

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Thursday, February 15th, 2024 – 5:30 PM

Attendance: Martha Farley, Betty and Jim MacKinnon, Marcia Ploplis, Nathalie Noiseux, Natalie Maurice, Nathalie Mancini, Pary Skarogiannis, Marilyn Boyer, Katherine Malard, Melissa Samuel, Annie Smith, Alexandra Andreiasi, Jordan Lupovici, Isabelle Belanger

Regrets: Tara Beach

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Nathalie Mancini. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of November 29th, 2023 meeting** – Motioned by Melissa Samuel. Seconded by Martha Farley. All in favor.
3. **Public Question Period** – No public present.
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 **Principal**

The office has been very busy preparing for next year. We came back from the holidays with Open House on January 17th. Many thanks to Home and School, as well as the parent volunteers who came in to help make the event a success. We had approximately 30 – 40 families visit.

We were fortunate to have had our school website updated, as well as our promotional video to have been redone. Both look fantastic!

February 9th was a school board-based PED day. The staff met and began discussions about the new Education Project for BH for 2024. The government has worked on their direction – which is now have been passed to the school board – which is now passed to the school level. We take this task and make sure to give it the time and effort – as it is a very important component the reflects the school's direction. The entire staff was brainstorming and collaborating to make sure that we are cohesive and moving forward together.

The Kindness Committee has been busy planning events for school spirit. As well, they have busy planning events for PINK shirt day – and Kindness initiatives throughout the month.

We completed the Our School Survey – and the results were beyond positive! Our results were well above the Canadian averages. I went around to discuss and share the results with all the classes that participated. Many good conversations were had!

We celebrated Lunar New Year with a Lion Dance from Jimmy Chan. We also had a presentation from Grade 6 students with interesting facts surrounding the holiday. All students wore red to recognize the New Year!

We also partnered up with Overture in the Arts for Black History Month. K and Cycle 1 level had a presentation from author Akilah Newton – we also purchased the books for the classrooms. Cycle 2 and Cycle 3 had a ZOOM presentation “Tracking Black Canada – Ladies of Movement.”

We also implemented a trial of direct entry the week of February 5th. So far the process has been smooth as we aim to start the day off earlier and more efficiently.

We had Staff Appreciation week February 5th – February 9th. A huge thank you to Home and School for all the treats! It was truly appreciated to be appreciated!

4.2 Staff

December 15: Students school wide participated in the making and playing the Dreidel game.

They were also encouraged to wear blue and white for this special celebration.

December 18: DEAR (Drop, Everything, And, Read). Students had the opportunity to bring in books to read and even buddied up with other students to read to each other. Hot chocolate was provided by Home and School.

Dress to Impress was on the agenda to ring in the New Year!

December 19: BINGO. The entire school participated in BiNGO. Gifts were provided to those with the winning cards. Students and staff were encouraged to wear Holiday “attire” (antlers, ugly sweaters, etc.) Grade 5 had their annual Bake Sale, which, once again, was a huge success.

December 20: Grade 4 put on an amazing performance with the play “The Grinch” in front of the whole school and parents (in the evening). Students and staff dressed up “grinchy”.

December 21: Students brought a game from home to play in class with their classmates.

December 22: Pyjama Day and Bring your Own Breakfast was a great way to end the school week before the holidays. Students watched The Grinch movie in the gym with popcorn.

We also had an assembly highlighting our monthly virtue, Cooperation.

January 17: Beacon Hill hosted our Open House with three different time accommodations, two during the school day and one in the evening.

January: Our Community Officer visited Beacon Hill to discuss various topics to different grade levels:

January 23: Grade 1 (Stranger Danger)

January 25: K4 & K5 (Basics), Grade 4 (Internet Safety), Grade 5 (Social Media Safety)

January 26: Grade 6 (Cyberbullying)

January 29: Assembly for the monthly virtue: Patience

January 29: Lion Dance by Jimmy Chan and the Montreal Chan Lion Dance.

January 31 - February 2: Annual Grade 5 trip to Jouvence.

February 10: Lunar New Year. Students made crafts, read books and learned all about celebrating this special day.

4.3 Parent Rep

4.4 Home and School

Home and School GB Report-Feb 15-2024

Catherine Fini

H&S membership: 50 members

Seeking APPROVAL –none

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, raised \$711**-the most in 5 years!
- Monthly TCBY-all funds to grad activities/yearbook/ceremony
- Ongoing online: TRU-Earth, Flip Give, Lovable Labels
- **Fred's Halloween box-raised \$372 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
- **Ongoing pizza lunches-Round 2 from February to June**
- **Online donations towards STRAW: Staff-Teacher-Resource Appreciation Week**

