

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

Wednesday, November 13th, 2024 6:30 p.m.

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 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 Szytch (support staff), Holly Kusiewicz (principal), Ahlia Mathura (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Tim Lagace (parent), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba)

**Absent/Regrets:** Wisely Louis [wisely@actiongardien.org](mailto:wisely@actiongardien.org)

**Special Guest:** None

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

#### 1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Additional agenda item added: On screen time – see item 7.7

Question regarding agenda items – Adding blanket statement for fundraisers, calendar for next year, Yearbook & Mascot

Tim Lagace approves, seconded by Naomi Aldrich

### 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

#### 2.1 Review and approval of minutes from the last meeting

Elisa Campisi approves, seconded by Andrea Truffa

### 3. Open Forum / Public Comments

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

No parents were present

### 4. New Business

#### 4.1 Discussion of New Proposals or Initiatives

##### 4.1.1 Winter Camp Graduation Trip

Winter camp currently reviewing where & when to go: Targeting Base de Plein Air Mt Tremblant Feb 13-14 (Thurs-Fri)

Johanne to approve, seconded by Naomi (missing last name) with special note to review liability before booking and planning

#### 4.1.2 Extra Pedagogical Day

Miscount on days means there is a pedagogical day missing – it is up to each school to add one back. Discussion on options ensued.

Two popular ones – Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>: Daycare would be open

Option selected: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Approval by Whitney Lee, seconded by Tim Lagace

### 5. Old Business

#### 5.1 Follow-up on Actions from Previous Meetings

##### 5.1.1 New governing board engagement

New governing board engagement to be made visible and shared out to the community by email. The draft “meet the board members” is near final.

Fundraisers – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Batshaw Youth Centers, Freezy sales. Teachers determine with students. Older students have more fundraising activities for yearbooks and trips. Home & school, PPO, etc. Financial structure to be discussed, school is autonomous in many initiatives.

A blanket statement so the school can have various fundraisers throughout the year with a limit per month in order to avoid too many going on at once.

Approved by Johanne Bohn, seconded by Andrew Salzberg

##### 5.1.2 Google drive and email process for Board & PPO

Secretary to create email account with google drive to facilitate sharing of documentation and availability over time, for eventual new board members.

Discussion regarding a poll to the parents regarding the experience.

##### 5.1.3 Scholastic book drive update

Call for help with parents to be issued in an email for those with availability to support on the 19-20-21<sup>st</sup> November.

#### 5.2 Updates on Ongoing Projects or Initiatives

##### 5.2.1 Marketing subgroup update

An email and distribution list were created to get the word out regarding the open house.

## 6. Principal's Report

Initiatives such as the ELA program is called « UFLI » to teach reading (1 of 3 pilot projects) is an initiative including resources & training for seeds teachers and resource teachers, Math numeracy pilot projects & Reading intervention groups. Reveal progress and focus on varied academia offering.

Lock down practice planned for December 6<sup>th</sup> - - importance of readiness and crisis management: Intercom walkie talkie rental currently in the works;

Various other activities planned throughout the month of December: Social & Emotion, Fun Circus School, Meneris card renewals, etc.

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.1 Community Reps

St-Columba House reports there are spaces for homework help for Grades 4-5-6 – Lunch program is ongoing.

Action Gardien – visit of St-Henri proved strong interest. Initiatives such as family outreach – food baskets & holiday baskets (not too many free options), however some were shared such as:

- Familles en Action: <https://fqocf.org/organismes/familles-en-action/> Membership of \$12 for entire year. \*\*Possible collaboration to come to the school (food, activities, tutoring resources, parent & teacher)
- Friperie Madame Prends Conge: <https://www.madameprendconge.com/les-friperies/>
- La Point de Couture TLH: 1130 Rue Charlevoix, Montréal, QC H3K 2Z3. Good thrift shop option with respect to pricing.
- La Maison du Partage d'Youville : [https://sante.gouv.qc.ca/repertoire-ressources/ressource/?nofiche=51300&ch\\_type=&bt\\_rechType=&theme=autres-ressources&ch\\_choixReg=&ch\\_rayon=0&ch\\_code=&page=1123](https://sante.gouv.qc.ca/repertoire-ressources/ressource/?nofiche=51300&ch_type=&bt_rechType=&theme=autres-ressources&ch_choixReg=&ch_rayon=0&ch_code=&page=1123). Food baskets for \$5 and thrift store – hours vary.
- The Bottin – Resources at your Fingertips: <https://www.actiongardien.org/bottin-des-ressources>
- Nourrir la Pointe Resource Guide : <https://www.nourrirlapointe.ca/ressources-et-services>

### 7.2 Teachers

- School is busy with a variety of diverse and dynamic initiatives across all levels. Various examples cited: Grade 1s – Library outing. McGill student volunteers to bring kids go to the PSC library. Grades 5a-6 – Chess club & Basketball. Gr 6 – Guest artist creating a mural theme: environment & nature, Canadian landscapes. Student council – proposing their grade trip fundraiser, special event, documentary.

- All levels: Mr Dodge – band / rehearsals, systematic tutoring for cello and violin. Eco-schools Canada – environment awareness and sustainable initiatives, ministry grant (applied) – composting program & pollinator garden. Building insect hotels – tools & materials (pinecones)

### 7.3 Home and School

Chocolate Bar Drive – was completed and successful

### 7.4 Daycare

Many fun activities (waffles, cupcake decoration, Bounce back sports, Champs for life – every Tuesday).

Fall winter and spring session with funky feet (every Monday 1h 3-4pm), Latin groove & Sports ball. Schedule for parents to come. Newsletter from daycare with activities contains updates and relevant information.

### 7.5 Regional Delegate

Information to come

### 7.6 PPO

7.6 PPO – scheduled meeting 21<sup>st</sup> 4pm : Haunted House – Sponsorship from local grocery stores, flyer accompanied by adults – loose, theft, food and safet. Heard beg year – haunted house. Structure and plan to come.

### 7.7 Screen time (additionally added item):

Screen time can be used for pedagogical purpose – types of shows and subject to the discretion but abiding to board policy. This can occur within the school time and daycare. Principle will investigate the occurrence of a Digital Citizenship Workshop (with Paul Davis CCQ or equivalent).

## 8. Adjournment

8.1 Next Meeting Date: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm

Approval of adjourning – Naomi Aldrich, seconded by Andrea Truffa

8.2 Closing Remarks

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

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Principal Date

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Chairperson-Governing Board Date