

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Thursday, May 2nd, 2024 – 5:00 PM

Attendance: Marcia Ploplis, Natalie Maurice, Nathalie Mancini, Marilyn Boyer, Katherine Malard, Melissa Samuel, Annie Smith, Alexandra Andreiasi, Jordan Lupovici, Tara Beach, Marie France Cousineau

Regrets: Isabelle Belanger, Pary Skarogiannis, Nathalie Noiseux, Betty and Jim MacKinnon, Martha Farley

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

- 1. Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Alexandra Andreiasi. Seconded by Tara Beach. All in favor.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of February 15th, 2024 meeting** – Motioned by Annie Smith. Seconded by Jordan Lupovici. All in favor.
- 3. Public Question Period** – No public present.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal

The office has been getting ready for next year. We currently have 290 students registered for next year. Class organization and groupings are still a work in progress.

The K4 and K5 will be holding an in-person orientation day on the April 26th 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 and Natalie will meet with the parents in the library.

Graduation for Grade 6 will be on Friday, June 13th. The ceremony will take place – in-person – with parents in the gym in the morning. We will then have lunch and the pool 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 two entrepreneurial grants. Daycare applied for a grant for the Rosie Adoption fundraiser. The students have made and organized the entire event (advertising, shopping schedules, etc). Lastly, for the Grade 5 Pay it Forward Fundraiser to support All Access Life. We will have a dress down day followed by an assembly with All Access Life to present our donation in person. Bravo Beacon Hill.

We also just finished our International School PDIG Grant. 4 teachers and I met for 6 full days to create programs, procedures and support for our growing number of international students at Beacon Hill. We also shared our plans with the Lester B. Pearson School Board's International Center. They will be using our plan and suggestions moving forward to help the students. We are very proud of our accomplishments.

The extracurricular activities by *Enfant et Compagnie* have once again been a huge hit. 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.

4.2 Staff

February 26:

- Coronation of the Royal Court. Students submitted money to have their names entered for the Carnival Title.
- Black History Month: Beacon Hill was honored to have Akilah Newton read her book, "Noel" to grades K4, K5, Grade 1 and Grade 2 on zoom.
- Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in "Tracking Black Canada" (Ladies of the Movement)
- Just Dance contest (Feb. 26-29)

February 27:

- Tuque Tuesday. Students wore their tuques (of their choice) all day at school.
- Virtue Assembly: Kindness

February 28:

- Pink Shirt Day. Students and staff wore pink shirts.
- Super Bingo for the entire school. Older students were paired with the younger ones.

February 29:

- Game Day: Students brought games from home to play with their peers in class.
- Cycle 3 went skiing at Mont Rigaud

March 1:

- Jersey Day (students wore their favourite team's jersey)
- Dodgeball Game: Teachers vs Grade 6
- Movie: K4- Grade 3 "Ratatouille"; Grades 4-6 "Paddington"

March 15:

- St. Patrick's Day celebration. Students and staff wore green with a crazy hat/hair.
- Curling Trip to the Hudson Legion (Grade 3)

March 21: Parent Teacher Interviews via Zoom.

March 27: “Guess How Many in the Jar”; A fundraiser for grads where students submitted money to guess how many chocolates Easter eggs are in the jar.

March 28: Virtue Assembly - Diligence.

April 8: Tchoukball Tournament at PCHS (Grade 6)

April 10:

-Assembly: Guest speaker Ann from Rosie’s Adoption came to speak to the students to launch our bracelet and keychain sale.

- Qui Lira, Vaincra: Grade 6 students at Beaconsfield High School.

April 12: LBPSB Dietician, Miranda Greco, came to speak to K4 parents and students for Nutrition Month.

April 15-19: Rosie Adoption Bracelet Sale

April 16: Pilo Polo Finals (Grades 4,5, 6)

April 19: Educazoo came to the school to present their animals to K4 and K5.

April 22: Earth Day – For a toonie, students wore their brightest colours. All proceeds went to All Access.

April 23: Dance Off at PCHS (Grades 5 & 6)

April 24: Beacon Hill Art Gala. This year the theme was “Under the Sea”.

April 29: All Access Assembly.

