

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2022 – 6:30 PM

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

Regrets: Tara Beach, Melissa Samuel

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

- 1. Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Marie France Cousineau. Seconded by Nathalie Mancini. All in favor.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of September 28th, 2022 meeting** – Motioned by Catherine Fini. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.
- 3. Public Question Period** – No public present.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal

The holiday season is quickly approaching and so is the end of 2022! I am so thankful to share that we have had a great start to the 2022-23 school year. School spirit is on the rise and so many activities have been brought forth for students and staff to enjoy.

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!!! 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!

GRADE 6 ENRICHMENT ENTRANCE EXAM

Students who signed up to write the entrance exam did so on Friday, November 11th in their Grade 6 classrooms. Parents will receive information regarding their child's placement the week of January 16th.

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim report cards went home on October 6th via kiddy mail. First Term report cards were released via the Moziak Portal on Wednesday, November 16th.

Parent - teacher interviews took place on November 17th and November 18th 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 November 21st.

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 **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST** and will end on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.**

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 Beurling Academy High School.

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

OPEN HOUSE

We will begin preparing for the Beacon Hill Open House which will take place on January 17th. Once we arrive back to school following the holidays – registration begins for the 2023-24 school year.

4.2 Staff

September 26: Staff and students kicked-off Reconciliation Week with a guest appearance by Makhena who presented a brief introduction about her upbringing and entertained us with spectacular Hoop Dancing.

September 28: Photo Day. It was so nice to (finally) be able to do this again.

September 30: Beacon Hill acknowledged Orange Shirt Day. Students had been working hard throughout the week learning about what this day represents. The entire school participated in a morning parade to mark this important day.

September 30: Monthly Celebration Assembly was held to address the virtue “Respect”.

October 6: Beacon Hill hosted the Handball Tournament to grade 5 and 6 students. Four schools participated in this event. Thankfully, it was a beautiful sunny day to help make this event enjoyable.

October 19: Grades 4, 5 and 6 went had their 1.5 km Cross country Run at the Morgan Arboretum

October 17- 20: Beacon Hill hosted an in-school Book Fair. Students from all grade levels were able to visit the book fair and purchase books.

October 20: Beacon Hill hosted its “Spooky Hill Pumpkin Patch” from 2:30-5:30. Students (along with their parents) were able to choose a pumpkin, and participate in games, along with treats and beverages. Additional activities were organized by the Kindness Committee. This was a great event to start the Halloween spirit!

October 20: The Beaconsfield High School Band put on a performance for grades 4, 5 and 6 in the afternoon.

October 25: Pilo Polo has started for grades 4, 5 and 6 and will continue till Dec. 2nd

November 10: The entire school gathered in the gym for our Remembrance Day Assembly. A piper was present to start the ceremony.

Thanks to Home & School, a lovely display was set up in the front entrance of the school. A picture was taken of every student in a "hot air balloon" and a printed copy was sent home. Such a wonderful welcoming gesture to start off the school year!

4.3 Parent Rep

Parent Committee Meeting November 10, 2022

1. Upcoming presentation by Michael Unger on *Raising Children in the Current Context* on January 19th

More information will be made available to the PC so that it can be shared with GBs & principle.

2. PC approved for Allo Prof to present at the next meeting on December 8th. Allo prof contains French mother tongue content. English content recently added.
3. Covid Tests: School board receives them and as they have nowhere to store them they are forwarded to the schools.
4. PC received *The School Centre Name & External Property Name Policy* for review & comments. Ran out of time to discuss at the meeting. Topic was tabled and will be continued on the online platform used by the PC.

4.4 Home and School

Seeking APPROVAL -Family ticket price at Art Gala on April 4th: \$25 includes admission for the entire family, snacks, beverages, activity for kids, art donation. Motioned by Catherine Fini. Seconded Nathalie Nosieux. All in favor.

ECA to begin following the holidays.
All in favor.

SUMMARY OF FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS: RED added since last meeting

H&S membership: 56 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)

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)**

Coming up:

- **New tournament t-shirts for students and staff (replacing select old ones)**
- **Grad holiday basket draw-December**
- **Holiday treats for staff**

4.5 Daycare

Daycare Governing Board Report-November 23rd, 2022

Beacon Hill Daycare continues to thrive with many new students joining us. The use of the HopHop app has made parent waiting time significantly shorter. We continue to offer homework periods, gym time, library time, cooking, science, and outdoor playtime as part of our program.

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!

Ped Days

Beacon Hill daycare went to the Ostrich Farm on September 23rd. It was a huge success. The students were able to pet and feed the animals, played in their outside playground, and learned more about ostriches.

We also had Reptizoo visit us on October 3rd. The students were able to touch different types of reptiles. The snakes were a hit!

Daycare Business

2022-2023 School Year

Following the new government regulations, ped day fees must reflect the **exact** cost per child. I am therefore requesting approval for a blanket maximum fee of \$50 for all ped days taking into account that:

In-house ped days:

supervision fee is \$12/student

Off-site ped days:

buses are \$17/person

Motioned by Daniela Lemmetti. Seconded by Marie France Cousineau. All in favor.

I am also requesting that a maximum of 60 students be permitted to attend on ped days that require a school bus. All registrations received after that will be put on a wait list. All non-regular daycare students will also be put on a wait list. To reserve a second bus, we would need a minimum of 10 additional students.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

Grade 6 Graduation Trip - Yamaska

Monday, June 19th – Wednesday, June 21st, 2023

Coach Bus

Grade 6

1:6 Ratio

\$250.00

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

The Nutcracker

Thursday, December 1st, 2022

8:00 – 12:00

School Bus

Grade 3 & 4

1:11 Ratio

\$0

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

Alice in Wonderland Play – John Rennie High School

Monday, December 12th, 2022

8:45 – 11:45

School Bus

Grade 5 & 6

1:6 Ratio

\$0

Motioned by Isabell Belanger. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

Eco – Museum – Birds of Prey

Monday, January 9th and Tuesday, January 10th, 2023

8:45 – 11:45

No transportation

Grade 1 & 2

No ratio required

\$14.50

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

5.2 Fundraising:

Grade 5 Bake Sale

Friday, December 16th

Prices range from 25 cents to 1 dollar.

Motioned Isabelle Belanger. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

6. New Business:

6.1 Revised School Budget 2022-23

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Daniela Lemmetti. All in favor.

6.2 Revised Daycare Budget 2022-23

Tabled until February 2023.

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 16th, 2023.

9. Adjournment: Motioned by at 7:19 by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Nathalie Mancini. All in favor.

