



Minutes of the second (2nd) meeting of the 2016-2017 McCaig Elementary School Governing Board held on Thursday October 27, 2016 in Room 105 (Science Lab) at 7pm.

Members Present: Marie-Soleil Lecompte, Patrick Leprohon, Dayna Morrow, Shelleigh Murray, Sandra Rizkallah, Jossie Tortorici, Parents; Jennifer Lloyd, Gautama Swaminadhan, Daniel Strina, Gabriel Lanno, Teachers; Colin Young, Chantal Ippersiel, Community Representatives.

Also present were: Richard Mason, Administrator

Regrets: Vicki Fraser, Pat Gilmour

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 19:00 hrs.

1.0 Recognition of visitors

The members introduced themselves.

2.0 Approval of the agenda

Add: 6.5 Pre-approved activities that do not involve money with a permission slip

GB20161027-01 Sandra Rizkallah MOVED THAT the agenda is accepted with addition. Seconded by Dan Strina.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Approval of the Minutes of meeting of September 29th, 2016

GB20161027-02 Patrick Leprohon MOVED THAT the minutes of September 29th, 2016 are approved. Seconded by Gautama Swaminadhan

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: 9

Abstain: 1

4.0 Reports

4.1. Principal

As sent by e-mail

- In response to a question from Gabriel, if they see that there are benefits, TFOMES will put aside \$6000 for 3 more bikes, one for cycle 3 and one in each resource room. They are also talking about purchasing standing desks in each classroom if the teacher wants one.
- In response to a question from Jossie, Mr. Mason is waiting for a response from the Ville de Rosemere concerning a financial contribution from them for the swing sets.

4.2. Financial Report

Mr. Mason presented the final budget from 2015-2016. Members are very pleased that Mr. Mason was able to get the school out of the deficit left from 2014-2015.

4.3. Day Care

Pat is not present tonight but reported that things are running well.

4.4. School Committee (PPO)

As e-mailed to members.

4.5. SWLSB Parents Committee

GB20161027-03 WHEREAS the maximum of taxation revenue is set, by regulation, by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education;

WHEREAS school boards, by law, may set their tax rate up to a maximum of 35 cents per \$100 of the standardized assessment of taxable immovables;

WHEREAS the equalization program, which provided additional financial support to school boards that set their tax rate below or equal to 35 cents per \$100 of the standardized assessment of taxable immovables, has been abolished;

WHEREAS there is an imbalance in school taxation on the territory of Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

WHEREAS the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board, based on a lower standardized assessment of taxable immovables, has set a higher tax rate (\$0.33995 per \$100 valuation);

WHEREAS the English-speaking population of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board must pay higher school taxes if their children attend English schools;

WHEREAS taxpayers who do not have children attending English schools but wish to support the English school board must pay more than those paying school taxes to the French school board;

Dan Strina MOVED THAT The McCaig Elementary School Governing Board insist that the Government of Québec take all measures to make school taxes equitable amongst taxpayers who pay to either the French or English school boards, outside of the island of Montreal. Seconded by Sandra Rizkallah.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion on the audit process for IEP's.

4.6. TFOMES (The Friends of McCaig Elementary School)

As e-mailed to members.

5.0 New Business

5.1. Homework Guidelines Policy

- Discussion on the homework policy. Looking for feedback from parents.
- Parents asked that teachers could coordinate projects and exams so that not all subjects do them at the same time.
- Parents are spending a lot more time on homework than suggested in the guidelines. Gautama explained how homework works in his grade 4 class.
- Teachers do tell parents what they are expecting when their child is doing projects at home
- Suggestion to put a big calendar in the staff room where teachers write down when they are having exams and giving projects.
- The staff is meeting and will discussing the homework policy.

5.2. ECA Summary

A summary of ECA's going on in the school was presented. Parents asked if teachers could send information to parents at the beginning of the year on what field trips will occur during the year so that they know how much they need to budget for the year's activities. Teachers responded that they try to do this, but sometimes unexpected activities that are worth it come up during the year.

5.3. Medic Alert Program

No Child Without. Students are entitled to free medic alert bracelets through this program. Our school is registered with Medic Alert. Jossie is working on getting the pamphlets and codes for McCaig. 75 pamphlets were ordered for the school. Mr. Mason will put this information in the newsletter to see if there are other parents whose child has an allergy not registered with the school. Students with medical allergies in addition to food allergies are entitled to these free bracelets.

