

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Thursday, October 7th, 2021 – 6:30 PM

Attendance: Barbara Adler, Betty and Jim MacKinnon, Catherine Fini, Celena Scheede – Bergdahl, Gareth Lim, Ian Chuprun, Marcia Ploplis, Marie France Antonucci, Marilynne Boyer, Nathalie Noiseux, Pary Skarogiannis, Natalie Maurice, Cassandra Benneter

Regrets: Jasmine Lacombe, Isabelle Belanger, Sabrina Sciascia

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Celena Scheede - Bergdahl. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2021 meeting** – Motioned by Ian Chuprun. Seconded by Gareth Lim. All in favor.
3. **Public Question Period** – No public present.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal

We have had a great start to the school year. We are at 288 students and continuing to grow. We welcomed many new families to Beacon Hill this year. All students have settled into their routines with their teachers.

Staff Information:

I would like to welcome both Ms. Angeliki Apostolakis and Megan Legere. Ms. A has taken on the permanent position of Music teacher. This school year she has a 50% assignment. Ms. Megan Legere will begin in role as 50% music teacher and 44% drama teacher following Thanksgiving.

We welcome Mme. Alexandra Andreiasi as our Maternelle teacher. As well, welcome to Ms. Stephanie Dessureault who will be teaching our Outdoor Education program.

Mr. Jason Naipaul is back at Beacon Hill teaching the Grade English 4 class. We also welcome Sherilyn Santlal Brent Frederick as Integration Aides. Cassandra Benneter joins our Resource team, as well, co-teaching the Grade 1 class with Mme. Sophie Labrom.

Cheryl La France will be staff assistant for the 2021-22 school year She acts as the principal in my absence from the building. She also is a representative for our Anti – Violence and Anti – Bullying Policy.

The Beacon Hill staff has signed up for various committees.

Lockdown, Fire and Emergency Evacuation Drills

We have completed 5 fire drills and 1 lock down.

Our Emergency Preparedness Committee has been given various duties and the binder has been updated as well (and signed by the Regional Director).

Beacon Hill was proud to host their very first Tournament – Ultimate Frisbee on September 21st followed by our second tournament – Handball on October 5th. Great fun was had by all.

The Orange Shirt Committee is working on activities for September 30th. The entire school was encouraged to wear orange to recognize the day.

4.2 Staff

Beacon Hill had a great start to the year with great big smiles and some new faces, including our new Principal, Ms. Natalie Maurice. Welcome!

Students began their first full day on August 31st.

K4 students began with two half days.

Due to Covid procedures, teachers held curriculum night by zoom on September 2nd.

During the month of September, we have had three fire drill practices and one lock down drill.

Everyone did amazingly well.

Weather was nice and hot for Ultimate Frisbee on Sept.21st. Beacon Hill hosted other schools to participate in this event.

School photos were taken on Tuesday Sept. 21st.

Orange Shirt Day was celebrated with a school-wide walk around the field on Sept 30th. Mr. Sam Ojeda, a First Nations speaker, opened the ceremony with a zoom presentation for the entire school. Many other class projects, stories, crafts, and activities were (and still are) underway to acknowledge this special day.

4.3 Parent Rep

No report.

4.4 Home and School

Calendar of Events (including Fundraisers) seeking APPROVAL refer to calendar below:

Upcoming:

Oct: Fred's Halloween box

Halloween Boxes (Fred's) to support the diabetic children's resource foundation (children living with type 1 diabetes)

This is a non-profit organization with a mission to: support and develop activities of Camp Carowanis, a specialized camp for diabetic children and teenagers, develop and facilitate training and information sessions on pediatric diabetes, promote optimal care for children living with diabetes in Quebec.

We ask that students bring in a loonie or a toonie for this fundraiser, and we encourage them to take the Fred's Halloween box out with them while trick or treating. We raised \$911 in 2019 and \$520 in 2020

Oct: Pumpkin patch-details TBD

Nov-Pink anti-bullying t-shirts-Donations requested to an anti-bullying charity

Nov-New school clothing-distribution via kiddie mail

Nov- Fall fundraising campaign via shopify-TBD-Similar to last year- Shopify Coffee, Non perishable food items through Epicure and Christmas Tress/Wreaths, Felix and Norton cookies. Pickup at school or residence. Items via

Nov 25-Super Recyclers -The trailer will be on site all day until early morning on the 26th.

