

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Wednesday, November 27th, 2024 – 5:00PM

Attendance: Jennifer Dolik, Jim MacKinnon, Marcia Ploplis, Kim Policarpio, Natalie Maurice, Isabelle Belanger, Marie France Cousineau, Katherine Malard, Marie Pierre Khouzam, Elizabeth Loeub, Jessica Bedard

Regrets: Nathalie Mancini, Jeff Pyper, Jordan Lupovici, Betty MacKinnon

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of September 26th, 2024 meeting** – Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.
3. **Public Question Period** – No public present.
4. **Reports:**

4.1 Principal / Staff

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was recognized at Beacon Hill on two separate occasions. We had Lieutenant Nikolas Dolmat present to the entire school on Monday, November 4th. As well, a huge thank you to Home and School for funding our piper Graham Batty.

All students received a poppy and listened to readings over the intercom on Monday, November 11th. We also observed a minute of silence to pay our respects.

A huge **THANK YOU** for all the generosity and support from the Beacon Hill families who donated for our annual poppy drive!!! We are donating a total \$350.00 of to the St. Anne de Bellevue Legion's poppy fund.

GRADE 6 ENRICHMENT ENTRANCE EXAM

Students who signed up to write the entrance exam did so on Friday, November 15th in their Grade 6 classrooms. We had a total of 31 Beacon Hill students write the exam.

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim report cards went home on October 10th via kiddy mail. First Term report cards were released via the Moziak Portal on Wednesday, November 20th.

Parent - teacher interviews took place on November 21st and November 22nd 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 Wednesday, November 13th.

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 **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd** and will end on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH**.

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 Riverview Elementary School on December 17th.

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

We will begin preparing for the Beacon Hill Open House which will take place on January 15th. Once we arrive back to school following the holidays – registration begins for the 2025-26 school year.

We have been super busy at school! We were treated to a visit from the BHS band – which we did outdoors as they floor in the gym was not ready.

A double assembly (for September and October) on Halloween where students received certificates for Friendliness and Respect. As well, Mr. Lag, Mr. Dixon and I finally got pie in the face. This month the virtue is Helpfulness.

Beacon Hill participated in the Handball, Ultimate Frisbee and Sr. Cross Country Run Tournaments.

The Boo Bash was very well attended, and the families had an amazing time. As well, the Scholastic Book fair raised almost \$7000 – and half of those funds come back to the school in terms of Scholastic dollars.

4.2 Parent Representative

CPIC info Session

Jennifer Baltuonis - Chairperson

Lily Sacco - Secretary (lsacco@lbpearson.ca) send documents to her for funding application

CPIC - Central professional improvement committee

DPIC - Decentralized professional improvement committee

- **SSO teachers' handbook can be found under the professional development icon on SSO**
- **MEQ allocates \$240 per teacher : 62% to school and 38% to CPIC**
- **CPIC : 10 members (4 teachers, 4 admin, 2 observers)**
 - analyse PD funds
 - liaison with schools
 - can apply to get funding for courses
- **DPIC must cover 25% of total cost and cost of release**
 - **Over \$250, CPIC can approve funding**
 - **Under \$250, local must provide funding**
- **Funding max : \$700 per teacher per conference**
 - **\$2800 per school**
- **Process : apply for funding, then get approval, then get funding**
 - **Signed by DPI chair and principal and approved before event**
 - **Send receipts**
 - **Get reimbursed within 60 days**
 - **\$15 breakfast, \$20 lunch, \$45 dinner**
- **New teachers with less than 3 years experience : eligible once in the 3 years**
 - **For DALP or conference (\$2500 in North America)**
 - **There is a specific new teacher form**

- **University courses : \$70 per credit**
 - **Max is \$420 per teacher, per year**
 - **Must have brevet**

- **Networks subsidy application**
 - **4 teachers from 2 schools**
 - **1 per year per teacher**
 - **Include project number**

- **Special project : 20% of a department in the PD activity (includes subbing)**
 - **Organized retreat or inviting guest to school**

- **CPIC meets once a month only**
 - can contact Lily to know if approval has been granted.

4.3 Home and School

Home and School GB Report-Nov 27, 2024

Catherine Fini

H&S membership: 40 members.

