



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (5 min.) 1.1
2. Approval of minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting and business arising (15 min)
 - 2.1 Governing Board contact information
 - 2.2 Internal Rules of Management
 - 2.3 Approval of MESA Annual Report
3. A word from the Chair (10 min.)
 - 3.1 Other information
 - 3.1.1
 - 3.1.2
 - 3.1.3
 - 3.2 Correspondence
 - 3.2.1
 - 3.2.2
4. Period reserved for non-members of the board (10 min.)
 - 4.1
 - 4.2
5. Reports (35 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 Parent Committee 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 (10 min.)
 - 6.1 Indigenous studies
 - 6.2 Feminism and Diversity
7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting (5 min.)

Annexed Documents

Rules of Internal Management (3 pages)

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Present:

David Benoit (parent), David Burrige (parent), Cindy Dufke (parent), Maria Mattiace (daycare), Natalie Sztuch (support staff), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Christiane Doré (teacher), Carol Clifton (support staff), Jim Daskalakis (principal), Gloria Lombardi (parent),

Absent with regrets: Tara Young (parent), Emilie Jacques (community representative),
Michelle Johnson (community representative),

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (with corrections and additions)

Gloria Lombardi approves and seconded by Cindy Dufke.
Unanimous

2. Approval of the minutes for the September 18, 2018 meeting and business arising;
Gloria Lombardi approves minutes of September 18, 2018, seconded by Andrea Truffa.
Unanimous

- 2.1. Governing Board contact information approved (with corrections);

- 2.2 Internal Rules of Management;
Carol Clifton approves Internal Rules of Management, seconded by Gloria Lombardi;
Unanimous

- 2.3 MESA Annual Report;
Jim Daskalakis provided an overview of the MESA report and action items:
Moved to approve by Andrea Truffa, seconded by Cindy Dufke.
Unanimous

3. A word from the Chair:
No items presented

4. Period reserved for non-members of the board:
None

5. Reports

- 5.1 Consultations and Decisions
None

5.2 Information

5.2.1 Report from Principal

- Friendship week deemed a success. Tie-dye pink shirts were made in art class with N. Aldich for the children and staff to wear.
- Grade 2 have been split due to overcapacity (24) and broken down to 2 classes of 12 students each.
- Open position for a grade 6 bilingual teacher. Current teacher going on maternity leave.
- Grade 6 has started Sex and Health Education Program.
- FEDNAV will donate \$5000 for music, IT and SEEDS program. Thank you to Mr. Olewinsky for helping to secure this donation for our school.
- EMSB is providing 1000\$ for music program.
- Heart of the City Piano program has begun.
- New choir teacher has been hired.

5.2.2 Report from Teachers (Andrea Truffa and Christiane Doré)

- Honey sales are ongoing, students participating in production and sale. 120 jars were produced and are selling for \$5.00 a jar. Hive will be winterized next week.
- WE Day planned
- Chess club will begin for 5 and 6 graders
- Art club will start soon
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 went apple picking and horse riding
- Kindergartens will do an autumn mural.
- Tuesdays Yoga for Teachers at lunch hour
- Grades 5, 6 and TRANSITIONS will be leaving on their overnight trip soon.

5.2.3 Report from Parents Committee Delegate

- David Benoit reported and summarized the annual meeting.
- David Benoit provided an overview of the committee.
- Next meeting to be held on November 1, 2018.

5.2.4 Report from Daycare

- Maria Mattiace provided an overview of Daycare activities, such as flag football, cooking, arts and crafts and Dynamix program.
- There are 45 registered children in the daycare program currently.

5.2.5 Report from Community Representation Absent

5.2.6 Report from P.P.O. (Jim Daskalakis)

PPO raised \$800 before expenses on Halloween Haunted House Festivities

5.2.7 Report from Home and School

Carol Clifton announced spaghetti supper fundraiser planned for November 21, 2018. Halloween festivities will include a pumpkin for each class to decorate and a parade of costumes.

A healthy treat will also be given out to the students.

6. Business Arising

6.1 Indigenous Studies

Gloria Lombardi presented a guide book prepared by the Government of Canada regarding education elementary students on indigenous history and issues in Canada.

Gloria Lombardi asked how St Gabriel was addressing Indigenous studies in its current curriculum whether this is being offered by school.

Jim Daskalakis responded by explaining the schools current approach to this subject in terms of Multicultural Week at School and how the indigenous population is always well represented. EncoreSistema! has also performed alongside indigenous artists.

Spiritual Animator also incorporates some of this topic into his curriculum through guest speakers.

6.2 Feminism and Diversity

Gloria Lombardi requested an understanding on current school initiatives on gender equality and general diversity.

Jim Daskalakis responded that these issues are primarily handled through the school's Sex and Health Education curriculum.

Andrea Truffa detailed examples of relevant conversations which are going on in the younger grades

Our Spiritual Animator also deals with these topics in his curriculum.

7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Carol Clifton moves to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. seconded by Gloria Lombardi.

Approved unanimous

Next Meeting November 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Principal

Date:

Chairperson – Governing Board

Date