

BEACON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

170 Alton, Beaconsfield

Thursday, June 15th, 2023 – 6:30 PM

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

Regrets: Gareth Lim

Territorial Land Acknowledgement

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Nathalie Mancini. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of April 27th, 2023 meeting and May 12th, 2023 meeting** – Motioned by Catherine Fini. Seconded by Melissa Samuel. All in favor.
3. **Public Question Period** – No public present.

Catherine Fini asked about plans to pave / upgrade the cement for the basketball court area. Natalie Maurice said that she would reach out to the school board to see if it is on a list of future repairs / improvements.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for joining the Governing Board this year. I, as well as the staff, students and parents appreciate you sharing your time through meetings, emails, consultations and much more. It has been a wonderful experience working with all you this year.

The office is in full swing preparing for the 2022-23 school year. We have approximately 290 students with two classes per grade level and are continuing to grow.

We were able to welcome our new K4 and K5 students on Monday, June 5th. It was a great opportunity to visit the school, ask questions and to fill out all necessary documents for the following year.

Field trips have been organized for every grade level and the students have really enjoyed sporting events, an Iroquois village, Hike and Bike, Science Center, LEARN and bees!

Supplies have been ordered and received by staff - we are ready and prepared for September. We were able to update a lot of the physical education equipment this year – so all the students can have the opportunity to play and enjoy the new materials.

Most of the classrooms have been updated with SMART tvs, only a few to go! We have I wish you all a wonderful summer and see you in August.

4.2 Staff

April 19: K4 parents were invited to read a book and participate in crafts with their children.

April 20: Pilo Polo Finals

April 24: Pyjama Day for Grade 5 Fundraiser. Miss Stefani (our Spiritual Animator) along with the grade 5 students raised funds for the Ecomuseum.

April 26: Art Gala. Students presented wonderful pieces of art with a Jungle theme.

April 27: Grad Movie Night (Sonic the Hedgehog). Treats were provided.

April 27: Virtue of the Month (Determination) Assembly or the entire school in the gym.

May 2: Talent Show Auditions (students of all grade levels can participate).

May 3 & 5: Students from Grade 5 performed a traditional Mexican dance “Los Machetes” (which they had learned for Cinco de Mayo) to K5, Grades 2 and 3.

May 4: K5 invited the moms for a Mother’s Day Celebration. Ceramic Cafe helped the students make special mugs for this occasion.

May 10: Junior Cross Country Run for grades K-3 was held at Dorset Elementary.

May 11: Hot lunches being offered.

May 12: JRHS visit for grade 6 in the afternoon.

May 16: Both K4 and K5 students visited Intermiel.

May 15, 23 & 30: School Board Consultant introduced coding to the K4’s using Beebot.

May 18: Volunteer Assembly/Reception. Parents (volunteers) were greeted in the gym by the entire staff and students with presentations (songs, poems, etc.) The library was filled with lovely treats to thank them for their time, commitment, and help.

May 19: Ecomuseum Visit in the library for grade 5.

May 19: A surprise goodbye assembly for Ms.Sue's retirement.

May 24: Super Recyclers Trailer was back at Beacon Hill.

May 23 - June 5: Fundraiser for the Grads (online shopify, for Felix & Norton Cookie Dough).

May 25: Grade 4 trip to the Montreal Science Museum.

May 29: Grade 6 Band performed a concert for the entire school in the morning and for the parents in the afternoon.

May 30: Grade 6 students went to Dorset Elementary to meet their lunch buddies.

May 31: Track and Field Meet (Grades 4-6) at PCHS.

May 31: LEARN came to visit Cycle 1 to work with students on coding.

June 2: Ms. Maurice and Ms. Julia had a picnic with the Kindness Committee students.

June 5: Orientation for K4 and K5.

June 6: K4 parents were invited to see YAN Le Magicien with their child as the final parent component.

June 9: Beacon Hill World Tour Music Concert (grades 3 - 6) for the entire school. The audience was guided through a variety of music genres including singing, dancing, acting and playing instruments.

June 12: Jump Rope for Heart

June 13: K5 invited the dads for outdoor Father's Day Activities

June 14 - 15: Talent Show

June 19: TCBY for all students grades K4 - 5. Grade 6 students receive ice cream.

4.3 Parent Rep

Nothing to report currently.

4.4 Home and School

Home and School GB Report-June 15, 2023

Catherine Fini

To approve: Raise pizza price by 0.25, to \$5.25 effective Sept, 2023 (due to a supplier increase in Feb 2023). If we do not raise it, we will forfeit approx. \$1500 in profits. Motioned by Tara Beach. Seconded by Isabelle Belanger. All in favor.

To approve: Merenda food catering 2x week starting in September. Motioned by Melissa Samuel. Seconded by Tara Beach. All in favor.

To approve: Fundraisers/events scheduled for next year-see the attached 2023-24 H&S forecasted calendar. Motioned by Nathalie Noiseux. Seconded by Katherine Malard. All in favor.

H&S Calendar 2023-24: Anticipated Events & Fundraisers

Last updated June 6-2023:

Includes any services/events/fundraisers hosted by H&S, or whereby H&S volunteers are requested.