5.4. Pre- K Classes

Mr. Mason was approached by the Rosemere Pre-School who would like to rent the facilities for the 4-year-old program. Mr. Mason had a discussion with the Assistant Director General and questions answered are in his principal's report. Some other questions to ask:

- Would it be an extended day?
- Would it interfere with our daycare?
- Would lunch and recess be offset?
- Would they make use of the school's facilities? This would be included in the price of the rental.
- Would they need to participate in the fire drills and lock down procedures that go on in the school?

This is just in discussion phase. Mr. Mason will have more information shortly.

6.0 Field Trips/Activities

6.1. Basketball

MC CAIG GLADIATORS BASKETBALL TEAMS- 2016-2017 season
1-BOY'S TEAM & 1-GIRLS TEAM from October 2016 to February 2017

RSEQLL- Basketball League-

- Monday, November 14 at Rosemere High School from 16h00 to 18h00
- Monday, November 21 at Rosemere High School from 16h00 to 18h00
- Monday, December 5 at Rosemere High School from 16h00 to 18h00

Basketball Regional Championship

- Sunday, December 11 all Day- (TBD if team qualified).

SWLLBL McCaig, Laurentia(St-Jerome), Morin-Heights, LES (Lachute), St-Agathe Academy

End of year Tournament – date (TBD) 2017 PED.DAY @ Rosemere High School - Home games (dates TBD)

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION

\$70 per students--- Gladiators Team members (tournament fees- referees- league fees)

GB20161027-04 Gabriel Lanno MOVED THAT the basketball activity is approved as presented above. Seconded by Patrick Leprohon.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

6.2. Ice Hockey

- MC CAIG GLADIATORS ICE HOCKEY TEAM, INTRAMURALS & Festival - 2016-2017 season from November 2016 to March 2017.
- Away games will be scheduled afterschool (dates TBD)
- Home games and Intramural Games** take place after school on:
- Wednesdays at 3:45-5:00 pm at the Rosemere Arena
- McCaig Jamboree Festival Wednesday, Feb 15 – **TEAM JAPAN, FRANCE & FINLAND *** teams-TBD
- HOME GAMES- Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 14, 21, Jan 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, 8, 16
- McCaig jamboree Festival Monday February 13 (all Day Ped. Day)
- AWAY GAMES – (Dates-TBD) occasionally leaving early at 2:25pm
- PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION
- McCaig Gladiators TEAM - A (grades 5&6) --\$140 Gladiator's Team (includes ice-rental, referee fees, etc) (7 home games dates TBD) + (7 Intramural games)
- McCaig Gladiators TEAM - B- mainly (grades 3 & 4) & Cycle 3 beginners--\$110 Intra-Mural Team Member (7 Intramural games) + 4 exhibition games (TBD) includes ice-rental, referee fees etc.
- McCaig Gladiators Jamboree/Festival -\$20 McCaig Jamboree Festival – everyone--(February 2016) includes ice-rental, referee fees etc.

GB20161027-05 Sandra Rizkallah MOVED THAT the hockey activity is approved as presented above. Seconded by Patrick Leprohon.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

6.3. Flag Football

- SWLSB Flag Football Jamborees
- Games take place at Laval Senior High School
- October 23, 30 and November 6, 2016 from 12:00 to 4:00
- Parents to supply the transportation
- Free

GB20161027-06 Marie-Soleil Lecompte MOVED THAT the flag football activity is approved as presented. Seconded by Shelleigh Murray.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

6.4. Quebec City and Ottawa overnight field trips

Quebec End of year fieldtrip Grade 5

- June 1, 2017 & June 2, 2017
- 1 to 10- adult to student ratio (102 students, 10 adults)
- Substitution: We will kindly be asking TFOMES.
- Total cost of trip per student: \$196.00 (price is based on 75 students coming on the trip) + \$15, in their wallet, for supper on June 2.
- The price is subject to change based on the number of students.

GB20161027-07 Shelleigh Murray MOVED THAT the end of year field trip to Quebec City is approved as presented. Seconded by Gabriel Lanno.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Ottawa End of year fieldtrip Grade 6

- May 23, 2017 & May 24, 2017
- 1 to 9 adult to student ratio (88 students, 10 adults)
- Substitution: We will kindly be asking TFOMES.
- Total cost of trip per student: \$230.00 (price is based on 70 students coming on the trip) + \$15, in their wallet, for supper on May 24.

