

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Thursday, February 16th, 2023 – 6:30 PM

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

Regrets: Melissa Samuel, Marilynne Boyer

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

- 1. Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Nathalie Mancini. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of November 23rd, 2022 meeting** – Motioned by Catherine Fini. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.
- 3. Public Question Period** – No public present.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal

The office has been very busy preparing for next year. We came back from the holidays with Open House on January 17th. Many thanks to Home and School, as well as the parent volunteers who came in to help make the event a success. We had approximately 30 – 40 families to date.

The re-registration period began on January 16th for siblings. High school registration for Grade 6 students started on January 23rd, as well for K4/K5 and new students. K4/K5, news students and re-registration period continued the week of January 30th – February 3rd.

The school library also opened on Monday, January 23rd. We were able to secure enough volunteers to cover the shifts that take place on Mondays and Thursdays. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the library once a week. They were very happy to return to the wonderful space and take out books.

January 20th was a school board-based PED day. The staff met and began discussions about the new Education Project for BH for 2034-24. The government is working on their direction – which is then passed to the school board – which is then passed to the school level – which is finally passed to the GB and the community at large. We take this process and make sure to give it the time and effort – it is a very important component of the school's direction. The staff (and daycare) will be involved in brainstorming and collaborative meetings to make sure that we are a cohesive and moving forward together.

February 10th was a professional development day for staff. We had the opportunity to hear a presentation from Dave Melnick.

Here is a brief description and a few points from the day:

Many students today arrive at school with unprecedented adversity due to high rates of traumatic stress, social isolation, and systemic inequities. Oftentimes our traditional methods of relationship building, discipline, and instruction fall short for these students, leaving educators strained, frustrated, and self-doubting. In this workshop, we will begin to study the harmful effects of trauma on students, their families, and on the workforce. We examine how traditional mindsets and beliefs systems can cause harm and even exacerbate the very conditions we are trying to address. Trauma Transformation is part of equity work, and we will begin to examine the impact of white supremacy, racism, and sociocultural trauma, as well as discrimination based on gender identity, sexual orientation, or ability and other types of traumas. The groundwork for Trauma Transformation begins with education about trauma including areas of impact, resilience factors and the context for healing and well-being. We will focus on an “Outcome Formula” designed to challenge conventional and traditional approaches to acting out and then begin to explore the “5 Key Practices” necessary for a trauma-informed workforce. These practices include Stress, Reflective Practices, Reframing, Relationality, and Co-Care.

The Kindness Committee has been busy planning events for school spirit. We have decided to have dress down dates every Wednesday leading up to the Easter Break. As well, they have busy planning events for PINK shirt day – and Kindness initiatives throughout the month. We had our monthly assembly for Trustworthiness and are now moving onto to Kindness for the month of February.

Wednesday, January 18th – Chinese New Year – wear red

Wednesday, January 25th – Jersey Day (any sport / team jersey)

Wednesday, February 1st – Idol Day (dress like your idol)

Wednesday, February 8th – Fun in the Sun (beach / summer attire)

Tuesday, February 14th – Wear red, pink and white (Valentine cards are welcome – no treats (candy, baking, chocolate to be exchanged))

Wednesday, February 22nd – PINK t-shirt day (annual PINK shirt day – more information to follow)

Wednesday, March 1st – Twinning Day (dress like a friend – twins, triplets, etc)

Wednesday, March 15th – Crazy Hat Day (wear a Crazy Hat and bring a donation for the BH Sponsor Child – more information to follow)

Wednesday, March 22nd – Rainbow Day (wear a color of the rainbow)

Wednesday, March 29th – Decades Day (dress from your favorite decade)

Wednesday, April 5th – Superhero Day (dress as a superhero)

4.2 Staff

December 12: Grades 5 & 6 attended John Rennie High School to see the Alice in Wonderland play.

December 13: Students and staff participated in a School wide Bingo with prizes donated from Home and School.

December 14: Holiday Hair and Holiday Sweater Day.

December 15: Guest visit and presentation for the entire school from Astronaut Brian Ewenson.

December 16: Students voted on the winning Gingerbread House (which were assembled by the teachers).

December 21: Students were treated to a Pancake Breakfast.

January 9 & 10: Cycle 1 students had an in-school visit from the Ecomuseum presenting Birds of Prey.

January 12: Grade 6 participated in the LBPSB Volleyball Tournament and John Abbott College.

January 12: Community Officer Presentation for K4 and K5.

January 13: Assembly for Generosity Virtue of the Month (December).

January 17: Beacon Hill Open House.

January 17: Community Officer Presentation for Grades 1 & 2.

January 18: Spirit Day – wear red to celebrate Chinese New Year.

January 23: Extracurricular activities began (Cosmo Hockey, Spa and Wellness, Kids Science).

January 25: Spirit Day - wear a Jersey (sport/team).

January 30: Assembly for Trustworthiness Virtue of the Month (January).

February 1: Spirit Day - dress as your favorite idol.

February 1-3: Grade 5 students went to Jouvence.

February 8: Spirit Day: Fun in the sun – beach day!

February 6: Amen presentation for Cycle 2 & 3.

February 8: Ski Loppet.

February 8: Grade 3 presentation – Paulusi Angiyou and Tom Rhymes.

February 10: Region 1 Day.

February 14: Valentine's Day and wear red.

February 15: Luc Bambara Presentation

February 22: Pink Shirt Day.

February 28: Grade 5 Triathlon.

March 1: Spirit Day – twinning day.

March 1: School wide BINGO.

March 2: Movie and PJ Day.

