

Governing Board January 25th Minutes

Start 6:02 pm

Attending: Val, Sandi, Michelle, Laetitia, Carl, Virginie, Jennifer, Yan, Isabelle

Motion of this meeting's Agenda: #GB5152

Move Sandi, 2nd Isabelle

Anyone against – No

Anyone abstains – No

Parent Committee Report – 23 Jan 23

Business Arising:

1. Presentation from English Parents' Committee Association of Quebec (EPCA) Chair, Katherine Korakakis.

- a. Provincial organization advocating for all English-speaking parents;
- b. They conduct regular surveys to help them in their advocacy role;
- c. Involved in numerous committees and working groups at the provincial level;
- d. They also provide resources via their website;
- e. Main means of communicating with parents is via Facebook and their newsletter;
- f. Their main objective is strengthening the voice of English-speaking parents through a strong community.

2. Parent Committee Work plan:

- A. 4 subcommittees/work groups were formed to produce outputs/recommendations as a committee around 4 themes.
- b. The 4 subcommittee themes were taken from the November brainstorming session which are:
 - i. Academics, addressing gaps due to covid years, which may incorporate:
 1. Gap in reading and writing foundations;
 2. French readiness;
 3. Need for more stats on how kids are currently doing;

4. Recommendations for how to use Tutor grants at school; and
 5. Using best practices from on-line learning (i.e., Class lesson recordings).
- ii. Behaviors, Health & Safety, which may incorporate:
1. Updating and standardizing Discipline Policy;
 2. Keeping stats on issues at school (i.e., Drug search, suspensions, etc.);
 3. Emotional regulation and the impact of covid years;
 4. Mental preparation for transitioning to next school level;
 5. Drugs;
 6. Sexual health education- explaining to parents what it includes and why it is important; and
 7. Concerns bus pick-up.
- iii. PC governance, administration, and communication, which may incorporate:
1. Parent Committee processes and procedures/handbook (include Contact lists, review of minutes, public access to meetings, nominations for SEAC, etc.);
 2. More linkage with SEAC particularly on common issues;
 3. Place to store committee information (working docs, handbooks, etc.); and
 4. Communication Strategy – What is the best way to consult parents?
- iv. Engagement, which may incorporate:
1. The organization of a “for the parents, by the parents” event;
 2. Chance to meet people in person (i.e., Commissioners, PC reps, Governing Board members, parents, etc.); and
 3. Form various groups to meet for common concerns related to Elementary, Highschool, and K-12 schools.
- c. Each subcommittee was mandated to turn their respective themes and “subthemes” into at least one tangible objective which will be presented on our next meeting in February.

Standing Reports:

SEAC (meeting of 10 Jan)

- They reviewed the budget in anticipation of their recommendation to the Resources Allocation Committee (RAC) which will be discussed at their next meeting;
- SEAC will launch a Facebook page in the coming months;

- SEAC motioned to request from the School Board the number of incidents of bullying and violence either from or towards a student with an Individualized Education Plan to help them provide better advice and recommendations.

EPCA Rep

- There will be a call to parents to assist in a “letter-writing campaign” against bill 96;
- Four workshops for parents are in the works, more info to come;
- They are working on a new website.

Parent Commissioner

- Last council was in November, which included the swearing in of the new parent commissioners;
- Commissioner reformed their subcommittees, including the governance and ethics committee which is mandated to review all school board policy.

Teacher Report:

Kindergarten

ELA

- Winter
- Story Sequencing
- Story Response

Math

- Sorting
- Numbers 11-14
- ABC patterning

Continue

- Journal Writing
- Power Word

Cycle 1.1

ELA: Non-fiction writing.

Research project that students can present.

Spelling: digraphs and blends, vowel teams.

Conventions: beginning capitals and punctuation.

Winter stories: The Snowman,

Math: bar graphs, pictographs, surveys, numbers to 100, addition and subtraction, time, missing term in addition and subtraction, money.

Ethics: Chinese New Year (book: Ruby's Chinese New Year, Goldilocks and the three Pandas), new year's resolutions, perseverance

Black History Month: Anti-racism books

Cycle 1.2

ELA Winter Breaks Winter Unit - Animals in Winter Sound Print text - Non-Fiction texts New Year's Resolution Jan Brett Unit

Math Time - Quarter hour - Games - Elapsed time - Application questions Addition and Subtraction - With regrouping Situational Problem - Theme 3 problem - The Vegetable Garden Graphing and Statistics

Cycle 2.1

ELA

-Owl Moon Unit (focus lessons on metaphors and similes.)

-Bird Child (responses)

-Winter themed read aloud

-Journal writing

-N.Y. resolution writing activity

***Ethics**

- themed read aloud

Math

Geometry (continuing with angles,

lines, polygons, 3D solids)

Application questions

Science

New unit on Structures and Mechanisms

Social Studies

Starting unit on the Iroquois

Cycle 2.2

LA Start Novel Study, narrative writing, response writing, prepping for exam

Math Introduce division, sit prob and application

SOCIAL STUDIES New France 1645- working through the purple book

SCIENCE Weather, light

ETHICS Digital citizenship

Cycle 3

Decided on Situational Problems for Term 2 and Term 3

Term 2 – Palaces of Escheria and Gym Budget (Decimal A)

Term 3 – Moving towards a Cure and Benefit concert all

Discussed Ethics program – Digital Citizenship in January and then transition too Healthy Sexual Education with nurse visit on January 25th

Daycare Report for January 2023

PD days

- January 9 – 38 registered, 35 attended
- February 6 – registration under way current number is 39 registered
- February 7 – registration under way current number is 45 registered for tubing trip

Ongoing Events

Champions for Life has started again. There are 8 weeks left in the program.

Daycare Educators are working on new year goals with their groups. Each group has chosen a different goal based on the needs of their groups

Home and School Report:

- Movie night switched to February 17th
- With the money raised paid ½ of the new school shirts
- New document cameras for teachers
- Silent auction coming soon
- Teacher appreciation week of February 6th
- Carnival in June

Principal Report:

- Lac Beauchamp February 2nd for whole school due to temperature on the Friday 3rd
- Anti Racism Committee, for black history month the school has ordered coloring books with a project associated.
- There is a booked workshop for teachers titled 'Unpacking the N word'
- For students grade 5 will be doing a workshop called 'I is for inclusion' and grade 6 will be doing 'P is for privilege'
- The school has opened the prayer room to accommodate more students
- K4 extension delayed
- Student cousin has suggested a school dance with pizza as a piece bucket award
- 2 new grants for Field trips related to outdoor education and multi aid grant

Sex Ed:

- Awaiting document

Subject Time Allocation:

- To be discussed at next meeting March 22nd

Adjournment:

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Motion Laetitia, 2nd Virginie

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Anyone abstains – No