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 Shop for all students (3 days of shopping in the library) Dec 4-7th
- New H&S fridge to replace broken fridge
- Teacher Wish list-pet fish for Mr Robin's grade 4 classroom!
- Homemade Holiday treats for all staff
- QFHSA books for Staff organized holiday baskets, and volunteers to deliver the baskets
- Hot chocolate for all students, bad monkey popcorn, and classroom bingo prizes leading up to the holiday break
- Open House-H&S helped with the set-up and treats, volunteers, take home gift.
- New tournament banner to replace current-including our mascot Buddy the bear!
- STRAW (Staff-Teacher-Resource Appreciation Week-(wk of Feb 5th): Oscar themed week: breakfast, chair massages, fancy oreo cookies, swag bag with goodies, annual luncheon provided and served by parent volunteers

Coming up:

- Stencils/murals in library and around school-by Studio Ouest
- Grad Fundraiser: Grade 6 Valentine's guessing jar
- Carnival week: H&S contributions include: Bingo prizes for a school-wide super bingo in the gym, juice, snacks, Wild Willy gift cards for the winners of the Just Dance competition.
- Fundraiser: Big Box of Cards in March. Last year we raised \$3000.
- April date TBC- 2nd in person Scholastic book fair
- April 24-Art Gala to raise funds for the outdoor basketball court
- May date TBC-Super Recyclers
- June 4-End of year picnic

4.5 Daycare

The daycare is running very well.

We have had some fun Ped Days. Funky Dance and this Feb 9th we are having Everlast come in to play Ultra Tag with the children. We over 50 children attending.

We are working on making the daycare more accessible for the children to be more autonomous. So, putting toys and games and such in lower places so the children can just pick something up on their own. They do have to ask and they do have put what they take out back.

We are very pleased to receive new round tables for our daycare. They give the children a lot more room to work on crafts and paint and play games.

The outdoor play area has been very icy but the supervisors at lunch and daycare still bring out the sleds so the children can have a couple of runs down some hills that are safe.

Income tax season is upon us and as you know I have asked everyone to either give me their SIN # or fill out the letter from the board which states that they are refusing to give their SIN#.

Every year we have to ask the parents if they haven't given their SIN to sign the paper saying that I have asked for the SIN but they have refused. This is for the government.

The tax receipts should be ready by the end of February and can be picked up in MOSAIC.

The children have been busy making jewelry. What we would like to do is sell the jewelry at lunch maybe in the spring to raise money for Rosie's Shelter. We would ask \$2.00 or \$3.00 dollars for the bracelets and perler key chains. Nothing too extravagant, but the experience not only works to teach the children how to run a business but also to give back to the community.

If possible to promote this event I would like to ask someone from Rosies to come to the school so that the children can meet the people that look after the dogs and the dogs who want to be adopted.

We celebrated Lunar New Year and are working on Valentine's Day.

4.6 Commissioner's Report

Marilyne Boyer shared information from the last two council meetings.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

Montreal Science Center

Thursday, May 23rd, 2024

8:00 – 2:00

School Bus

Grade 4

1:9 Ratio

\$0

Motioned by Annie Smith. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

Mother / Father's Day Gift

Friday, May 3rd, 2024

Friday, June 7th, 2024

Grade 1 10:00-11:30

Grade 2 1:00-2:30

School Bus

Grade 1 & 2

\$23.00

Motioned by Martha Farley. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

Site Archeologique Droulers

Wednesday, June 19th, 2024

8:00 – 2:00

School Bus

Grade 3

1:9 Ratio

\$0

Motioned by Melissa Samuel. Seconded by Jordan Lupovici. All in favor.

Curling – Hudson Legion

Friday, March 15th, 2024

9:00 – 1:00

School Bus

Grade 3

1:6 Ratio

\$25.00

Motioned by Alex Andreiasi. Seconded by Nathalie Mancini. All in favor.

5.2 Fundraising:

Thankful Thursdays – Kindness Committee

Motioned by Jordan Lupovici. Seconded by Annie Smith. All in favor.

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Motioned by Alex Andreiasi. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

6. New Business:

6.1 Principal Criteria

The principal criteria was sent to all members. If there is something that you would like changed / updated please reach out to Marcia via email. If everyone is comfortable with the current criteria, we will send it as is.

6.2 Code of Conduct 2023-24

Motion to adopt by Isabelle Belanger. Seconded by Nathalie Mancini. All in favor.

6.3 Annual Report

Natalie sent the annual report for all staff and Governing Board to look at.

Motion to adopt by Annie Smith. Seconded by Jordan Lupovici. All in favor.

6.4 Walking Distance Permission Form (3km)

Motioned by Nathalie Mancini. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

6.5 LBPSB Budget Consultation

All members were sent the information. If you wish to send suggestions or feedback, please let us know. If you need more time to read and formulate a response, you may do so on an individual basis.

6.6 Tournament Schedule

Motioned by Annie Smith. Seconded by Jordan Lupovici

6.7 Daycare Budget

Motioned by Alex Andreiasi. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

6.8 Our School Survey

Natalie went through the survey with the Governing Board.

- 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, May 2nd, 2024.
- 9. Adjournment:** Motioned by at Alex Andreiasi by. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.