SUMMARY OF FUNDRAISERS and EVENTS:

Fundraisers since September 2024:

- Ongoing pizza lunches-Round 1 from September to January
- School supplies with Editions Vaudreuil
- Lovable Labels-ongoing online
- Enfant et compagnie-\$10 from every registration to H&S
- Mitchell's soup fundraiser
- Scholastic in person Book Fair-raised \$ towards staff resources (Scholastic fund)
- Super Recyclers-Nov 13th

Grad:

- Monthly TCBY-all funds to grad activities/yearbook/ceremony
- Halloween candy guessing jar
- metro bagging fundraiser for Xmas baskets and camping trip

Thanks for our fundraising dollars, H&S has been able to help fund:

- Teacher wish list items granted- music instrument repairs, covered half of the cost of rentals for band, class prizes for gr 5/6
- Beacon Hill Boo Bash family event on Oct 25th
- Library/gym murals

- Terry Fox walk -popsicles and participation gift cards for every class
- Welcome back treats for staff
- Pumpkins purchased for the seniors, decorated by Mme. LaFrance's gr 5/6 students (Maxwell residence)
- Bagpiper in recognition of Remembrance Day-Graham Batty
- Garden commemorative plaque for Anne Mumme for her many years at Beacon Hill
- Updated plaque for Carolyn Waldo
- Name plates including classroom numbers for staff doors

Grad:

- Grad sweatshirts paid for through grad budget

Other ways that our H&S volunteers are involved:

- Distribution of Merenda hot lunch service every Wednesday and Thursday
- Distribution of pizza lunch every Friday
- New school clothing with Royal Blush-order online through H&S website
- Monthly staff treat trolley-baked goods and coffee provided by parents
- Library is back up and running thanks to many H&S volunteers
- H&S survey sent out to all families to gather feedback on communication and engagement within the school community
- Monthly H&S newsletters to keep families up to date on all things H&S
- QFHSA information disseminated to all H&S members

Coming up...

- Holiday Market for all students (3 days of shopping in the library) Dec 3-5th
- Homemade Holiday treats for all staff
- QFHSA books for Staff organized holiday baskets
- Hot chocolate, juice, and bad monkey popcorn leading up to the holiday break
- Volunteers to help distribute the staff organized holiday baskets to families in need
- New doors for bookcase in the resource room

4.4 Daycare

Daycare Governing Board Report- November 27th, 2024

The Beacon Hill SEED (lunch/daycare) program has had a great fall so far! We have cemented our routines (arts and crafts, gym time, homework period, ipads) and enjoyed weekly scheduled visits to the tennis courts/mini park and/or baseball diamond for each group. Our theme of Multiculturalism for November and December can be seen throughout our SEED program with groups creating crafts, listening to music, dancing and talking about different cultures.

Lunch

Activities and Clubs - Lunchtime is busy with activities (Magic, knitting, chess, Pilo Polo), and clubs (Pokemon, soccer, yoga).

Hot lunches (Wednesdays, Thursdays) and **Pizza lunches** (Fridays) **have** been a success so far! Thank you to our Home and School volunteers for their all their organizational help!

Daycare

Activities and Clubs - Our after-school activities are up and running well, (soccer, art, ASL, chess, Robotics and Cosom hockey) as well as our Pokemon Club on Thursdays.

Cooking - Our first cooking week was so much fun! Different groups made different things including brownies, Rice Krispies Treats, and fruit salad. We are looking forward to our next 2, which are the weeks of November 25 and December 16.

Ped Days

September 27 – Gaggle of Games (In house) was a lot of fun for all 63 children! It was such a beautiful day that most of it was spent outside playing. The staff set up stations with many assorted GIGANTIC games, blocks, board games, racquet games, and guessing games. We were also able to enjoy time at the tennis courts, park, and baseball diamond.

November 15 - International Cooking with *Enfant et Compagnie* making Asian Dumplings and Italian Pasta was a huge success with 51 children making and enjoying an international feast!

November 22 - World Celebrations (In house) This ped day will be a holiday extravaganza! The children will celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa through art, music, movement and games.

December 6 - Moana 2 Movie Mania! We will be going to the Kirkland Cineplex theatre to see Moana 2 and enjoying a day of Tropical-themed activities.

4.5 Commissioner

No report.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

Grade 6 Camping Trip / Yamaska National Park
Monday, June 16th, 2025 – Wednesday, June 18th, 2025

Coach Bus

1:6 Ratio

240\$ per student

Motioned by Isabelle Belanger. Seconded by Kim Policarpio. All in favor.

John Rennie High School – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Production
Thursday, December 12th, 2024

School Bus

10:00 – 12:00

1:9 Ratio

\$17.00 per student

Motioned by Katherine Malard. Seconded by Jessica Bedard. All in favor.

Salle Pauline Julien
Grade K4 and K5
Wednesday, June 11th, 2025
School Bus
8:00-11:00
0 \$ per student

Motioned by Elizabeth Loeub. Seconded by Marie Pierre Khouzam. All in favor.

Grade 6 Volleyball – John Abbott College
Wednesday, January 8th
School Bus
9:00-2:10
1:10 Ratio
\$20 per student
Already pre-approved.

5.2 Fundraising:

6. New Business:

6.1 Revised School Budget

Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

6.2 Revised Daycare Budget

Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

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 13th, 2025.

9. Adjournment: Motioned by Kim Policarpio at 5:30. Seconded by Jessica Bedard. All in favor.