

## ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Monday, March 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

David BurrIDGE (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Melanie Hebert (parent), Emilie Jacques (community rep.)  
Michael Olewinsky (parent), Natalie Sztych (support), Nadine Thomas (daycare), Marc Saab (parent),  
Christine Wlasenko (PPO), Jim Daskalakis (principal)

Regrets/Absent: Christiane Dore (teacher), Erin Cater (PPO), Carol Clifton (support), Rachel Voss (parent)

Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m. via Zoom

1. Approval of Agenda (with additions 6.1 Drop off traffic update and 6.2 Sex and Health Education Program)

Andrea Truffa approves the agenda and seconded by Michael Olewinsky.

Unanimous

2. Approval of the minutes from the January 24, 2022, meeting and business arising

Mark Saab approves the minutes of the January 24, 2022, meeting and business arising, seconded by  
Melanie Hebert.

Unanimous

- 2.1 Budget Building

Went over the lists from last year. Discussed some changes to the list, mainly in terms of list hierarchy. Changes will be made and sent to School Board.

- 2.2 School Fees

**Uniform Fees**- will remain status quo

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**Lunch Supervision Fees**-due to COVID and a large increase in the number of daycare registrations we may need to look at increasing the lunch supervision fees to help reduce our deficit incurred by COVID, as well as some delinquent accounts.

Tabled until next meeting.

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

- Rapid tests-boxes will be distributed to all students. This is the third installment.
- St. Patrick's Day-Irish Dancer students performed for all students on each floor.
- St. Gabriel students had a St. Patrick's Day Parade within the neighborhood.
- March 24-28, 2022, we are celebrating Quebecoise Culture.
- Spring Breakfast/Pajama Day will take place on April 13, 2022.
- Second Progress Report will be paperless and only found on the Mosaik. Pre-Kindergarten students are the only group receiving a paper copy.
- Cycle III end of the year exams begin with French on April 4, 2022. English and Math to follow.
- Survey for Well- Being will be taking place for kindergarten and some students in Grade 5 with parental permission.
- Mont St. Hilaire is the site for the Getting Outdoors Initiative.
- Graduation taking place June 22, 2022 and will be open to all.
- June 23, 2022 will be the last day of school.

5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- Winter Carnival went well. Grade 6 did a great job planning and organizing the games.
- During Friendship Week all classes contributed in making a Quilt.
- Grade 6 will be having a Chocolate Bar Fundraiser for Graduation.
- Indigo Grant ends March 31, 2022. All money has been spent.
- Board Games begins March 30, 2022 and is a 6-week program. Organized by Sarah Howard, SEEDS 2 teacher.
- Culture in Schools project will be Comedy 4 Kids.
- Transition students in partnership with Youth Fusion, made bird feeders and placed in Marguerite Bourgeoys Park.

5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate

- February 3, 2022 meeting:  
Parent were voted to the ACSES Committee  
EMSB Parents Award of Merit Scholarship for each school was approval (50\$ to a elementary student and 100\$ to a High School). Also approved was the Literacy Award (a book chosen by the committee) to be awarded to all schools.  
Bill 69 was discussed.
- March 10 Meeting:  
Worked on Budget Building Process.  
Approved school calendar for 2022-2023.

5.2.4 Report from Daycare

- Everything is running smoothly
- Extra-Curricular activities are back on.
- Marymount tutors are also back

5.2.5 Report from Community Representation

ST. COLUMBA HOUSE

- On April 5, 2022 new families can register for our Day Camp.  
Cost is 200\$ for a 7 week program.
- Contact Shannon for Teen Camp for more information at Saint Columba House

5.2.6 Report from P.P.O

Looking to have a BINGO NIGHT on April 22. Would like to have it at the school.  
Need to know about the rules.

5.2.7 Report from Home and School

March 24, 2022 will be a Jersey Day. A 2\$ donation is asked.

Chocolate Raffle- Parents are asked to donate 1\$ per ticket so they can win the following prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Large 700 g chocolate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize a 500 g chocolate and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize a 300g chocolate.

Donations for Ukraine: More information to come soon

6. Business Arising:

6.1 Drop off Lane Traffic Update  
Nothing much can be done.

6.2 Sex and Health Education Program  
Some parents find that the information goes a little too far.  
Next year perhaps an information session for parents can be held to help them better understand and deal with certain topics brought up and then discussed at home.

7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Natalie Szytych moves to adjourn, seconded by Andrea Truffa.  
Unanimous

Next meeting will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.