Ongoing-Pizza/TRU Earth, Lovable labels, FlipGive, Used clothing bundles, online donations

H&S Calendar 2021-2022:

Version 2 (Last updated September 21- 2021): Includes any services/events/fundraisers that are hosted by H&S, or funded in part by H&S, or whereby H&S volunteers are requested. *(Dates may change after LBPSB events are posted, i.e. open houses)*

FUNDRAISERS IN yellow

DATE	EVENT	NOTES	Volunteers needed
Aug 24	Pick-up School Supplies & Clothing	5:00-6:30	3-Outside the school
Sept 2	Curriculum Night – Did not happen in 2021 (covid)	GB AGM, membership table & clothing orders	President speech, VPs at table- Pending covid protocols
Sept 21	Picture day		-as per principal Pending covid protocols
Oct	Terry Fox	popsicles	– Marcia Pending covid protocols
Oct	Jungle Sport		None
Sept-Oct	New School Clothing order	Distribution Via kiddie mail	None
Oct	Fred's Halloween box	Funds to charity- Diabetes	None
Oct	Pumpkin patch-TBD fundraiser	Or hand out to kids to decorate	Pending covid restrictions
Nov	Online Fall Fundraising campaign (items TBD)	Online-Felix Norton/ Bo Sapin wreaths/trees Santropol coffee/Epicure boxes/Calendar??	1-2 at pickup (outside-residence)

Nov	Pink anti-bullying t-shirts	Donations requested to charity	None
Nov	Vaccination (Gr 4)	Snack and juice	2- Pending covid protocols
	Grad fundraiser TBC		
Nov	Teachers Convention-online in 2021	100\$/teacher	None
Nov 25	Super Recyclers -	All day until AM Nov 26/ insurance	None
Nov 25-26	Book Fair -TBD or closer to Family Literacy Day on Jan 27 (or Scholastic)		Pending covid protocols
Dec	Holiday gift shop-TBD		10-pending covid restrictions
Jan 19	Open House	H&S Membership table	Pending covid protocols
Feb 7-11	STRAW week	various initiatives through the year	Pending covid protocols
Feb 21-25	Carnival Week	Bingo Prize, snack, Ice wall and photo	Ice wall coordinator and 2-3 volunteers- Pending covid protocols

April 28	Art Gala TBD	March 31 backup date (did not have 2019/2020)	10-15-Pending covid protocols
April 5, 6	Super Recyclers	Insurance	None
April/May	Foster Child	2 events to raise funds for Plan Intl Canada	Coordinator to set up campaign in school- Pending covid protocols
May?	Volunteer Tea/thank you	Mr Lag (did not have 2019/2020)	Pending covid protocols
May?	New Parents Visit & Preparing for high school workshop	Promote items +H&S Membership table	Pending covid protocols
May	Vaccination (grade 4)	Snack and juice	2- Pending covid protocols
June 2	BBQ	Need volunteers next day too	10-15- Pending covid protocols
JUNE 9 or 16	Grad		? +grade 5 parents
Last week of school	Ice cream truck-TBD		1-pending covid restrictions

Ongoing fundraisers (always on shopify):

Tru Earth eco-friendly products: 20% sales back to H&S

Flip Give: parents sign up, make purchases via website and % sales goes to H&S

Pre-loved clothing bundles: 100% funds back to H&S

Lovable labels: 20% of sales back to H&S

Online donations: 100% of funds back to H&S

Other ideas with no set dates: TCBY fundraiser

Pizza Dates: Daycare/lunch monitors (usually 2-3 volunteers)

(3 food fundraisers according to LBPSB food policy/plan pizza days around trips and sports)

Sept 10, 17

Oct 1, 8, 29

Nov 5, 12

Dec 3, 10, 17

Jan 7, 14, 28

Feb 11, 25

March 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 29

May 6, 13, 20

June 10, 17

Tournaments/Sporting Dates: (volunteers pending covid restrictions)

Oct 5 or 6 handball

Oct 18, 19 Cross Country

Jan 10-12 Volleyball

Feb 10 X country ski

March 28 Tchoukball

May 9, 10 Jr X country

May 31-June 1 Track & Field

Home & School Meetings: Virtual unless otherwise noted

Sept 13 AGM 7-7:30, Meeting 7:30-8

Oct 18, Nov 22, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 21, April 25, May 30

Other important dates to remember (to avoid conflict with H&S events)

Dec: Grade 5 Bake sale-funds for Jouvence (not H&S fundraiser)

Jan: Jouvence trip

June 15-17 or June 20-21: Grad trip

4.5 Daycare

Registration for daycare is currently at 97 students

Our theme this month is Community. The kindergarten students had lots of fun making firemen puppets.

On the Sept 20th ped day we celebrated our uniqueness and the things that we are proud of. Children decorated t-shirts and learned new outdoor games and unique crafts.

Thanks to all the daycare and lunch staff for helping out with the first pizza lunch. Everything went smoothly and the children were excited to have their pizza lunches back.

As stated in the Daycare Rules and Regulations, a minimum of 3 daycare parents must request interest in establishing a Daycare Advisory Committee by September 30th. No requests have been received.

4.6 Commissioner

Please see attached. The move to St. Thomas is completed but areas are under construction due to delays (labor shortage). Not in areas where students are. Tonight, is the St. Thomas Open House.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

Blanket Approval for 2021 – 2022 Tournaments – the tournaments will range in cost from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Motioned by Ian Chuprun. Seconded by Cassandra Benneter. All in favor.

5.2 Fundraising:

Terry Fox Run – October 29th. Donations will be collected online once again this year. Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

Remembrance Day – November 11th. Donations will be collected for poppies. Motioned by Ian Chuprun. Seconded by Catherine Fini. All in favor.

