

Minutes of the LBPSB's Forest Hill Senior Elementary School Governing Board

Tuesday March 28th, 2017

Present: Sylvie Monette, Tanja Minisini, Luisa Minardi, André LaTraverse, Kathy Battista, Jennifer Maxwell, Nathalie David, Joanne Shea, Julia Boland, Peter den Heyer, Eveline Azran.

Administration: Sylvie Monette – principal, Forest Hill Senior

Recording Secretary: Luisa Minardi

Call to order: Chair, Tanja Minisini called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

1.0 Quorum. Quorum was declared.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

- **Motion to adopt agenda of March 28th, 2017 meeting** proposed by J. Maxwell and seconded by J. Boland. - **Motion carried.**

3.0 Adoption of Minutes of January 31st, 2017.

- **Motion to adopt minutes of January 31st, 2017** proposed by P. den Hyer and seconded by J. Shea. - **Motion carried.**

4.0 Public Questions none.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Principal's Report - S. Monette

- Grade 4 Concert on Feb. 2nd at La Cité des Jeunes, was a big success!
- On February 3rd FH Senior was the host of the **Region 1 Professional Day**. Staff from Mount-Pleasant, Birchwood, PETES, Evergreen, FH Junior and FH Senior got together for a day of “Ed Camp”. It also gave everyone the opportunity to visit our UDL environment.
- We had our Comedy Night on February 3rd. The entire Forest Hill senior staff worked together to make the evening an amazing and very successful evening!
- New student **registration** took place the week of January 30th. February 13th was the re-registration for our grade 3 to 5 students. Registration for our grade 6 students to high school was on January 24th.
- Our Carnival activities went very well. We had to change our venue because of the very mild weather.
- We had many visitors at school these past few weeks. It is always a great pleasure for our staff and students to show our beautiful environment.
- On February 24th, **Le Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie's** filming crew came to Forest Hill to create a video to promote Défi des Cubes Énergie to the English population.
- We are starting to plan our **UDL Phase 2 (Atrium Presentation)**. Video preview was presented to Governing Board and was received favorably. Furniture will be movable to create different spaces. Lunch classes will rotate to use the area, while the rest will eat in their classrooms.
- **Zumba Fun** On May 8th, 2017, a 2 hour Zumba activity will be held in the FHS schoolyard from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. It is funded by **ParticipAction**.

5.2 Sector Parent's Committee Report P. den Heyer. Nothing new to report.

5.3 Daycare Report- K. Battista

- **Boks** opening ceremonies were held on March 14th. We were honoured with our special guest **Kim St. Pierre**.
- **Boks** 12 week Sessions began March 14th and will run until June 1st on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45 – 8:45 a.m.
Open to students, parents and faculty.
- We have taken the initiative to include student leaders, whom have proven to play a positive role in making the program a success thus far.
- Both the staff and myself are proud to provide the Daycare students **Boks** (**Build Our Kids Success**) as part of our two year Pilot project "**My Daycare is Physically Active**". We continue to participate in ongoing workshops provided by the School Board.
- Our final club night Friday March 24 th was celebrated presenting the students with a participation certificate
- Our main Illustration theme is winding down, and preparing for an *exhibition evening* presenting their creations.
- Students will celebrate **Earth Day** by distributing trees to families and adding trees to our "*Forest Hill*".

5.4 Commissioner's Report February 27, 2017 D. Olivenstein

- **Presentations:**
George and Judith Springate Award: \$2000.00 scholarship to a student from **John Abbott CEGEP** who will be studying for a teaching career.
Springdale Choir-sang beautifully
Westwood Sr. Band –beyond awesome
- **SNAC Report**- Special Presentation- Bill 105 and Special Needs Genevieve Dugre, the Director General gave an overview of the effect the new Bill 105 will have on SNAC .She gave a thorough reading and explanation of the composition and mandate of SNAC with the changes that Bill 105 will bring. She answered all questions relating to these changes and discussed the issue of confidentiality. The committee thanked her for her thorough presentation and her patience in answering their questions.
- **Programs and Services Report- Annual Report**
T. Rhymes presented a powerpoint containing data from the 2010-2015 Partnership Agreement and Strategic Plan. The 5 strategic directions have been reduced to four.
There are 14 general objectives and 44 reporting points. At the time of the presentation, actual numbers had not been available, but since, has been updated and put in SharePoint. Among other positive successes, we continue to increase our overall graduation and qualification rate (87.8%).
- **Enriched Entrance Exam**
It was reported that the original decision to hold entrance exams in May, has been taken off the table and will not happen for this school year. While feedback was positive from parents, they would like more time to spend on visits to schools. The board will look at implementing this for the 2018-19 school year.
- **Summer School 2017**
Summer school will be held from July 3rd, to July 28th. LCCHS and St. Thomas will be recommended to council as the locations used.
- **Student Commissioners Report**
- At the Junior Leadership Day, they introduced Spencer West, who was the

motivational speaker of the day. He was such an inspiration and he really helped motivate the students to go out and make a difference.