4.3 Parent Rep

Catherine Fini and Katherine Malard (parent reps)

Official PC Minutes are not shared by PC secretary until they are approved at following meeting. The only available minutes on baseline as of Feb 6-2023 are the Nov 10-2022 minutes (see separate attachment)

Notes from PC meeting on Dec 8-2022 (Catherine Fini)

Shane thanked Thomas Rhymes for dedication over years and congratulated on retirement.

PC focus this year on: Equity, Dignity, Diversity, Inclusivity and Green initiatives.

Varia-complaint about bus service communication and how this can be improved.

Presentation by ALLO PROF rep Lisa Lorenzitti

- Allo Prof is a free online platform- student & parent resource.
- Content for grade 1 through High School.
- They are working on making it bilingual (originally created with French content only).
- Tutors, motivational timer, ask a teacher helpline, exam preparation, parent resources for emotional support etc.

Notes from Parent Committee- Jan 12, 2023 (Katherine Malard)

Internal Rules & Procedures for PC

- will be posted on BaseCamp
- Vote to adopt at next meeting

Region Subcommittee Elections

This subcommittee groups PC reps from each region for meeting with regional directors

- BH part of Region 1
- Voted on chair, co-chair & communications/ note-taker

4.4 Home and School

SUMMARY OF FUNDRAISERS/EVENTS: RED added since last meeting.

H&S membership: 57 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)
- **Grad Valentine basket raffle**

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)
- Holiday treats for staff
- **Contributions to the staff-organized food baskets (6 bundles of household items from holiday market stock)**
- **Open House refreshments and take away gifts provided to new families**
- **After school activities are back with enfant et companies-a new H&S coordinator appointed**
- **Staff Appreciation Week surprises including gifts, treats, pot luck lunch**
- **Library is back in session! A new H&S coordinator appointed to schedule volunteers**
- **Luc Bambara, an African drumming and dancing performer, will hold a workshop for all students in recognition of Black History month**

Coming up:

- **New tournament t-shirts for students and staff (replacing select old ones)**
- **New Mascot design (in the works)**

- H&S contributions towards Carnival week include snacks and juice, bingo prizes, and gift certificates for our Just Dance competition
- End of March: 2nd in person book fair
- April 4-Art Gala to raise funds for music department (repairs and new instruments)
- May 24-Super Recyclers
- May 31-End of year BBQ

4.5 Daycare

Daycare Governing Board Report-February 16th, 2023

Daycare Business

2022-2023 School Year

Beacon Hill Daycare continues to thrive with many new students joining us!

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! And thank you to the daycare educators for picking up the pizzas and handing them out to the students.

Ped Days

January 20th, 2023

S-no way Ped Day! The students had a variety of activities to enjoy the day – even an indoor snowball fight! Our adventures are posted on the TV in the hall.

February 10th, 2023

Dynamix MEGABALL! To add, each educator prepped outdoor and indoor games.

February 13th, 2023

Love and kindness. Teddy bear stuffing and other various fun activities throughout the day.

March 27th, 2023

The Daycare will be closed – educators will be involved in professional development that day.

The daycare is looking into purchasing new walkie talkies – however – there are huge delays throughout the system.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

Curling – Hudson Legion

Friday, March 24th, 2023

School Bus

1:4 Ratio

9:00 – 1:00

\$20.00

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

Red Cross Grade 6 Babysitting Course

March 20th – 23rd, 2023

6:30 – 8:30 (ZOOM)

\$65.00

Au Secours First Aid

Motioned by Tara Beach. Seconded by Marie France Cousineau. All in favor.

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Thursday, April 6th, 2023

Carpooling (16 students)

12:15 – 1:15

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Motioned by Isabelle Belanger. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

5.2 Fundraising:

The grade 5 students have voted on the animal shelter they wanted to raise money for and how they wanted to raise the funds.

The grade 5 students will get the whole school involved in national pay it forward day that is celebrated on April 28th, 2023. We will however celebrate it on Monday April 24th, 2023 since Ms. Stefani is present.

They have chosen to raise funds to pay it forward to the Eco Museum.

They will ask the students of Beacon Hill from K4- to Grade 6, for a minimum donation of 2\$ to WEAR their favorite pj's for the day (or something else for a dress down).

Both grade 5 classes will be working on flyers, posters and going class to class.

Motioned by Catherine Fini. Seconded by Gareth Lim. All in favor.

6. New Business:

6.1 Principal Criteria 2023-24

Last year's was sent to all Governing Board members. If you feel anything needs to be changed or added – please send your feedback to Marcia. The document is due no later than March 3rd, 2023.

6.2 Subject Time Allocation

Natalie Maurice reported that there is no change to schedules for the 2023-24 school year.

6.3 Code of Conduct 2023-24

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Tara Beach. All in favor.

6.4 Anti-Violence and Anti-Bullying Policy 2023-24

Motioned by Nathalie Mancini. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

6.5 Walking Distance Permission Form 2023-24

Motioned by Gareth Lim. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

6.6 Budget Consultation 2023-24 – due March 31st, 2023

If you have any feedback or suggestions – please send them to Marcia so that she can forward them to the school board.

6.7 Annual Report 2021-2022

Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Catherine Fini. All in favor.

6.8 Tournament Schedule 2023-24

Motioned by Katherine Malard. Seconded by Nathalie Noiseux. All in favor.

6.9 Daycare Budget 2022-23

Tabled to April 27th, 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, April 27th, 2023.

9. Adjournment: Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux at 7:25 by. Seconded by Tara Beach. All in favor.

