

Governing Board Mtg. – March 19, 2025

Greater Gatineau GB members attended:

Val Link

Graham Flemming

Christine Viellette

Mikaila Geisterfer

Dirgha Pare

John Girard

Brennan McCambley

Sara Menard

Victoria Markham

Victoria Schorr

Bradley Everson

Jennifer Plaxton

Adrea Sinclair

Regrets:

Michelle Bush

Guests:

Item	Presenter	Action	
Opening			
Call to Order	Christine		Welcome, land acknowledgement & roll call
Agenda	Christine	Motion: Adrea Seconded: Victoria M. Vote: unanimous Motion #:1	
Standing Reports			
Review of criteria for school Principal	Christine	Motion: Adrea Seconded: John Vote: unanimous Motion #: 2	Vote on the criteria with 2 amendments 1) updating name of Peace Learning Circles to “tribes” program and, 2) recommendation add point to encourage leadership and professional development opportunities for staff).
Gym / Field Rental Proposal	Graham	To grant use indoors when available and with more answers on the outdoor piece Motion: John Seconded: Victoria M. Vote: yes 7 no 3 Motion #: 3 insurance requirement \$2m Motion: John Seconded: Victoria M. Vote: unanimous Motion #: 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Group approached school to rent in the evenings. It is a soccer academy Corinthians Quebec Academy – skills sessions and<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Age group of participants, boys and girls between 7-10.o Soccer club wants inside access until they can use the field outside.o Wants to rent Mondays and Weekends. School is only open to weekends (and days/times that custodial staff will be present as not looking to request extended hours).o Community would still have open access to other parts of

			<p>the school grounds, rental will not impact access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs to raise 1) whether GB supports the rental of the space and 2) verify value of insurance group must hold (proposing \$2M liability). ○ Any rentals notified about availability and that school needs remain a priority. ○ One field is quite good, the other has a low area with more wear and tear, then there are a few bare areas. Looking to improve but funding needed, WQSB does not have funding right now to support field improvements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questions/concerns raised for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Condition of the fields and impact/cost of added use. - Consider adding outdoor field use provision to use city field assessments for determining when field use is permitted/ restricted. - Discussion will go to e-vote if outside access is persued.
Water Quality and Budget Cut Rumours	Victoria M.		<p>Question raised on both issues.</p> <p>Responses by Val Link</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water – There has been intermittent discolouration (city says safe, WQSB keeps supporting testing not conflicting results). - When water comes through discoloured, the school recieves bottled water to distribute. Additionally special filters at two water fountains have been installed as an added precaution. - Notification not sent out to parents as there is no known risk

			<p>at this time (even when water is discoloured).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget cuts rumours - Most recent budget cuts have exclusively impacted non-teaching positions at WQSB thus far (not schools). No knowledge of future cuts at this time.
Teacher	Dirga		PDF shared no questions
Daycare	Jen		PDF shared no questions
Home & School	Val		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Soup fundraiser ongoing. - Movie night – raises some funds more for sense of community. - Teacher appreciation week spent \$\$ on staff treats.
Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the construction 	<i>Val Link</i>	Move \$800 for special education Motion: Adrea Seconded: Adrea Vote: unanimous Motion #: 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction – gym will close for 2 weeks in April - Elevator broke, cannot repair will make due until new elevator in place - Governing board training pushed back - Used to pay \$800 for service fees – computer programs and licensing – do not need to pay for this year. Would like to allocate this \$800 to special needs budget.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - French abilities of students - Community representation to GB 	Victoria S.		Will be addressed through the principles report at the next meeting.
Parents committee	John		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Voted to have menstrual products provided in all washrooms within WQSB - Recommend different 2025-26 September PD days for elementary and secondary school days so parents can more easily make all PT interview days.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There may be another election for WQSB Representation. While they cannot advertise, the WQSB/Ministry should be able to inform the parents committee this time that an election is occurring. Last time there was concern that the lack of awareness lead to no candidate.
Ongoing Business			
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add Victoria S items for next meeting
New Business			
Varia			
Closing			
Adjournment		Motion: Victoria S Seconded: John Vote: unanimous Motion #6	Next meeting May 28, 6:15 PM @ GG (potluck)