

# **ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 6:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

Melanie Hebert (parent), Rebecca Macdonald (parent), Ryan F. Martin (parent), Marc Saab (parent), Andrea Truffa (teacher), Tara McGuire (teacher), Nadine Thomas(daycare), Carol Clifton (support staff), Natalie Szytch (support staff), Jim Daskalakis (principal)

**Guest:** Amanda Macdonald (Home and School), Heather George (parent)

**Regrets/Absent:** Michael Olewinsky (parent), Community Representative St. Columba House (community representative)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. In the absence of Michael Olewinsky(chairperson), Rebecca Macdonald will be filling in.

1. Approval of Agenda (with additions: 6.3 Lunch Activities and 6.4 Memorial Plaque as well as correct the date from Tuesday to Wednesday)

Melanie Hebert approves the agenda (with additions 6.3 and 6.4 and change of day in date), seconded by Andrea Truffa.

Unanimous

2. Approval of the minutes from the October 19, 2022 meeting and business arising with the correction of 5.2.2 "QPAT Convention" and 5.2.7 "each student". Andrea Truffa approves the minutes and business arising of the October 19, 2022 meeting, seconded by Marc Saab.

Unanimous

- 2.1 Educational Project Report

Consultants were brought in to help teachers with new strategies to try and bring about better results for the students.

**RESOLUTION:** IT WAS MOVED BY Marc Saab AND RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report on the Educational Project 2021-2022 be approved by the Governing Board seconded by Melanie Hebert.

- 2.2 Budget Report

Mr. Daskalakis went over the 2022-2023 School Budget.

**RESOLUTION:** Melanie Hebert MOVED THAT, the Governing Board of St. Gabriel School adopt the school budget for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented by the school principal. Approval, seconded by Ryan Martin.

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

#### 5.1.1 Report from Principal

- Students from Grade 2A and a few from 2/3B will be going to a performance of the Nutcracker.
- Holiday Breakfast will be on December 21, 2022.
- A visit from Saint Nick will take place on December 22, 2022.
- Last day of school before Holiday Break will be December 23, 2022.
- Holiday Concert is on December 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.. A 5.00\$ Donation or 2 non-perishable goods for the Food Baskets is asked.

#### 5.1.2 Report from Teachers

- Haunted House Festivities went well.
- Tooth Brushing Project in the TRANSITION Class.
- Heritage Week going well. A buffet will be served on Friday, December 2, 2022. Students will help prepare the foods from different countries/cultures.
- Remembrance Day Activities. Eleven different activities leading up to November 11 were organized by the School Board. They were all done in age-appropriate fashion.
- Working on Vocabulary and Tools to help students better express themselves.
- Behaviour Models and Rules of Regulations was presented by School Board Consultant.
- QPAT will be a Hybrid Model this year.

#### 5.1.3 Report from Parent Committee Delegate Absent. Sends Regrets

#### 5.1.4 Report from Daycare

- Daycare Fee went up from 8.55\$ to 8.95\$/day
- With the changes to the Daycare Handbook, Andrea Truffa moves to approve the "Daycare Handbook", seconded by Carol Clifton

#### 5.1.5 Report from Community Representative: Sends Regrets. Will be joining us in the new year.

#### 5.1.6 Report from PPO

- Halloween Festivities went well. raised 1,700.00\$. Very good turn out.
- Scholastic Book Fair went well. Over 4500.00\$ of books were sold. In the future, perhaps look to something different. More French books.
- Winter Sale will be held on December 3, 2022 at the school.
- PPO Newsletter is now available.
- Junior Yard Beautification Proposal is a future project.

#### 5.1.7 Report from Home and School

- Chocolate Bar Drive is finished. Went very well. In the process of tallying up to find our winners.
- Holiday Sweater Fundraiser in December for 2\$ donation.

## 6 Business Arising:

6.1 School Junior Yard Beautification Project

Discussion concerning this project brought about the need to form a committee. There is no clear plan yet but needs to be done in stages. Input is very important and therefore, individuals from different groups is needed.

Those who volunteered to be a part of this committee are as follows:

Nadine Thomas, Ryan Martin, Carol Clifton, Laurel Jackson, Tim Legace and Jim Daskalakis.

A time and place will be organized for this committee to meet after the holidays.

6.2 Open House

Open House will take place on December 8, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for prospective parents and students.

Posters were distributed to various organizations to help advertise our Open House. As well it was placed on our Facebook Page.

Teachers will be available to speak with and tours will be given to highlight our school.

6.3 Lunchtime Activities

Some parents are concerned with the amount of TV allocated to students during lunch.

Lunch for preschoolers is 75 minutes. During this time students are:

Outside for 25-30 minutes

Eating for 25-30 minutes

Smartboard for 10-15 minutes

6.4 Memorial Plaque

The dedication plaque for Mona Kircoff Vaudry is still going forward. It is in the beginning stages.

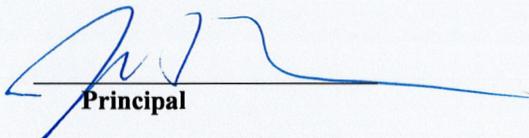
7 Adjournment Date Place and Time of Meeting

Carol Clifton moves to adjourn, seconded by Natalie Szytych.

Unanimous

Next Meeting to be held on January 18, 2023 at St. Gabriel School for 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Principal



Chairperson-Governing Board

Jan 18 2023  
Date

18-JAN-2023  
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