

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Wednesday, November 29th, 2023 – 5:30 PM

Attendance: Martha Farley, Betty and Jim MacKinnon, Marcia Ploplis, Nathalie Noiseux, Natalie Maurice, Nathalie Mancini, Pary Skarogiannis, Marilyne Boyer, Katherine Malard, Melissa Samuel, Annie Smith, Tara Beach

Regrets: Alexandra Andreiasi, Jordan Lupovici, Isabelle Belanger

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

- 1. Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Nathalie Mancini. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of September 28th, 2023 meeting** – Motioned by Melissa Samuel. Seconded by Annie Smith. All in favor.
- 3. Public Question Period** – No public present.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was recognized at Beacon Hill. A huge **THANK YOU** for all the generosity and support from the Beacon Hill families who donated for our annual poppy drive!!! The students and staff observed a moment of silence. We had a traditional bag piper who piped for our outdoor assembly – thanks to Home and School!

GRADE 6 ENRICHMENT ENTRANCE EXAM

Students who signed up to write the entrance exam did so on Friday, November 17th in their Grade 6 classrooms.

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim report cards went home on October 5th via kiddy mail. First Term report cards were released via the Moziak Portal on Wednesday, November 15th.

Parent - teacher interviews took place on November 20th and November 24th via ZOOM. The families also had the opportunity to sign up with the Phys. Ed, Music, and Drama specialists.

SUPER RECYCLERS

“Have you been wondering what to do with all those clothes and linens you had put away after your spring and fall cleaning? Thanks to Covid, donating items became complicated. Here is an easy way to donate all those items and maybe even find some more. Your donations will go to a good place, and you will be helping to fundraise for outdoor equipment that students can enjoy.” The Super Recyclers came to Beacon Hill on November 21st.

FRANCISATION

Beacon Hill welcomed Miss Marina – who will be working with students for Francisation. She will do several weeks of intervention with students who needed the additional support.

HOLIDAY NEWS

Beacon Hill will have a Holiday Basket collection this year. Please see below for details:

Our collection will begin on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST** and will end on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.**

Below is a list of non-perishable items divided by grade level.

K4 & K5: - CRACKERS, HEARTY SOUPS, SOAP, SHAMPOO

GRADE 1: - HOLIDAY COOKIES, PUDDINGS, JELLO, APPLESAUCE, GRANOLA BARS

GRADES 2: - PASTA, PASTA SAUCES, KRAFT DINNER, RICE

GRADES 3: - CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, BEANS, TUNA

GRADE 4: - TOILET PAPER, KLEENEX, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES

GRADE 5: - FRUIT AND VEGETABLE JUICES, FLOUR, SUGAR, OIL

GRADE 6: CEREAL, PANCAKE MIX, HONEY, SYRUP, OATMEAL

MONETARY DONATIONS in the form of **CASH ONLY PLEASE** - would be gratefully accepted and used to purchase perishables. Please label the envelope **HOLIDAY COLLECTION.**

GIFT CARDS: gas, groceries, pharmacy, would be greatly appreciated as well.

Volunteers will be contacted to help deliver the baskets to Verdun Elementary School.

We will also be planning countdown to the holiday activities for the month of December.

OPEN HOUSE

We will begin preparing for the Beacon Hill Open House which will take place on January 17th. Once we arrive back to school following the holidays – registration begins for the 2023-24 school year.

4.2 Staff

September 29: Truth and Reconciliation Day. Students decorated the school with orange shirts and kind messages. The entire school paraded around the field (wearing orange shirts) to mark this important day, followed by a moment of silence. Orange ribbons were tied in the form of a heart on the chain link fence.

September 29: School assembly for September Virtue—Respectfulness

October 2: The Beaconsfield High School band put on a wonderful performance for grades 4-6.

October 5: Handball Tournament (grade 6) at the Beacon Hill Field.

October 16 -19: Scholastic Book Fair

October 18: Cross Country Run (grades 4, 5, 6) at the Morgan Arboretum

October 20: Pilo Polo Intramurals for grades 4, 5, 6 which will continue till December 5th.

October 25: Grades 1 & 2 attended a play at Salle Pauline Julien

K4 parents were invited to carve and decorate pumpkins.

October 26: Chocolate Halloween Jar Guess— A fundraiser in which students had to guess and have a chance to win all the treats in a jar.

October 27: Halloween Bash, Trunk and Treat was a huge success!

October 31: Halloween was in the air!

Students dressed up in their Halloween Costumes.

School Assembly for the October virtue—Friendliness

Some grades presented songs and plays.

November 13: Remembrance Day Ceremony in the gym with Bagpiper

November 16: K4 and K5 had their first field trip of the year at Musee Pour Enfants.