April 30: Virtue Assembly: Self-Discipline

4.3 Parent Rep

4.4 Home and School

Home and School GB Report-May 2-2024

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
- Halloween 'Guess how many' chocolates in a jar-we raised \$775 -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
- Grad Fundraiser: Grade 6 Valentine's guessing jar: raised \$690
- Grad Fundraiser: Easter eggies guess: raised \$328
- Fundraiser: Big Box of Cards in April. We raised almost \$2000 in profit!
- April 15-19- In person Scholastic book fair

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: including book covering
- 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
- 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.
- Teacher Wish list items approved: Art Gala classroom supplies, 4 classroom planners, 4 classroom headphones,
- Juice boxes and goldfish snack provided to grade 4 students on vaccination day
- Facilitated a Stay Home Alone course for grade 4/5/6 students, April 26

Coming up:

- Stencils/murals in library and around school-by Studio Owest
- April 24-Art Gala to raise funds for the outdoor basketball court
- May 28-Super Recyclers
- June 4-End of year picnic

4.5 Daycare

Our daycare is running well. We are all very settled in our routines. The children are happy and busy at daycare.

Spring is in the air and being outside again is a thrill for everyone.

Skipping and playing ball and just running around without boots on is something special.

Our team have gone through Easter with the children making some lovely crafts. Ms. Terry and Mrs. Enza made cute bunnies out of wool. Ms. Rosanna in K4 is always busy and she made several cute Easter crafts.

In April we had our fundraiser for Rosies Adoption. A nonprofit that supports abandon dogs. We had a representative come to the school and spoke to all the children about the importance of helping the dogs at Rosies. The money that we raise will go toward medications and so on for the dogs in their care. We also had Chelsey St. Pierre come from the Suburban to do a story on this project. All the children were involved, every grade made bracelets for the cause. Our grade six students, some of the girls really took on the project whole heartedly and gave up many recesses and lunches to come to the daycare room to make jewelry. I really was grateful for all their help.

Another project our grade 6 girls are doing is painting a large tree on the wall in our daycare. Morgan and Emma M. have been working on the tree for a while now. it starts in a sort of closet we have that just junk was thrown in and is now empty and our children in daycare go in there to play, 2 at a time. It's a makeshift tree house. The girls have done a great job on the painting.

Our April 26 ped day is Superhero's and Monsters our last ped day May 31st. we will be having a Pawparty. That consists of a company coming in with dogs, bunnies, and birds. They are also bringing a cotton candy machine.

Attached is a list of the Ped Days for Next year to have approved.

Sept 27th Lego Ped Day with Chris Collie

Nov. 15 International cooking with Enfant & Company Making Pasta and donuts

Nov. 22 Movie Ped day Hoping to see Red an adventure with the cast trying to find Santa

Dec 6 Christmas Holiday

Jan. 24 Bowling

Feb 7th Spa Day with Nancy Battet

Feb 17th Pirate Day with Dynamix

March 24 Spring is in the Air

June 6th Biodome

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 council meeting.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

Swimming

Friday, June 13th and Monday, June 16th, 2024

Walking

Grades K4 – Grade 6

\$7.00

Motioned by Melissa Samuel. Seconded by Annie Smith. All in favor.

Hike and Bike

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

School Bus

Grade 5

\$32.00

1:6 Ratio

Motioned by Melissa Samuel. Seconded by Tara Beach. All in favor.

Extra Curriculars 2024-2025

Enfant et Compagnie

Alexandra Andreiasi. Seconded by Jordan Lupovici. All in favor.

5.2 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

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

Graduation Fundraisers (TCBY – Guess how Many)

Home and School Fundraisers

Thankful Thursdays

Motioned by Marie France Cousineau. Seconded by Alexandra Andreiasi. All in favor.

6. New Business:

6.1 School Supply Lists

Motioned by Annie Smith. Seconded by Tara Beach. All in favor.

6.2 Consumable Fees 2024-2025

Motioned by Marie France Cousineau. Seconded by Annie Smith. All in favor.

6.3 Calendar 2024-2025

Natalie shared the calendar with the Governing Board.

6.4 Our School Survey Letter

Natalie shared the letter with the Governing Board.

6.5 Educational Project

We are continuing to work on the Educational Project and will be putting the final touches on soon. To be tabled.

6.6 Blanket Fundraising 2024-2025

Motioned by Marie France Cousineau. Seconded by Alexandra Andreiasi. All in favor.

6.7 ABAV Evaluation

Tabled until June.

6.8 Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables

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 13th, 2024.
9. **Adjournment:** Motioned by Jordan Lupovici at 5:43. Seconded by Marcia Ploplis. All in favor.