

## BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Thursday, December 9th, 2021 – 6:30 PM

**Attendance:** Barbara Adler, Betty and Jim MacKinnon, Catherine Fini, Celena Scheede – Bergdahl, Gareth Lim, Ian Chuprun, Marcia Ploplis, Nathalie Noiseux, Pary Skarogiannis, Natalie Maurice, Cassandra Benneter, Jasmine Lacombe, Isabelle Belanger, Sabrina Sciascia

**Regrets:** Marie France Antonucci, Marilyne Boyer

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Ian Chuprun. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 7th, 2021 meeting** – Motioned by Gareth Lim. Seconded by Catherine Fini. All in favor.
3. **Public Question Period** – No public present.

#### 4. Reports:

##### 4.1 Principal

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was recognized at Beacon Hill. A huge **THANK YOU** for all the generosity and support from the Beacon Hill families who donated for our annual poppy drive!!! This also included a reading of Flanders Fields. The students and staff observed a moment of silence. We had a traditional bag piper who piped for our outdoor assembly – thanks to Home and School.

#### PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

In October – we filmed / edited the Beacon Hill Promotional Video for Kindergarten OPEN HOUSE 2022! The Open House Committee is busy working and planning for the January Virtual Open House.

#### PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent - teacher interviews took place on November 25th and November 26th via ZOOM. The families also had the opportunity to sign up with the Phys. Ed, Music, and Drama specialists.

## ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY

The entire school will have level assemblies in December for Anti-Bullying. Both myself and Julia will lead the assemblies to discuss conflict vs. bullying, pink t-shirts, the Buddy Benches and the Code of Conduct.

## 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 November 25<sup>th</sup>.

## FRANCISATION

Beacon Hill welcomed Alex Wilson – who worked with students for Francisation. She did several weeks of intervention with students who needed the support.

## HOLIDAY NEWS

Beacon Hill will have a Holiday Basket collection this year. Please see below for details:

**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, etc, would be appreciated as well.

Below is a list of non-perishable items divided by grade level.

The collection will begin on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>** and end **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**.

**KINDERGARTEN**: - CRACKERS, HEARTY SOUPS, BOXED STUFFING, GRAVY

**GRADE 1**: - HOLIDAY COOKIES, CANDIES, PUDDINGS, JELLO, APPLESAUCE

**GRADES 2**: - PASTA, PASTA SAUCES, KRAFT DINNER, RICE

**GRADES 3**: - CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED CRANBERRIES, BEANS

**GRADE 4**: - TOILET PAPER, KLEENEX, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SOAP, SHAMPOO

**GRADE 5**: - TUNA, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE JUICES, FLOUR, SUGAR, OIL

**GRADE 6**: CEREAL, PANCAKE MIX, JAM, HONEY, SYRUP, OATMEAL

As well – we will have the 12 days of the Holidays beginning on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. We have many fun activities to promote school spirit and holiday fun!

### VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

5 – 11 years old children will be eligible to be vaccinated either at school or at a vaccination site. Lynn and I will be working on this to ensure a smooth day for those who participate.

#### **4.2 Staff**

October 19: Beacon Hill held its' Halloween Pumpkin Patch. Students picked a pumpkin of their own to take home.

October 20: The entire school participated in multiple outdoor activities for “Take Me Outside”

October 25: School photo retakes

October 27: Grades 4-6 participated in the Cross-Country Run at the Morgan Arboretum.

November 11: School wide Remembrance Day assembly.

#### **4.3 Parent Rep**

No report.

#### **4.4 Home and School**

### **SUMMARY OF FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS:**

55 H&S members

#### **Fundraisers since September 2021:**

Ongoing pizza lunches

Fred's Halloween box-raised \$ for children living with type 1 diabetes

New School clothing

Pre-loved school clothing

School supplies

Scholastic virtual book fair

Super Recyclers

Grad holiday basket draw

Online: TRU-Earth, Flip Give, Lovable Labels

Other-Donations still coming in for-Pearson Educational Foundation-equity and inclusivity fund

**H&S has helped to fund the following so far:**

Welcome back refreshments for staff

Teacher's wish list granted: 3x buddy benches

Pink Anti-bullying T-shirts for all students and staff purchased-to be delivered in Jan  
Nov 11 Piper

Jungle Sport partly subsidized (May 24-27)

Pumpkin patch: pumpkins for all students & for seniors (BHCA and Maxwell residence)

Grad hoodies

Tulip bulbs planted in front garden

**Coming up:**

Staff treats for Xmas

4 Xmas trees set up in front of school

Bad monkey popcorn bags provided to students for movie day on Dec 20

Winter carnival-ice wall/bingo prizes

STRAW

Foster Child

Art Gala?

