



ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (5 min.)
 - 1.1
 - 1.2

2. Approval of minutes of the March 26 meeting and business arising (30 min)
 - 2.1 2023-2024 Calendar
 - 2.2 School Hours
 - 2.3
 - 2.4

3. A word from the Chair (5 min.)
 - 3.1 Other information
 - 3.1.1
 - 3.1.2

 - 3.2 Correspondence
 - 3.2.1
 - 3.2.1

4. Period reserved for non-members of the board (10 min.)
 - 4.1

5. Reports (40 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 Regional Delegate
 - 5.3.4 Report from Community Reps
 - 5.2.5 Report from Daycare
 - 5.2.6 Report from P.P.O.
 - 5.2.7 Report from Home and School

6. Other Business Arising (10 min.)
 - 6.1 Exam Schedule
 - 6.2 General Assembly date
 - 6.3

7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of next Meeting (3 min.)

Annexe Documents

2023-2024 Calendar (1 page)

Exam Schedule (1 page)

School Hours (1page)

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Wednesday April 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Melanie Hebert (parent), Michael Olewinsky(parent), Marc Saab(parent), Rebecca Macdonald (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Tara McGuire (teacher), Nadine Thomas(daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Sztynch (support staff), Emilie Jacques (Community Representative-St. Columba House), Wisely Louis (Community Representative-Action Gardien), Jim Daskalakis (principal),

Regrets/Absent: Ryan F. Martin (parent),

Guest: Amanda MacDonald-Adams (Home and School)

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (with correction to 2.1: change date from 2024-2025 to 2023-2024)
Rebecca MacDonald approves the agenda, seconded by Andrea Truffa.
Unanimous
2. Approval of the minutes from the April 26, 2023 meeting and business arising;
Andrea Truffa approves the minutes and business arising of the April 26, 2023 meeting, seconded by Tara McGuire, with correction to 5.2.5, change the wording from “Pont” to “Bridge”
Bonaventure Project.
Unanimous
 - 2.1 2023-2024 Calendar
Mr. Daskalakis went over the calendar and pointed out specific dates that are of importance during the school year.
Melanie Hebert approves the 2023-2024 School Calendar, seconded by Nadine Thomas.
 - 2.2 School Hours
All grades, including Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will finish at the same time (2:40 p.m.). Preschoolers will also resume their afternoon recess.
3. A word from the Chair:
 - 3.1 Other Information:
Volunteer Night at the Board went well. Congratulations to all the Volunteers of Distinction, Natalie Sztynch and Debbie Fox, as well as our St. Gabriel Student of the Month for EMSB, Shayne Armstrong.
 - 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

- Bingo Night went well. It raised 1,100\$.
- Our very own Declan McAleer won the big prize at Bingo a PS5
- Visit from Mike Matheson was a big hit with the students.
Thank you to the Champions for Life Organization
- Cycle III end of year exams for Grade 6 will begin with French on May 1, 2023, followed by English and Math.
- Grades 1, 2, 3 and Preschoolers will be going to the Biodome on May 12, 2023.
- Swim to Survive for Grade 3 will take place on May 10,17 and 25 at St. Charles Pool.
- Welcome to Kindergarten Festivities will take place on June 8, 2023.

5.2.2 Report from Teachers

- Futsal Tournament with grades 4-6 went very well.
- Earth Week and Science Fair activities went well.
- Biodome and Planetarium Trip went well for Grades 5/6, 6 and TRANSITION.
- Halo Race coming up in May for Grades 5, 5/6, 6 and TRANSITION.
- Freezie Fridays 1\$ will begin on May 5, 2023, a Graduation Fundraiser
- Still organizing Graduation Trip and Festivities
- Comedy for Kids will begin again for TRANSITION and Grade 5A

5.2.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate

In the April 13 meeting :
Discussed High School Exams.
Spoke about reintroducing Prayer at school.
EMSB is drafting a letter outlining their position on said subject.

5.2.4 Report from Daycare

- STEM Program for Grades 5 and 6 has resumed.
- Indoor soccer is back.
- Comic Book Club on Fridays ends May 5, 2023.
- NUTRI-TOWERS and Pollination Project is on its way.
- Tulip Project and solar car project continue.
- Butterflies for Pre-schoolers and Grade 1 is maturing.
- Boks Competition is on going.
- 122 students registered for next year

5.2.5 Report from Community Representatives:

St. Columba House

- Day Camp Registration has ended.
- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on April 25, 2023 was a great success.
- Staffing for Summer Camp is going well.

Action Gardien

- Festi-Point will take place on May 20, 2023.
- Parade de livre in take place on May 31, 2023. Approximately 100 students will take part.
- Projet Bridge Bonaventure Consultation is planned for the land across from Costco to be slatted for affordable housing.
- Operation Back Pack for school supplies is available

5.2.6 Report from PPO

- Yard Spring sale is organized for May 13, 2023.
- Bingo Night which took place on April 21, 2023, was very successful.
- On June 10 a Car Wash and BBQ will take place.

5.2.7 Report from Home and School

- Will be Preparing Graduation decorations.

6. Business Arising:

6.1 Exam Schedule

Parents will be informed of the dates. Important that the students be present and punctual.

6.2 General Assembly Date

It will take place on September 7, 2023. There will be (2) positions available.

7. Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Natalie Szytych moves to adjourn, seconded by Carol Clifton.


Unanimous

Next Meeting to be held on June 7, 2023, at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Principal



Chairperson-Governing Board



Date



Date