a choice to participate
- Louise is retiring this year
 - Her replacement is Margaret Burns from Greater Gatineau
 - She will start part-time in March, full-time in June

- Luskville Planetarium
 - Bring a dome into the gym and allow students to star gaze
 - March 15th
 - Free! Since it is new
 - Grade 5s and 6s have the whole day booked
 - 40 minute presentation and then short film
- All staff computers were migrated last week
 - There have been obstacles with technology over the last week
 - Students receive WQSB emails that stay with them until high school graduation
 - Grade 4-6 had technician work with them and show them how to log in, share and use the program
 - Passwords are pre-determined and locked down for students
 - Teaches students to be safe and mindful of technology use
 - Cyber safety curriculum to be made

11.) Teachers report

- French:
 - **Grade 1:** days of week, using short sentences for weather, French alphabet
 - **Grade 2:** GB plus evaluations
 - **Grade 3:** oral presentations, reading comprehensions and how to pick out information, rocks and minerals in science
 - **Grade 4:** collecting data on temperature, learning to graph, leads to bigger questions on climate, reading comprehension strategies, reading and decoding, GB plus assessments, careers unit
 - **Grade 5:** oral presentations, remarkable Canadians, astronomy presentations
 - **Grade 6:** Defi genie coming up next week (in-school challenge. Winner goes to regional competition at National Research Centre)
- Cycle 2:
 - Grade 3 Math: Geometry unit, fractions and decimals, classroom economy
 - Grade 3 ELA: looking at different texts and personal narrative writing, print making workshop at NAC next week
 - Grade 4: Preparing for exams, New France exploration, Museum of Nature outing coming up
- Cycle 3:
 - Grade 5: finishing bookclub,
 - Grade 6: starting bookclub, moving from decimals to percentages
- Centre:
 - Continued use of communication device and success with integration programs, going on field trip to Winterlude and Museum of Nature with

Grade 4s, plan for using communication devices in the community (grocery, restaurant etc.)

12.) Daycare Report:

- Vanessa has resigned and is set to leave on the 15th March
- Her replacement was staffed internally. An aide has been promoted to educator position
- Upcoming PD days theme is Winter Olympics and sports outside

13.) Outdoor Learning Program:

- Draft is being sent out to potentially finish at the end of next year

14.) Community Member's Report:

- (check letter from Dermot)

15.) Home and School Report:

- Winter Carnival was last big event. It went very well.
- Staff Appreciation Week has been a great success
- H&S has raised \$25000 for OLC.
- Plan on sitting with Andrea to discuss where fundraised money can be allocated and to decide on what fundraisers they want to do for next year

16.) Additional:

- Time of meetings to change to 6pm to accommodate all parents for the remainder of meetings

Next meeting: March 14th