BBQ?

#### **4.5 Daycare**

On the Nov 19th ped day our theme was Rock, Paper, Scissors. We painted rocks, created, and flew paper planes and did a variety of paper crafts. Outside play was gathering more rocks and playing in the leaves.

On the Nov 26<sup>th</sup> ped day the theme was minute to win it. The day was filled with many different challenges that the children had a minute (or more for the little ones) to complete. It was a wonderful day – filled with action, fun and lots of laughter.

On a personal note, I have very mixed feelings about my announcement. I have decided to retire at the end of December. I have been at Beacon Hill for over 15 years and before that I worked in other schools in the Board. It has been a joy and a pleasure to work with the children. In daycare we are able to meet them as they start their learning adventure and stay with them as they get their diplomas. It is a unique feeling to see them grow and move on to high school.

I have had the opportunity to meet many wonderful families and work with some incredible teachers and administrators. Beacon Hill has always felt like home to me. Thank you all for the support you give the daycare team. It has been a pleasure to be on Governing Board.

#### **4.6 Commissioner**

Please see attached.

#### **5. Business Arising:**

##### **5.1 Field trips:**

##### **Grade 6 Grad Camping Trip – Yamaska**

Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

Coach Bus

Grade 6

1:6 Ratio

\$225

Motioned by Ian Chuprun. Seconded by Cassandra Benneter. All in favor.

##### **Downhill Skiing – Mont Rigaud**

Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

8:30 – 4:00

School Bus

Grade 5 & 6

1:11 Ratio

\$36-85

Motioned by Celena Scheede – Bergdahl. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

##### **Classe Nature – Winter Camp - Jouvence**

Grade 5 – January 24<sup>th</sup> – January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Grade 6 – January 26 – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

School Bus

Grade 5 & Grade 6

1:10 Ratio

\$280

Motioned by Ian Chuprun. Seconded by Sabrina Sciascia. All in favor.

A question was raised regarding Jouvence's Covid policies. Will children be wearing masks in the rooms? When sleeping? More information should be provided to parents regarding the safety protocols. What will happen to the students who stay behind? Natalie Maurice suggested that the students can stay in the daycare / resource room as we cannot mix bubbles. Natalie will speak to the teachers to ask for more information to be given to parents.

## **Curling – Hudson Legion**

Month of March

9:00 – 2:10

School Bus

Grade 3

1:4 Ratio

\$13.00

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Jasmine Lacombe. All in favor.

## **Cross Country Ski Loppet**

Please note that the date has changed from February 10<sup>th</sup> to February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **5.2 Fundraising:**

**Seeking APPROVAL:** Felix and Norton cookies Fundraiser

2-4 flavors/cost \$6 for a bag/ sell for \$10

**Seeking APPROVAL:** BHILL Tuques Fundraiser

Special order in January/ cost 11.50/ extra for name/ selling for \$15 final price

TBD

Motioned by Sabrina Sciascia. Seconded by Celena Scheede – Bergdahl. All in favor.

### **6. New Business:**

#### **6.1 November Revised School Budget**

Motioned by Ian Chuprun. Seconded by Catherine Fini. All in favor.

#### **6.2 November Revised Daycare Budget**

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Celena Scheede – Bergdahl. All in favor.

A question was asked regarding who takes care of debt should this happen. It was explained that the debt carries forward. A question was asked regarding the K4 educator's salaries – do we get subsidies from the Government. Barbara explained that we do – but not enough to cover.

#### **6.3 Annual Report**

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Celena Scheede – Bergdahl. All in favor.

A question was raised regarding the high anxiety rate results from the Our School Survey. Natalie explained that the results were shared with staff, and they will keep these results in mind when working on the new Educational Project in the New Year. It was also explained that these results are up to interpretation as to how the test is administered. The school also has invested in a Behavior / Special Education Technician, as well as devoting funds to extra Resource support.

**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 February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on at 6:30 pm.
9. **Adjournment:** Motioned by Cassandra Benneter at 7:30, Seconded by Jasmine Lacombe. All in favor.

A land acknowledgement will begin all Governing Board meetings moving forward.