



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (5 min.)
 - 1.1
 - 1.2
2. Approval of minutes of January 18, 2023, meeting and business arising (30 min)
 - 2.1 Criteria of a Principal
 - 2.2 Budget Building
 - 2.3 School Fees 2023-2024
 - 2.4 School Uniforms
 - 2.5 Safe School Policy
3. A word from the Chair (10 min.)
 - 3.1 Other information
 - 3.1.1
 - 3.1.2
 - 3.2 Correspondence
 - 3.2.1
4. Period reserved for non-members of the board (10 min.)
 - 4.1
 - 4.2
5. Reports (40 min.)
 - 5.1 Consultations and Decisions
 - 5.2 Information
 - 5.2.1 Report from Principal
 - 5.2.2 Report from Teachers
 - 5.3.3 Report from Regional Delegate
 - 5.3.4 Report from Daycare
 - 5.3.5 Report from Community Reps
 - 5.2.6 Report from P.P.O.
 - 5.2.7 Report from Home and School
6. Business Arising (15 min.)
 - 6.1
 - 6.2
 - 6.3
7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting (5 min.)

Annexed Documents:

Budget Building documentation (35 pages) via email

Criteria For Principal (1 page)

Appendix B (4 pages)

School Uniforms and Fees (2 page)

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Wednesday February 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Melanie Hebert (parent), Rebecca Macdonald (parent), Ryan Martin (parent), Marc Saab (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Tara McGuire (teacher), Nadine Thomas (daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Sztych (support staff), Jim Daskalakis (principal), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative)

Regrets/Absent: Michael Olewinsky (parent)

Guest: Amanda Macdonald-Adams (Home and School)

Marc Saab (parent) was acting Chairperson in the absence of Michael Olewinsky.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Andrea Truffa approves the agenda, seconded by Rebecca Macdonald.

Unanimous

2. Approval of the minutes from the February 22, 2023, meeting and business arising.

Andrea Truffa approves the minutes and business arising of the February 22, 2023, meeting, seconded by Ryan Martin.

Unanimous

2.1 Criteria of a Principal

After a brief discussion it was decided that we would add the following criteria to the existing document; "school administrative experience".

Melanie Hebert motioned to approve the document with the addition, seconded by Nadine Thomas.

Unanimous

2.2 Budget Building

There was a brief discussion, and some priorities were shifted around.

Andrea Truffa moved to approve the Budget Building Document, with changes, seconded by Melanie Hebert.

2.3 School Fees

Mr. Daskalakis asked the Governing Board to approve a 5.00\$ increase in the school fees for 2023-2024 school year. After a brief discussion, Andrea Truffa moved to approve the increase, seconded by Melanie Hebert.

Pre-School (Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten): 25.00\$ increases to 30.00\$

Grades 1-6: 60.00\$ increases to 65.00\$

LUNCH FEES will remain Status Quo at 275.00\$ for the year.

2.3.1 School Uniforms

After a brief discussion it was decided that Uniforms are a good idea, at least in terms of T-Shirts and sweaters. For the blue/black bottoms it was mentioned that perhaps we could use the following terminology “are suggested”. **We will table this discussion to the next meeting.**

2.3.2 Safe School Policy

Just a little addition was implemented to the document from last meeting. Each category begins with the word “ENCOURAGE”

3. A word from the Chair:

3.1 Other Information: NIL

3.2 Correspondence: NIL

4. Period reserved for non-members of the board: NIL

5. Reports

5.1 Consultations and Decisions: NIL

5.2 Information

5.2.1 Report from Principal

- Friendship Week went well.
- Teacher Appreciation Week went very well. A great thanks to the Governing Board.
- Parent -Teacher Interviews will be online for Grades 1-6 and Preschool will be in-house.
- PPO Movie Night went well.
- Carnival has been moved to next Tuesday due to extreme weather. Cabane a Sucre will still take place tomorrow despite the cold temperatures.
- Climbing Wall has been installed in our gymnasium.
- There will be Visual Screening for Preschool students and the results will be forwarded to parents.
- On March 23, 2023, is the Preschool Vaccinations.
- On April 4, 2023, is the Grade 4 Hepatitis Vaccinations.
- Plaque for Mona Vaudry is ready. Will be picked up soon.
- In the Yard Beautification meeting, it was agreed that the basics (TERRAIN) need attention first.
- Grade 5/6 and TRANSITIONS will be visiting a musical production of Pinocchio on March 20. 2023.
- Grade 4 will be visiting the Museum of Fine Arts on March 14, 2023.
- May 23 and 30, 2023 there will be an ABRASKA OUTDOOR EXCURSION celebrating the outdoors.
- On April 21, 2023, will be our annual BINGO NIGHT.

5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- Warm Fuzzy Messages were prepared by all for Friendship Week (Feb.20-24).
- Thank you so much to everyone for Staff Appreciation Week
- For Black History classed concentrated on awareness.
- French tutor has been hired.
- Carnival moved to February 28, 2023, due to extremely cold weather.
- Nutri-Towers are being use again. Herbs and Vegetables are to be planted outside later.
- Grade 3 are involved in Science Projects.

5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate

Absent sends but sends regrets

5.2.4 Report from Daycare

Programs initiated:

- STEM Program for Grades 5 and 6
- Indoor soccer
- Comic Book Club-Fridays
- Nutri-towers
- Tulip project
- Butterflies: for Pre-schoolers and Grade 1

5.2.5 Report from Community Representatives:

St. Columba House:

- Will remains open for the 2 weeks during March break.
- Day Camp Regulars sign-up is on April 10, 2023.
- All other sign-up is on April 11, 2023.
- Summer Camp is for 6 weeks. Approximately 50-55 children can attend.
- TEEN CAMP for 5 weeks and begin later and end earlier in the summer.

5.2.6 Report from PPO

- Movie Night went well.
- Looking to organize a YARD SALE in May
- Will be helping with Earth Week
- There might be BBQ during Arts Festival

- Will be participating in the St. Gabriel St. Patrick's Day Parade.

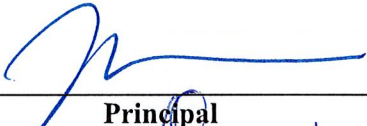
6. Business Arising: NIL

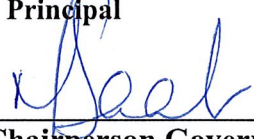
7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Carol Clifton moves to adjourn, seconded by Nadine Thomas
Unanimous


Next Meeting to be held on March 29, 2023, at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

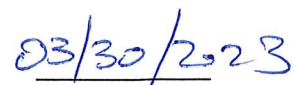
Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Principal


Acting Chairperson Governing Board



Date


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