FUNDRAISERS in yellow

DATE	EVENT	NOTES	Volunteers in school
23-Aug	School Supplies Pick up	5-630pm, school lobby	3
24-Aug	Curriculum Night –meet the teachers	H&S table to greet/sign up/ clothing samples/membership	3
August (before students return)	Staff Welcome back treats		2
First week of school	Student photos with theme	Staggered entry	2
Beginning Sep	Welcome back Family Picnic	Postponed from June/ Everblast, Wild Willy's	10
Mid Sep	First pizza lunch begins (2 Runs: Sep and Jan orders. Date TBD)		2
Sep?	Picture day		2
Sep?	Terry Fox Run	H&S provides popsicles/gift cards for participation draw	2-3 volunteers- to hand out popsicles
1-Oct	Fred's Halloween box	Funds to charity- Diabetes	None
Mid-end Oct	Spooky Hill Halloween event	Dance? TBD	Lots

Beg Nov	Big Box of Cards fundraiser and other?		2
Nov?	Teachers Convention-online in 2021	100\$/teacher/ taken from wish list	None
Nov	Super Recyclers		1-open/close trailer
Dec	Staff treats		3
Dec	Holiday gift shop		20-Oct
Jan	Open House	H&S to answer questions	1
Feb	Grad Valentine baskets		
Feb	STRAW week. Online Donations requested		Lots
1-Feb	Carnival Week	Bingo Prize, snack, just dance prizes	2
Mar	Vaccination (grade 4)	Snack and juice	2
Apr	Art Gala		Lots
Apr	Grad Easter fundraiser	guess eggies	
May	Super Recyclers		1-trailer
?	Sponsored Child or other TBC	raise funds for Plan Intl Canada	
May	Felix and Norton cookie fundraiser		
June	New Parents Visit		
June	End of Year Picnic		Lots
June	School Supplies order online	Distribution Via pickup August	2
June	Grad party		Lots
June	TCBY Fundraiser?		
June	School Supplies fundraiser	Pickup in August, at school	2 or 3
Various dates	Online donation requests for Grad and H&S		
Various dates	Book fair-scholastic 2-3	fall and spring	
Various dates	Photography		2-Jan
Various dates-ongoing	Ongoing fundraisers -shopify: Tru Earth, (20% back), Flip Give (% back), Lovable lables (20%)		

Pizza Dates: TBC

H&S Meeting Dates:

TBC

Hot meals with Merenda: TBC

After school activities: TBC

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
- 2nd Scholastic virtual book fair-raised \$5000 towards staff resources (Scholastic fund)
- Grad "Guess how many eggies are in the jar" Easter contest: \$775 raised!
- Art Gala: April 26th raised approx. \$5000 in funds for music department (repairs and new instruments)
- May 24-Super Recyclers trailer, raised \$134
- Grad- Felix and Norton fundraiser-raised approx. \$1800 in profits

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
- Teacher Wish list items approved: Art Gala supplies for classroom projects or treasure boxes & upgrades to music department: 24 repairs (flutes, clarinets, trumpets, snare drum), 18 new instruments, 3 music books, 1 guitar, 4 trombones, storage cart for 12 music sheet stands. Totaling approx \$4000
- 290 New orange Field trip t-shirts
- New 8x10 carpet for the library
- H&S contributions towards Carnival week include snacks and juice, bingo prizes, and gift certificates for our Just Dance competition
- Juice boxes and snack provided to grade 4 students on vaccination day
- New dark green velvet IKEA chair for the library
- New mascot logo re-designed by Royal Blush
- New supplier for BH school clothing-Royal Blush-website ready!
- Staff lunch on June 14th

Coming up:

- School Supplies fundraiser with Editions Vaudreuil
- Mural/stencils for the library and around school. H&S will fund

Other:

- H&S Volunteers covering new books during library time
- Hot meals with Merenda
- Change: June 6-End of year Picnic (Everblast/Wild Willy's) paid for by H&S and postponed to September Welcome Back event-due to weather

4.5 Daycare

We had our last Ped Day on June 5, 2023. We borrowed Giant Games from other schools and the children LOVED it.

K4 and K5 orientation was on the same day, and we cannot wait to welcome the new littles.

We had a lovely retirement party for Ms. Sue after the school assembled for her on the 19th of May. The cake and tea were enjoyed by all.

Quebec Daycare week was a success, our educators felt the love, the children enjoyed their activities!

Major clean up done in the SEED space. Out with the old, in with the new! Budget allowed us to make a few new purchases.

The end/ beginning of the year procedures well under way.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips:

5.2 Fundraising:

Graduation 2023 -24 TCBY

Monthly – on the last Wednesday.

The cost will be \$3.00. The Kindness Committee will help to organize the deliveries.

Motioned by Tara Beach. Seconded by Melissa Samuel. All in favor.

Graduation 2023-24

How many in the jar – three times per year (Halloween – Valentine's Day and Easter).

The cost will be \$2.00 per guess.

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

6. New Business:

6.1 Our School Survey

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, September 28th, 2023. This will follow the AGA where we will need to elect 3 new parent members. This meeting will be in person.

9. Adjournment: Motioned by Pary Skarogiannis at 6:05 by. Seconded by Tara Beach. All in favor.