

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Thursday, April 27th, 2023 – 6:30 PM

Attendance: Betty and Jim MacKinnon, Gareth Lim, Marcia Ploplis, Nathalie Noiseux, Natalie Maurice, Nathalie Mancini, Isabelle Belanger, Marie France Cousineau, Catherine Fini, Katherine Malard, Marilyn Boyer

Regrets: Daniela Lemmetti, Tara Beach, Melissa Samuel, Pary Skarogiannis

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

- 1. Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Gareth Lim. All in favor.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of February 16th, 2023 meeting** – Motioned by Katherine Malard. Seconded by Marie France Cousineau. All in favor.
- 3. Public Question Period** – No public present.

Catherine Fini asked about plans to pave / upgrade the cement for the basketball court area. Natalie Maurice said that she would reach out to the school board to see if it is on a list of future repairs / improvements.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal

The office has been getting ready for next year. We currently have 289 students registered for next year. Class organization and groupings are still a work in progress.

The Our School Survey results were sent out to all teachers. I had the opportunity to go and visit each class to share and discuss the results with the students. It was very enlightening to have conversations as to why certain results came in as they did. The students were very comfortable and were eager participants.

The K4 and K5 will be holding an in-person orientation day on the June 5th Beacon Hill Ped Day in the morning. We will have two sessions and divide the groups in half. While the students are with the teachers - Lynn, Dani and Natalie will meet with the parents in the Music Room.

Graduation for Grade 6 will be on Friday, June 16th. The ceremony will take place – in-person – with parents in the gym in the morning. We will then have lunch and an activity in the afternoon for the students.

Articulations for high school are beginning. We are preparing to meet and share information with the high schools about our Grade 6 students.

We have also been awarded three entrepreneurial grants. Kindergarten – for their Snow Teddies which they make for the holidays. We donate these cute creations to the Teresa Dellar Palliative Care residents and the Maxwell Residence in Baie D'Urfe. Also, a grant to buy new Pilo Polo equipment and referee shirts for Mr. Lag. Lastly, for the Grade 5 Pay it Forward Fundraiser to support the Eco Museum. Bravo Beacon Hill.

The extracurricular activities by *Enfant et Compagnie* have been a huge hit. We had 200 students registered for the Spring activities. The feedback from parents has been positive and the students really enjoy the classes. We will continue to work with them moving forward!

We will be preparing for a junior and senior talent show in the coming weeks. It was such a huge success last year and the students have already been asking when the next one is.

The Kindness Committee has been busy planning events for school spirit. We have decided to have dress down dates every Wednesday leading up to Easter Break. As well, they have busy planning events for PINK shirt day – and Kindness initiatives throughout the month. We had our monthly assembly for Trustworthiness and are now moving onto to Kindness for the month of February.

4.2 Staff

February 14th: Spirit Day (wear Red/Pink for Valentine's Day)

February 15th — Assembly for Black History Month, presented by Burkina Faso (traditional African dancer)

February 22: Pink T-shirt Day (awareness for anti-bullying)

February 27 - March 3: Beacon Hill Carnival Week

- Monday – Draw for the Royal Court
Grade 5 Triathlon
- Tuesday – Tuques and Kindness Assembly
- Wednesday – Twinning Day and Super Bingo
- Thursday – Game Day and Cycle 3 Skiing
- Friday – Movie and PJ Day

March 2: Mont Rigaud (grades 5 & 6)

March 13: Irish Dancer and Kindness Committee presented information about our Beacon Hill Sponsor Child

March 15: Crazy Hat Day for our Sponsor Child

March 17: Beacon Hill wears green for St. Patrick's Day

March 22: Rainbow Day (dress up in rainbow colors)

March 24: Curling (grade 3) at Hudson Legion

March 27: Tchoukball tournament (grade 6)

March 29: Decades Day (dress up from your favorite decade)

March 30: Assemble for Creativity Virtue

April 5: Dress up as your favorite superhero day.

April 17- 21: Beacon Hill Book Fair

April 18: Grade 6 students went to Clearpoint Elementary to participate in the Qui Lira, Vaincra competition.

April 19: Semifinals for Qui Lira, Vaincra at BHS

4.3 Parent Rep

Date: February 9th, 2023

- Budget Consultation-will be discussed at a future meeting. PC chair has asked all PC members to first engage in a discussion on baseline
- 2024-2025 School Calendars will be posted to baseline for PC reps to discuss (3 calendar options to vote on)
- New Education Minister will be cutting funding to LEARN. Example-wealthier families will have to hire a tutor-only children in need will receive free tutoring
- EPCA (English Parents Committee Association) newsletter is available for more information -epcaquebec.org

Date: March 6th, 2023

February meeting minutes not ready - will be tabled at next meeting.