- The price is subject to change based on the number of students, and a different museum might be added to the itinerary. (Science and Technology Museum)

GB20161027-08 Marie-Soleil Lecompte MOVED THAT the end of year field trip to Ottawa is approved as presented. Seconded by Jennifer Lloyd.

Carried

6.5 Pre-approved activities that do not involve money with a permission slip

During the school year, opportunities for students to walk in the neighborhood arise. Walk over to RHS, to the arena, to the park, etc. These activities cost no money, but require parental permission and GB approval. Teachers would like a blanket statement that governing board approves these activities providing there is no cost and permission slips are sent home to parents and returned signed. The ratio would have to be applied per grade level, respecting the school board or school ratio policy.

GB20161027-09 Dan Strina MOVED THAT the neighborhood walking activities are approved as presented above. Seconded by Sandra Rizkallah.

Carried

7.0 E-votes

A request from Mr. Vrana to have parents purchase recorders for music for their children. The cost is 7.00\$ each. A letter we will be sent home to parents. This should have been passed last year as part of school fees but was not submitted. The students need to have a recorder and for reasons of hygiene it should be one that they own.

GB20161013-01 Jossie Tortorici MOVED THAT 2015-2016 Governing Board approves asking parents to purchase recorders at a cost of \$7.00 each, for students.

Carried

Le 6 novembre prochain, quatre enseignants de l'école (Isabelle Lortie, Mylène Corriveau, Gabriel Lanno et Mike Distefano) participeront au Défi 4X4 au Nautilus Plus de St-Eustache. Le défi consiste à faire chacun un deux heures intense de cardiovasculaire sur les machines d'entraînement, sans s'arrêter. Nous faisons ce défi pour ramasser des fonds pour le Fond Richard Béliveau, pour la chaire de recherche contre le cancer de l'UQAM. Les fonds ramassés vont directement à la recherche contre le cancer. Nous aimerions faire participer nos élèves à cette levée de fonds. C'est une cause importante et en plus, cela leur montre l'importance de l'activité physique pour la santé et la prévention de maladie.

GB20161013-02 Jossie Tortorici MOVED THAT 2015-2016 Governing Board approves the Defi 4x4 as described above.

Carried

Club de Soccer Lorraine-Rosemère would like to rent the McCaig gymnasium Thursdays from 18:30 – 20:00pm from October 20th, 2016 to April 27th, 2017.

GB20161013-03 Jossie Tortorici MOVED THAT 2015-2016 Governing Board approves the rental as described above.

Carried

GB20161020-01 Jossie Tortorici MOVED THAT the rental for the Club de Soccer Lorraine-Rosemère from Monday October 24th, 2016 to Monday March 27th, 2017 is approved as presented.

Carried

GB20161020-02 Jossie Tortorici MOVED THAT the after school Passion Soccer activity on Tuesdays after school is approved as presented.

Carried

GB20161020-03 WHEREAS draft BILL 105: An Act to modify the Education Act, was introduced at the National Assembly of Québec on June 9th, 2016;

WHEREAS Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms confers minority language education rights;

WHEREAS Mahe v. Alberta 1990, clearly defines that minority language groups have the right to manage and control their education system and facilities;

WHEREAS the English schools are the fundamental hub of the English speaking communities they serve;

WHEREAS Bill 105 would confer all powers over English school boards to the Minister of Education – which is unconstitutional;

WHEREAS English school boards across the province boast some of the best success rates in the province;

WHEREAS the English community takes its responsibility to control and manage its schools very seriously;

WHEREAS the Government of Quebec has offered no reason to validate the changes proposed in draft Bill 105;

Patrick Leprohon MOVED THAT the McCaig Elementary Governing Board of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board;

Rejects Bill 105: An Act to modify the Education Act; and

Demands that the Government of Quebec acknowledge its duty to support and respect the constitutional rights of Anglophone Quebecers;

Seconded by Shelleigh Murray

Carried

8.0 Correspondence

9.0 Adjournment

Next meeting: November 23, 2016

Would like to have a plan to advertise the school.

The members will form a committee and come up with ideas to promote the school.

GB20161027-10 Gautama Swaminadhan MOVED THAT the meeting is adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Shelleigh Murray.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2016

_____ Chairperson _____ Principal

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary