

# Governing Board January 25<sup>th</sup> Minutes

Start 6:02 pm

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

## **Motion of this meeting's Agenda: #GB5152**

Move Sandi, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Ecsheria 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 17<sup>th</sup>
- 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 6<sup>th</sup>
- Carnival in June

#### **Principal Report:**

- Lac Beauchamp February 2<sup>nd</sup> for whole school due to temperature on the Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Adjournment:**

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Motion Laetitia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginie

Anyone against – No

Anyone abstains – No