2024-2025 School Calendars: Option 1 received highest vote and will be the recommended option.

Admin Update (Veronique Marin):

- Final numbers have been received from the schools. 2024 staffing and activity planning has begun.
- Fun Run is taking place May 7th. All are invited information will be posted on the school board site.

Breakout room with Regional Director Kathleen O'Reilly

Topics brought up:

Q: Language issues being faced in High School. Is the school board looking at this?

A: The topic has been brought up and discussions have begun on what can be done.

Q: March break 2024 dates?

A: March break will be realigned with the French school board in 2024. There was a hiccup in communication this year.

Next meeting with Regional Director will be in May. Please send Catherine & Katherine any questions or topics for discussion.

April parent committee meeting cancelled. Next meeting is May 11th, 2023

4.4 Home and School

Home and School GB Report-April 27, 2023

To approve: GREY t-shirts for spirit wear.

- We will include our new BH school on these. Students will be allowed to wear the spirit wear any day of the week.

Motioned by Katherine Malard. Seconded by Marie France Cousineau. All in favor.

To approve: Hot Meals with Meranda catering

- Already approved with BH Staff Council and H&S
- Trial with Meranda catering starting on May 11th (assuming vote in favor at GB)
- Every Thursday until June 15th
- 6 meal choices per day
- Meal comes with starter (vegetables or small salad), dessert and beverage (juice, milk or water)
- Reg format: \$6.50 (\$6.30 without beverage)/ large \$7.50 (\$7.30 without beverage)

- Easy cancellation & modifications: Before 7AM (the morning of) the parent can cancel the meal (credit in their account). The parents can also add a meal the same day before 7 AM (the two last choices of the menu)
- All orders are placed by the parent on our website
- H&S volunteers will be required (2) to distribute
- If it goes well may increase to 2x week in September
- Staff concerns: waste/mess/smell

Gareth Lim raised the question about environmentally friendly packaging, as well as the tender / choice of company who will supply the meals.

Marilyne Boyer explained that the school board has a tender with Meranda for elementary schools, and yes, the materials are supposed to be compostable.

We will try it once a week until the end of the year. We will revisit the plan for next year following this initial trial period.

Motioned by Catherine Fini. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

SUMMARY OF FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS: RED added since last meeting

H&S membership: 57 members

Fundraisers since September 2022:

- Ongoing pizza lunches-Round 1 from September to January
- School supplies
- Ongoing online: TRU-Earth, Flip Give, Lovable Labels, pre-loved clothing bundles
- Fred's Halloween box-raised \$ for children living with type 1 diabetes
- Spooky Hill Pumpkin Patch family event on Oct 20
- New School clothing including new tuques and pink anti-bullying t-shirts for new staff-delivery end November
- Scholastic virtual book fair-raised \$ towards staff resources (Scholastic fund)
- Super Recyclers-Nov 21
- "Big Box of Cards" Fundraising (35 cards for \$35/ sample boxes sent home with students)
- Grad Valentine basket raffle
- 2nd Scholastic virtual book fair-raised \$ towards staff resources (Scholastic fund)
- Grad "Guess how many eggies are in the jar" Easter contest: \$775 raised!
- Art Gala: April 26th to raise funds for music department (repairs and new instruments)

H&S has organized the following events or helped to fund:

- Welcome back treats for staff
- Teacher wish list granted- teacher stamps, and mouse pad, electric sharpener, K- table and dolls/ curtains
- New Volunteer T-shirts for photographers

- Pavement spray painting games
- Pumpkins for all classrooms & for seniors (Maxwell residence)
- Bagpiper in recognition of Remembrance Day
- Holiday Market for all students (3 days of shopping in the library)
- Holiday treats for staff
- Contributions to the staff-organized food baskets (6 bundles of household items from holiday market stock)
- Open House refreshments and take away gifts provided to new families
- After school activities are back with enfant et companies-a new H&S coordinator appointed
- Staff Appreciation Week surprises including gifts, treats, pot luck lunch
- Library is back in session! A new H&S coordinator appointed to schedule volunteers
- Luc Bambara, an African drumming and dancing performer, will hold a workshop for all students in recognition of Black History month
- Teacher Wish list items approved: Art Gala supplies for classroom projects or treasure boxes & upgrades to music department: 24 repairs (flutes, clarinets, trumpets, snare drum), 18 new instruments, 3 music books, 1 guitar, 4 trombones, storage cart for 12 music sheet stands. Totaling approx \$4000
- 290 New orange Field trip t-shirts-order placed!
- New 8x10 carpet for the library
- H&S contributions towards Carnival week include snacks and juice, bingo prizes, and gift certificates for our Just Dance competition
- Juice boxes and snack provided to grade 4 students on vaccination day

