

## **ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD**

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 6:30 p.m.

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### **1.1 Welcome and Opening Remarks by the Board Chair**

Julie McGoldrick opens the meeting

#### **1.2 Attendance /Regrets**

##### **Present:**

Andrew Salzberg (parent), Julie McGoldrick (parent), Johanne Bohn(parent), Whitney Lee (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Naomi Aldrich (teacher), Nadine Thomas (daycare), Elisa Campisi (daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Sztych (support staff), Holly Kusiewicz (principal), Ahlia Mathura (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba)

**Absent/Regrets:** Wisely Louis [wisely@actiongardien.org](mailto:wisely@actiongardien.org), Tim Lagace (parent & Regional delegate)

**Special Guest:** None

Julie McGoldrick confirms emails & phone numbers will be circulated to members

#### **1.3 Approval of the Agenda**

Whitney Lee approves, seconded by Andrew Salzberg

### **2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

#### **2.1 Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting: correction to typo (d on name)**

Andrea Truffa approves, seconded by Naomi Aldrich

### **3. Open Forum / Public Comments**

#### **3.1 Opportunity for parents to address the board**

Grace - Andrew Salzberg's partner was present and listening to the call

### **4. New Business**

#### **4.1 Academic & Career Guidance**

Document to read - Johanne Bohn to move it - Julie McGoldrich to sign

#### **4.2 Educational Project**

Several questions on objectives and action plan were addressed (adjustment to student needs, math results, etc.)

Opportunity to review the homework policy

Opportunity to review upcoming school survey (Tell Them for Me) - Results

#### 4.3 Selection criteria of principal

Julie took time to review and this will be circulated by email

#### 4.4 Screen Time

Defining criteria and circling back to the last meeting : Staff Council discussed. Key actions: notions to be included in Staff practices, Student Handbook & After School Practices

#### 4.5 Tax receipts from donations

Schools can issue tax receipt (for items over \$25) helpful incentives. Tim to bring to meeting incentivization to donate to school to go after bringing donations (examples of Bombardier Arts Program, etc.)

### 5. Old Business

#### 5.1 Marketing

Time to bring to inquire into incentivization programs across the board

#### 5.2 GB Email

Email address is created but merely as a means to have a drive account for digital saving of agenda, minutes and items by board. The email address will not be used nor is it in circulation as it is not a communication channel nor one that will be monitored.

### 6. Principal's Report

Black history month will welcome Montreal steppers

PD : Math - You Fly

Share the Warmth program for 6 students, rotation will allow for greater exposure

Heritage Week at the end of January

Ms Mina taking students skating

Law-mobile 6-week program: circle time with grade 1-2 movement and games in French

Eco Schools: Naomi spearheading initiatives

Registration for next year - currently 60% competition rate. Early registration will give a sign for next year's numbers.

### 7. Committee Reports

## 7.1 Community Reps

St-Columba House reports will take equipment for winter sports. There is also a family program skating with kids.

Action Gardien – holiday card drive was a success: HLMs and seniors had positive feedback and appreciation. Centre Lorne has an art hive once a month from 4:30-7:30pm families with kids of any age can join and use the material in a welcoming ambiance. First edition was Jan 22nd - calendar of events will be circulated.

Wintertime donation campaign & soup distribution. Sorting through physical donations as winter is a challenging time,

March family outreach team will hold a registration night to come sign up for petit bonheur camp. There will also be school outreach to connect organizations to youth.

## 7.2 Teachers

- Naomi reported, based on email outreach to staff, that Sara in Seeds is reading Hannah's Suitcase to learn about the Holocaust.
- Ms Laura working Gr 6-2 match ups to do activities and read.
- Movie day upcoming and eco school initiatives in addition to the M.M. mural-around the kindergarten celebrating friendship, community & nature.
- Andrea Truffa reports on science and tech, choose your own adventure type approach (students are encouraged to add hyperlinks to documents to become familiar with tech). Composting of worms encourages additional learning.

## 7.3 Home and School

Irish competition is February 8th

## 7.4 Daycare

Educators have planned games and obstacle courses - winter wonderland. In the winter session there is "latin groove" for grades 1-2 every Monday.

## 7.5 Regional Delegate

Tim was absent.

## 7.6 PPO

Holly on behalf of Tim:

- Movie night in February (parents and children) - there will be coloring activities for those who need to move !
- Cabane a sucre (quotes coming in) target March

- Board / game night TBC

## 8. Adjournment

8.1 Next Meeting Date: February 19th, 2025 at 6:30pm (virtual option in consideration due to the busy week) - budget and anti-bullying will be on the agenda

Approval of adjourning – Carol Clifton, seconded by Whitney Lee

## 8.2 Closing Remarks

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. Approved Johanne Bohn, Seconded Andrea Truffa

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Principal Date

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Chairperson-Governing Board Date