

ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Andrew Salzberg (parent), Julie McGoldrick (parent), Johanne Bohn(parent), Whitney Lee (parent),Andrea Truffa (teacher), Naomi Aldrich (teacher), Elisa Campisi (daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Sztuch (support staff), Holly Kusiewicz (principal), Ahlia Mathura (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Tim Lagace (parent)

Absent/Regrets: Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba), Wisely Louis <wisely@actiongardien.org>,

Special Guest:

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Andrea approves the agenda, seconded by Noami Aldrich with no additions/corrections

2. Adoption of the Minutes for October 2nd meeting Andrew approves the minutes and Natalie seconded

No previous minutes to adopt or approve (June 5, 2024 meeting and business arising) was previously done;

3. Business Arising from the Minutes:

Mrs. Kusiewicz went over Treasury : \$250 for governing board

Whitney Lee approves, seconded by Andrew Salzberg

4. Public Question Period

5. New Business

5.1 Roles of the Governing Board: Chairperson, Secretary and Treasure confirmed:

- Adoption of Secretary: Johanne Bohn Julie approves, seconded by Andrew
- Adoption of Chairperson: Julie McGoldrick Whitney approves, seconded by Andrea
- Adoption of Treasurer: Whitney Lee Julie approves, seconded by Tim

Group confirmed Hybrid approach to Governing Board Meetings– Wednesdays 6:30pm monthly cadence (see notes for date confirmation)

5.2 Internal Rules : Internal Procedures & Guidelines for Conduct Tim approves, Andrea seconded. All in favor

5.3 Field Trips: Move to Approve Blanket Approval for all daytime fieldtrips. GB will be informed of all trips.

- Apple Picking: Cycle One: October 8th
- Verdun Circus School: October 16th

Motioned by Carol and seconded by Tim. All in favor.

5.4 Marketing:

Andrew Salzberg raises opportunity to increase efforts on communication & marketing, branding, reputation management with outreach and partnerships, specifically with CP. Open house dates, welcome to kindergarten discussion on logic and optimal dates. A subgroup of individuals is to engage on the topic.

Discussion regarding Tim Lagace role optimization with board interactions to raise topics (Whitney Lee to circulate PC Communication sub-committee activities) and bring back to board – Nov 3rd meeting to the Nov 14th and December 3rd to the Dec 11th governing board meeting. Holly to prepare a newsletter & governing board to review schedule of the year to promote and encourage activity within the school.

6. Reports:

6.1 Principal's Report

Good start to the year

Innovative ways to communicating and engaging the community

School fees in progress and seeking closure as quickly as possible

Picture day: October 10th

Kindness Month: October

Missing Bullet in Agenda added back in 6.2 Partnerships with Action Gardiens & Share the Warmth

- Share the Warmth is undergoing renovations and is disrupted at this time
- Action Gardien various initiatives and events discussed such as:
 - Door Open: October 4th 16h-20h
 - Workshops: October 5th from 10h-16h:
 - 10h30 The Pointe in numbers
 - 11h30 Logging and gentrification
 - 12h30 – Brideg-Bonaventure: challenges and engagement
 - 13h30- new bus lines and public transit needs in the pointe
 - 14h30 – community action in the Pointe from yesterday to today
 - Learn more about animation in the point in the year 2030: 10h-11-12h-13h-14h-15h
 - Guided tours of the community 14h-16h at the Lorne Center and ending at B7

- Kiosks – 8 kiosks to be animated by representatives from Action-Gardien to discover what will keep you occupied over the coming 5 yrs!
 - Free costumers – and costume exchange: Saturday October 19th in Hibernia Square 2355 Mullins from 11 am to 3pm at the park chalet

6.3 Teacher's Report

- Great start to the school year
- Ideas & looking forward to reading week & heritage week

6.4 Parent Delegate Report

- Haunted house
- Modernization of payments for school fees or other fundraising –discussion on feasibility of upgrading

6.5 Daycare

- Ped day activities (carnival & face paint, popcorn) were discussed. 107 registrations.

Addition 6.6 Home & School

- Chocolate bar drive soon to be underway
- Crazy hair day, apple picking, graduation, extended network & membership

7. Varia

- Google drive and email for board organization, structure & reference discussed
- Scholastic book drive discussed
- New ideas and innovation for the school: yearbook, mascot, etc. discussed
- New governing board engagement – lists of members, contact information & activities to be confirmed discussed

Adjournment:

Holly moves to adjourn, seconded by Whitney

Unanimous

- Next Meeting Nov 14th and all meetings for 2024-2025 school year were established:
- Dec 11th
- Feb 5th
- March 19th
- April 16th
- April 30th
- May 21st
- June 4th and potential other date in June to be established due to increased activities

Next meeting to include a calendar of the year review

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Approved Whitney Lee, Seconded Johanne Bohn

Principal Date

Chairperson-Governing Board Date