Coming up:

- May 24-Super Recyclers trailer
- June 5-New Parent Orientation: Refreshments provided by H&S
- June 6-End of year Picnic-Everblast paid for by H&S
- School Supplies fundraiser with Editions Vaudreuil

Other:

- H&S Volunteers covering new books during library time
- New mascot design (in the works)
- New supplier for BH school clothing-Royal Blush. Website in the works

4.5 Daycare

Daycare Governing Board Report-February 16th, 2023

Daycare Business

Beacon Hill Daycare continues to thrive with many new students joining us!

Daycare Events

Pizza day continues to be a success – thank you to Home and School and the lunch staff for organizing and distributing the pizza. Always a favorite lunch for the students! And thank you to the daycare educators for picking up the pizzas and handing them out to the students.

Ped Days

January 20th, 2023

S-no way Ped Day! The students had a variety of activities to enjoy the day – even an indoor snowball fight! Our adventures are posted on the TV in the hall.

February 10th, 2023

Dynamix MEGABALL! To add, each educator prepared outdoor and indoor games.

February 13th, 2023

Love and kindness. Teddy bear stuffing and other various fun activities throughout the day.

March 27th, 2023

The Daycare will be closed – educators will be involved in professional development that day.

The daycare is looking into purchasing new walkie talkies – however – there are huge delays throughout the system.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

Intermiel

K4 and K5

Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

School Bus

1:7 Ratio

9:00 – 1:30

\$0

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Catherine Fini. All in favor.

Site Archeologique Droulers

Grade 3

Wednesday, June 21st, 2023

School Bus

1:7 Ratio

8:30 – 2:30

\$0

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

Ceramic Café Studio

K5

Thursday, May 4th, 2023

No Transportation

In the classroom

\$25.00

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

Beacon Hill Pool Days

K4 – Grade 5

Tuesday, June 20th and Wednesday, June 21st, 2023

Walking

Lifeguards

10:20 – 2:10

\$0

Motioned by Gareth Lim. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

Montreal Science Center

Grade 4

Thursday, May 25th

School Bus

1:7 Ratio

8:30 – 2:30

\$0

Motioned by Gareth Lim. Seconded by Marie France Cousineau. All in favor.

SOS Labyrinth – Grades 1-6 - Daycare

Monday, May 8th, 2023

School Bus

1:7 Ratio

9:00 – 2:00

\$30.82

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Marie France Cousineau. All in favor.

Hike and Bike

Grade 5

Monday, June 12th, 2023

School Bus

1:5 Ratio

8:30 – 3:30

\$20.00

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

5.2 Fundraising:

6. New Business:

6.1 Blanket Permission for Fundraising

SEPTEMBER

Terry Fox Run

OCTOBER

Fred's Boxes (or other boxes for trick or treating)

NOVEMBER

Poppy Drive

DECEMBER

Canned food and monetary donations for the Holiday Baskets

FEBRUARY

Royal Court Donations

MARCH

Sponsor Child

VARIA

Grade 3 Book Sale

Monetary donations at concerts / shows / performances

DRESS DOWN DAYS for donations as they arise

SCHOLASTIC book fairs

Grade 5 Bake Sale

Motioned by Catherine Fini. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

6.2 School Supply Lists K4 – Grade 6

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Marie France Cousineau. All in favor.

6.3 Consumable Fees

Motioned by Catherine Fini. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

6.4 Calendar 2023-24

Natalie Maurice shared the calendar with the Governing Board.

6.5 Service Contracts for Tutoring and Francisation

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

6.6 Daycare Budget

Motioned by Marie France Cousineau. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

6.7 Composition of the 2023-24 Beacon Hill Governing Board

It was agreed to keep status quo.

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, June 8th, 2023. This meeting will be in person.

9. Adjournment: Motioned Marie France Cousineau by at 7:20 by. Seconded by Catherine Fini. All in favor.