Holiday Food Drive / Gift Cards / Monetary Donations – during the month of December. Motioned by Celena Scheede – Bergdahl. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

School Supplies & Clothing. Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Ian Chuprun. All in favor.

New School Clothing Orders. Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Ian Chuprun. All in favor.

Fred's Halloween Box. Motioned by Marie France Antonucci. Seconded by Gareth Lim. All in favor.

Online Fall Fundraising campaign (items TBD) – changed to Spring. Motioned to approve by Ian Chuprun with more details to come at the next Governing Board. Seconded by Marie France Antonucci. All in favor.

Pink Anti-Bullying t-shirts. Home and School will provide pink t-shirts free of charge, however, there will be an option for parents to donate to charity. Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded Celena Scheede – Bergdahl.

Super Recyclers for the Fall and Spring – Motioned by Celena Scheede – Bergdahl. Seconded by Gareth Lim. All in favor.

Holiday Gift Shop – if the Covid restrictions permit. Motioned by Celena Scheede – Bergdahl. Seconded Marie France Antonucci. All in favor.

Art Gala. Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Cassandra Benneter. All in favor.

June BBQ. Motioned by Celena Scheede – Bergdahl. Seconded by Ian Chuprun. All in favor.

Blanket approval for fundraisers below:

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Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Marie France Antonucci. All in favor.

Graduation Fundraiser – collection of prizes to fill baskets. Tickets will be held for a draw. Collection will take place October 15th – October 30th. The sale of tickets will take place November 15th – December 5th.

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

6. New Business:

6.1 Elect Chair and Secretary (Parent Committee Representatives: Celena - Scheede – Bergdahl and Ian Chuprun - alternate).

Motion to elect Marcia Ploplis as Governing Board Chair for the 2021-2022 school year by. Motioned by Marcia Ploplis. Seconded by Celena Scheede - Bergdahl. All in favor.

Motion to elect Pary Skarogiannis as secretary. Motioned by Pary Skarogiannis. Seconded by Marie France Antonucci. All in favor.

6.2 Appoint community representatives (Betty and Jim MacKinnon).

6.3 Prepare and adopt GB operating budget. Tabled.

6.4 Internal Rules of Management. Natalie Maurice would like to change in section 11.0 – reports (Commissioner, Regional Parent Representative, Daycare, Graduation Committee, Support Staff, Home & School, Teachers, Principal) to reflect the current agenda: Principal. Staff. Parent Rep. Home & School. Daycare. Commissioners.

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Marcia Ploplis. All in favor.

6.5 Review recommendations from GB annual report

With respect to the implementation of Major School Change resulting in the relocation of St. Thomas High School from the Ambassador location to Broadview Ave commencing in September 2021, we should be looking for a board consultation looking at the redistribution of bussing zones to be more reflective of the reality of the changed situation and the location of many of our students who presently may not be eligible for bussing, as they were previously zoned for St. Thomas and may now be looking to transition to BHS or PCHS depending on where they live – NOT APPLICABLE.

Governing Board training would be useful and should be provided to all GB members to better understand their roles and responsibilities on GB – the current Governing Board did suggest that there is not really a need to state this is ongoing expectation to continue to encourage members for training.

Marilyne Boyer pointed out the in the June minutes this report had not been approved. Motioned by Marie France Antonucci. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

6.6 Establish Daycare Advisory Committee, upon request.

There was no demand from the Beacon Hill Daycare Parents to establish a Daycare Advisory Committee for the 2021-22 school year.

6.7 Emergency Preparedness Plan

The binder is complete and has been signed by the Regional Director.
Motioned by Marie France Antonucci. Seconded by Pary Skarogiannis. All in favor.

6.8 Schedule GB meeting dates for 2021-2022:

October 15th, December 9th, February 17th, May 12th, and June 9th. More meeting dates may be added if needed.

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

8. Date and Times of Meetings: Please see above. The next Governing Board meeting will take place on December 9th on at 6:30 pm.

Gareth Lim had two questions prior to adjournment:

Parents were wondering how the rapid tests would be implemented. The waiver did not seem to provide very much information. Natalie Maurice explained that both herself and Lynn Milburn had received training for the Pan Bio rapid testing. The testing does involve a nasal swab and takes about 15 minutes. If a student is negative – they will still be sent home since they are displaying Covid symptoms and are unwell. They will be asked to call Sante Publique. If the student is positive – the student will be sent home, and to call Sante Publique. They will need to get the more extensive test at the testing center and then they school will wait for further directions. Natalie Maurice said she would share this information with the school board regarding clarity of the testing procedure.

The second question was regarding ventilation. Will windows and doors still be open? Yes. Can an additional filter be made and brought in? Natalie Maurice said that she believes unless mandated and approved by the government, this is not possible. Should this parent require more information, to please contact her and she can direct thus parent to the appropriate channels at the school board.

9. Adjournment: Motioned by Gareth Lim at 7:27, Seconded by Marie France Antonucci. All in favor.