November 17: Grade 6 students wrote enrichment exams.

November 20 & 24: Parent/Teacher Interviews

November 28: K4 and K5 will be visiting Salle Pauline Julien to see the play *Glob*.

4.3 Parent Rep

There is now an app that is available that consolidates all of the information.

4.4 Home and School

Home and School GB Report-Nov 29th, 2023

Catherine Fini

H&S membership: 50 members

Seeking APPROVAL -Family ticket price at Art Gala on April 24th: \$25 includes admission for the entire family, snacks, beverages, art donation.

Seeking APPROVAL-Price of Holiday market items: \$2-\$15 (1-2 items may be at most \$15), most items will range in price from \$3-6.

Motioned by Nathalie Mancini. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

SUMMARY OF FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS: RED added since the last meeting

Fundraisers since September 2023:

- Ongoing pizza lunches-Round 1 from September to January
- School supplies with Editions Vaudreuil
- Monthly TCBY-all funds to grad activities/yearbook/ceremony
- Ongoing online: TRU-Earth, Flip Give, Lovable Labels
- Fred's Halloween box-raised \$ for children living with type 1 diabetes
- Spooky Hill Halloween Bash event on Oct 27th
- 'Guess how many' chocolates in a jar-funds to Grads
- Scholastic in person Book Fair-raised \$ towards staff resources (Scholastic fund)
- Super Recyclers-Nov 20th

H&S has facilitated the following events/services or helped to fund:

- Teacher wish list granted- 2 tables in the staff room, library bookcase, clarinet repairs
- Welcome back treats for staff
- Merenda hot lunch service
- New school clothing with Royal Blush (t-shirts with mascot)
- Teacher wish list granted- Approx \$700 of books for 2x grade 2 classrooms
- Monthly treat/coffee trolley for all staff
- Library is back up and running thanks to many H&S volunteers
- Grad sweatshirts delivered
- Pumpkins for the seniors, decorated by Mme LaFrance's grade 5 students (Maxwell residence)
- Bagpiper in recognition of Remembrance Day-Alan Jones
- Holiday Market for all students (3 days of shopping in the library) Dec 4-7th

Coming up:

- New tournament banner to replace current
- New H&S fridge to replace broken fridge
- Homemade Holiday treats for all staff
- QFHSA books for Staff organized holiday baskets
- Hot chocolate (with marshmallows!) and bad monkey popcorn leading up to the holiday break

4.5 Daycare

Daycare Governing Board Report-November 23rd, 2022

The daycare is running smoothly. It helps when you know the names and faces of the children. We had our second Ped Day on November 17th.

We ordered stuffed animals from the Teddy Bear Loft to make the animals. The children will be given one each of a variety of animals. This was a huge success. The children were wide eyed when they were told "of course you can bring them home!" I would definitely do that again.

On the 24th of November we will be doing a holiday theme. Learning about different holidays around the world. We will be doing lots of crafts, decorating the daycare and just having a lot of fun. We will maybe even do a surprise for Mom and Dad.

The daycare staff have been so busy after school with the children in daycare. Making some amazing crafts and doing some wonderful artwork. The educators are also exploring science and have had some experiments going on. There has also been baking which is such a good activity that helps with everything from math to reading skills.

We also are starting to make jewelry we would like to have a sale in the spring to help Rosie's Shelter. Teaching the children skills such as jewelry making and how to give back to our community.

The children at lunch and daycare took some effort to make cards for our Veterans. I then took the cards to Ste. Anne's hospital.

The children also made cards for children with cancer. They made beautiful cards with rainbows and flowers and happy thoughts. It was so nice to see how much effort they put into this project. These cards go into baskets that the organization called VOBOD give to children and adolescents with cancer at Christmas.

4.6 Commissioner's Report

Marilyne Boyer shared that the new financials are available on the LBPSB website to consult. As well, 19 schools applied for grants under the Green Schools initiative.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

The Nutcracker

Thursday, November 30th, 2023

8:00 – 12:00

School Bus
Grade 3 & 4
1:11 Ratio
\$0

Motioned by Melissa Samuel. Seconded by Nathalie Mancini. All in favor.

5.2 Fundraising:

6. New Business:

6.1 School Budget 2023-24

Motion to adopt by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Melissa Samuel. All in favor.

6.2 Daycare Budget 2023-24

Tabled to February.

7. Correspondence: There is no correspondence to share or report on.

8. Date and Times of Meetings: The next Governing Board meeting will take place on Thursday, February 16th, 2024.

9. Adjournment: Motioned by Marcia Ploplis at 5:28 by Pary Skarogiannis. Seconded by. All in favor.