- They held two separate workshops during the event. One was about social media and in this workshop, the kids engaged in an activity on iPads where they had to find a secret hidden code that would unlock another device. The workshop was a great way of introducing the use of technology to these students and showing them how to manage their time wisely. They then explained the importance of getting your work done on time and how quickly social media could become a distraction.
- The other workshop that they held was about student life and involvement. This subcommittee compiled some video clips of students from different high schools across the board. They wanted to highlight and address common misconceptions and all the stereotypes that one might associate with high school. After this they gave the students some time to ask any questions about high school, since they know exactly how scary it can be right before students enter high school.
- **Pearson Educational Foundation**
 - Join them for the PEF Benefit Comedy Show starring Joey Elias! Caution: possible side effects include a boost in morale and a general feeling of well-being. Lakeside Academy, 5050 Sherbrooke, Lachine March 31, 8:00 pm, no intermission Doors open at 7:00 for refreshments All proceeds to support the LBPSB students.
Tickets only \$25ea, +18 only, on sale soon <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca>.
Call Sue at 514-422-3000 ext. 37000 or email pef@lbpsb.qc.ca for info.
- **Electoral Divisions Request**

The request was made to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports to authorize the Lester B. Pearson School Board to establish two (2) more electoral divisions than provided for in section 6 of the Act Respecting School Elections. This would enable us to maintain the same number, 12 wards, that we presently have as they are only offering 10.
- **By-law 5 – Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners – Consultation Launch**

The draft consultation document entitled By-Law 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners will be distributed to the consultative partners of the **Lester B. Pearson School Board** during the week of February 27, 2017, with responses to be returned to the Secretariat **no later than April 28, 2017**, for consideration; and the final draft of By-law 5: Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners will be adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners after the legal requirements, prescribed in section 392 of the Education Act, have been complied with.

5.4. Home and School Report- E. Azran

- FHS Comedy Night fundraiser raised \$6600.
- Staff Appreciation week was a success.
- Home and School approved to contribute \$5000 towards the future **UDL Atrium**. (A total of \$28 000 was contributed to FHS by Home and School in 2016-2017).
- The Craft Fair will be held May 6th, 2017 and the B.B.Q. will be held on June 2nd (rain date is June 8th).
- Due to rezoning and therefore the increase in student population, the H&S is suggesting to have 2 committees. One for Forest Hill Senior and one for Forest Hill Junior. Goal is to find executives for each one.

6.0 Email vote ratification Approval of contract to hire Mélanie Gélinas for a French literacy program for gr. 3 students as part of the Mesure 30170 school initiatives.

- **Motion to approve hiring Mélanie Gélinas for French Literacy Gr. 3 as part of Mesure 30170** proposed by J. Shea and seconded by P. den Hyer.
- **Motion carried.**

7.0 Business from minutes: The Chartwells follow up was received positively. Meals seem to have improved and their staff welcome feedback. Will continue to monitor.

8.0 New Business:

8.1 Approval of By-law 5 – Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners.

- **Motion to approve By-law 5 – Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct Applicable to the Council of Commissioners** proposed by A. LaTraverse and seconded by J. Shea. - **Motion carried.**

8.2 Fundraiser UDL 2017-2018 Comedy Night Fundraiser for FHS UDL. (Dec. 1st, 2017).

- **Motion to approve Comedy Night fundraiser** proposed by A. LaTraverse and seconded by P. den Hyer. - **Motion carried.**

8.3 Qui lira, vaincra – Demi-finale édition 2016-17: On May 1st, 2017, 6 students from grade 6, along with 1 teacher and 1 parent will attend this LBPSB reading initiative. Transportation will be by car-pool. Parent approval forms prepared by LBPSB will be sent out.

- **Motion to approve Qui lira, vaincra competition attendance** proposed by A. LaTraverse and seconded by J. Shea. - **Motion carried.**

8.4 GOVERNING BOARD COMPOSITION Discussion was had and decision was made that FHS GB composition will remain as is.

- **Motion to approve that FHS GOVERNING BOARD COMPOSITION remain as is** proposed by A. LaTraverse and seconded by J. Maxwell. - **Motion carried.**

9.0 Varia none

10.0 Public Questions none

11.0 Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn at 7:32** proposed by J. Shea and seconded by J. Maxwell.
- **Motion to adjourn carried.**

Upcoming Meetings:

May 9, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

June 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

T. Minisini **Governing Board Chair**

L. Minardi. **Secretary**