



Minutes of the second (2nd) meeting of the 2021-2022 McCaig Elementary School Governing Board held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 via ZOOM videoconferencing at 7 p.m.

Members Present: Cristin Filacouridis, Maral Halebi, Melissa Mancuso, Eric Tanios, Karl Trottier, Parents; Eva Bletas, Vicki Fraser, Ann Phillion, Dan Strina, Teachers; Pat Gilmour; Daycare Representative; Marie-Soleil Lecompte, Anne McMullon, Monika Renner, Community Representatives

Alternate Members Present: Pina Caltigirone

Also present were: Richard Mason, Administrator

Regrets: Deborah Mortilliti

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1.0 Recognition of visitors

2.0 Approval of the agenda

GB20211028-01 Eva Bletas MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Ann Phillion

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

3.0 Approval of the Minutes of September 30, 2021

GB20211028-02 Melissa Mancuso MOVED THAT the minutes of the September 30, 2021 be approved. Seconded by Maral Halebi.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4.0 New Business

4.1 Recognition of Land

Karl Trottier explained to members that at the beginning of every parents' committee meeting, they read an acknowledgement of the Indigenous traditional land that we are gathering on. It is intended as a way for guests to show their respect to the Indigenous community. He proposes that moving forward that we do the same at the beginning of our McCaig GB meetings.

Karl Trottier read the acknowledgement of the land that is used at the PC meetings.

The members entered into discussion about this.

Anne McMullon will send a land acknowledgement guide to the members to read and we can decide at the next meeting if this GB would like to include it as a standing monthly agenda item to be read at the beginning of each meeting.

4.2 Academic and Career Guidance Content (ACGC) 2021-2022

As emailed to members and presented by the principal and the teachers.

This is a document that helps students think beyond their education and learn about the options in high school and the jobs that are available to them.

GB20211028-03 Dan Strina MOVED THAT the Academic and Career Guidance Content (ACGC) 2021-2022 be approved as presented. Seconded by Vicki Fraser.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Standards and Procedures of Evaluation and Scale Competency 2021-2022

As emailed to members and presented by the principal.

GB20211028-04 Eva Bletas MOVED THAT the Standards and Procedures of Evaluation and Scale Competency 2021-2022 be approved as presented. Seconded by Melissa Mancuso.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

4.4 Report on the McCaig Educational Project 2020-2021

As emailed to members and presented by the principal.

GB20211028-04 Maral Halebi MOVED THAT the report on the McCaig Educational Project 2020-2021 be approved as presented. Seconded by Karl Trottier.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

4.5 Sexuality Education Program 2021-2022

As emailed to members and presented by the principal and Ms. Fraser.

- This class is not a subject on its own, the subject matter is included in the time that the teachers teach a subject.
- In response to a question from Karl, students are not tested, they are just given information. The only evaluation component is based on if the student participates or does the work.
- It will be taught by the teachers in the approach that they choose using the guidelines put forward by the ministry.

GB20211028-05 Pat Gilmour MOVED THAT the Sexuality Education Program 2021-2022 overall approach put forth by the teachers based on the ministry's context be approved. Seconded by Vicki Fraser.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

5.0 Business Arising

5.1 Conflict of interest form

Every member must fill these out and send them back to the school secretary. If you have not already done so, please send it ASAP.

5.2 Judicial record form

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6.0 Reports

6.1 Principal

- McCaig students and staff participated in Orange Shirt Day/National Truth and Reconciliation Day on Friday September 30th. This day was organized to demonstrate our commitment to recognizing the harm that the residential school system caused to many children's sense of self-esteem and wellbeing. Our goal was to bring awareness and pledge our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters.
- The Terry Fox Run, held on September 29th, was a huge success once again this year. I am pleased to announce that with on-line donations still coming in we have raised over 6000.00\$. The run was held this year with modifications required because of the COVID 19 pandemic. The usual run through the neighbourhood around McCaig with staff, children and parents had to be modified somewhat. We had parent volunteers only and the children ran together by grade level. This was an improvement over last year where the students participated in the Terry Fox in the schoolyard, within their classroom bubbles, through their physical education classes. Thank you to everyone who helped make the run such a success. A special thanks goes out to Kristin Crowdis and Mr. Andree Plourde for organizing the event.
- The grade six corn roast/fall activity took place in the morning of October 1st. The grade six students had a great morning.
- We are into our third year of using only reusable cutlery and the banning of disposable water bottles at McCaig. The caterer no longer provides disposable plastic cutlery with every meal and he has eliminated the plastic bottles of water from his menu. The transition has gone amazingly well with very few difficulties encountered. Parents have embraced our green initiatives.
- Progress Reports/first communications will be made available on Mozaïk during the third week of November. As you are probably aware, the portal allows parents to access all of their child's school information from a central location. The Mozaïk Parent Portal is in use in all Sir Wilfrid Laurier schools. This year's Parent /Teacher night is November 23rd from 5pm to 8pm. Parents will have an opportunity to meet with their child's teacher, by appointment, via Zoom. Teachers will prioritize students with difficulties. The next day, November 24th, is a ped day. This day will be made available by teachers for parents who were unable to meet with their child's teacher(s) the evening of the 23rd.
- Through the portal parents have access to the following information:
 - Schedule - Basic agenda for elementary schools with the school days (Day 1, Day 2, etc.) / Full class schedules (timetables) in secondary schools.
 - Results - Current term results, as well as previous report cards.
 - Finances - School or daycare fees.
 - Student record - General student information with a list of your child's teachers and bussing information.
 - Messages - Communications from your school.
 - Resources - Web links to useful information from your school, or the School Board
- The Municipal elections are quickly approaching. McCaig will serve as a polling station this Sunday October 31st and next Saturday and Sunday November 6 and 7.
- McCaig held a practice fire drill on October 14th. Last year we held our fire drill very differently because of the Covid restrictions in place. Last year we had fire drills by cycle. Everything went very well. Once again, this year, for the second

year in a row, the fire drill was held without the fire department present because they are not visiting for practice drills any schools due to Covid.

- Halloween activities will take place tomorrow at McCaig. All students have been invited to arrive to school in costume. PPO (in collaboration with TFOMES and the teachers) has planned many fun activities for the children. The activities will respect the health and safety measures in place to "prevent" the possibility of COVID infection. The planned activities include:
 - Creepy and fun Halloween music during AM and PM recess.
 - PPO will create an activity kit for each class.
 - PPO will prepare a treat bag for every student. The selected treats are individually packaged and are allergen free.
 - Pumpkin Contest: PPO is also organizing a class pumpkin decorating contest. They will provide one pumpkin per class. Each class will decorate their pumpkin and send their pumpkin down to the office where it will be placed on display in the main lobby. The winning pumpkin (the winning class) will get a pizza lunch.
 - PPO also decorated the main lobby of the school.
 - And lastly the traditional grade four monster project is on display. Awesome!
- Parents are reminded that we have an official school store for online purchases of clothing that can be accessed via our website. Just click on the Gladiator logo on the right-hand side off the school webpage. The link is: <https://mccaiggladiators.entripyshops.com/>
- Student photos were taken on October 12th and 13th. Grad pictures for grade six students will be taken in April. Information regarding the graduate photos will be sent to parents at that time.
- Teacher Performance Appraisal's (TPA), by the principal, will continue this year. The purpose of the TPA is to provide support and ensure professional growth among our teaching staff. All "first-time working at SWLSB teachers" under contract (E3/E8) will be evaluated. Recall teachers who have already been evaluated will be not be appraised; all others will be appraised. Tenure track teachers, unless already appraised, will be evaluated. Evaluation of E1 teachers continues this year. Twenty percent of McCaig's E1 teachers, randomly selected, will be evaluated this year. The aim is to have all E1's evaluated over the next 5 years.
- The TFOMES sock fundraising campaign is well under way. We have over 11 000\$ in sales so far. We have the possibility of raising up to 10 000 more in profit from this initiative. TFOMES has also started its Christmas tree fundraiser. This fundraiser raised 500.00 last year. The next major fundraising campaign is our cookie dough sale that will take place in November.

Melissa Mancuso mentioned that the McCaig swag link is not working on the website. The principal will have it fixed.

6.2 Parents Committee

- Two meetings were held in October where elections and procedural explanations were done.
- Karl Trottier was elected as the treasurer for the PC.
- A GB training was held in October. For anyone who missed it, the recorded session is on the school board website.
- Mr. Mason acknowledged that he is disappointed in Karl's choice of hockey sweater.

7.0 Correspondence

In response to a question from Melissa Mancuso, the McCaig hockey teams recruit students from grades 4 to 6. This was a decision taken by teacher council and GB based on the safety of students. There will be activities for this age group during the year.

8.0 Adjournment

Next meeting – November 25, 2021

GB20211028-06 Vicki Fraser MOVED THAT the meeting is adjourned 7:57 p.m. Seconded by Dan Strina.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2021

Chairperson _____ Principal

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary