

Verdun Elementary School Governing Board Meeting
November 27, 2017 at 5:30-7:20 PM

Present: Sandra Luther; Mary-Anne Fyckes; Natalie Lalonde; Diane Tierney; Roy Valerio; Julia Gregory; Severine Landais; Simone Viger; Louise Dorais; Sarah Davey; Mary-Anne Davis

Regrets: Marie Eve Lavigne has resigned as she has joined the VES staff as a lunchtime supervisor; David Lefneski; John Ranger

1. Welcome:

1.1. Community Reps: Simone Viger CLC coordinator

2. Additions to the Agenda:

2.1. none

3. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION #18: Motion to approve the agenda moved by Natalie Lalonde seconded by Roy Valerio. Carried unanimously

4. Corrections/Approval of minutes: June 15, 2017 & AGM

4.1. 17. 3 removed "based on intercultural committee"

MOTION #19: Motion to approve the minutes and corrections from the October 2017 and the AGM meetings moved by Diane Tierney seconded by Roy Valerio . Carried unanimously

5. Correspondence:

5.1. Share the Warmth: Holiday Breakfast

5.2. Westwood High School - Holiday Celebration put on by the leadership students confirmed December 15th tentatively

5.3. McGill and Concordia Universities - sent letters of thanks for student teachers, as well as an invitation for Cheryl Villeneuve to collaborate

5.4. Newsletter for October and November sent to VES families and website updated

5.5. Consultation Launch - Evaluation of Student Learning Policy feedback deadline January 19th, 2018

6. Field Trip Approval:

6.1. Daycare Outings: none to approve

6.2. Homerooms:

- 6.2.1. Choir Outing** to perform at Centre d'hébergement du Manoir-de-Verdun 5500 Blvd LaSalle, Dec 18, 19, 21 grade 4-6, transportation walking ratio 1:6 cost \$0

MOTION #20: Motion to approve Choir Outing moved by Louise Dorais seconded by Severine Landais. Carried unanimously

- 6.2.2. Music Outing** for grades 4-6, date February 1st 8:00-10:00 joint project with the MSO; transportation school bus 93 students; ratio 1:8; there will be 2 follow-up workshops; cost \$0

MOTION #21: Motion to approve the agenda moved by Natalie Lalonde seconded by Louise Dorais. Carried unanimously

6.2.3. Physical Education Outings with Mr. Stephane

- Senior students date: January 9th; Volleyball Tournament at John Abbott College; ratio 1:8; transportation: school bus cost \$10/student
- Basketball Jamboree date January 25th at McGill 9:00-1:15 transport: school bus; cost \$10/student
- mini indoor soccer tournament at Vincent Massey High School; date: March 22; ratio 1:7; transportation: school bus; cost: \$10/student
- participate in a basketball tournament LaSalle Sr school April 20 9:00-1:00; transportation: carpooling, special form for the parents to sign; cost \$0/student
- Cross-Country Run May 8th & 9th; at Dorset school; transport: school bus; \$10/student; ratio 1:10

MOTION #22: Motion to approve the physical education outings moved by Diane Tierney seconded by Louise Dorais. Carried unanimously

6.3. Fundraisers:

- 6.3.1. Holiday Bazaar** - December 20th, all day; put on by the cycle III students to raise funds for the cycle III end-of-the-year trip

MOTION #23: Motion to approve the Holiday Bazaar moved by Natalie Lalonde seconded by Diane Tierney . Carried unanimously

- 6.3.2. Bake Sale** - Dec 8th, run by VESPA; the community will be asked to provide the baked good to go towards the grade 6 end-of-the year grad celebration

MOTION #24: Motion to approve the December Bake Sale moved by Sarah Davey seconded by Louise Dorais. Carried unanimously

7. New Business:

- 7.1. Internal Rules related to Chairperson:** review of the procedures

7.2. Election of new GB Chairperson: Diane Tierney nominated Roy Valerio seconded by Sarah Davey

MOTION #25: Motion to approve Roy Valerio as the chairperson for the VES Governing Board, following the written resignation of Marie-Eve Lavigne, moved by Diane Tierney seconded by Sarah Davey. Carried unanimously

7.3. Appointment of new parent members

A list of alternate member was compiled at the September Governing Board as per the internal rules and regulations of VES Governing Board and the guidelines outlined in the Education Act, the following members were appointed and accepted:

1. SEVERINE LANDAIS: graciously accepted the position
2. JULIA GREGORY: graciously accepted the position
3. JESSICA JARDIM - substitute
4. CHRIS MAVRITSAKIS - substitute

Jessica Jardim and Chris Mavritsakis will be invited to according to the order to fill the position of Marie-Eve Lavigne.

7.4. Daycare Budget

MOTION #26

GOVERNING BOARD RESOLUTION
TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE
NOVEMBER DAYCARE AND LUNCHTIME REVISED BUDGET

WHEREAS school board procedures state that principals propose and governing boards adopt the "November revised" budget for the current year prior to December 15th, and

WHEREAS the school board daycare and lunch program template includes the prior year actual financial information to assist in the preparation of the November revised budget; and

WHEREAS the governing board of Verdun Elementary has reviewed the financial statements showing revenues of \$316,596 and expenses of \$316,596 and giving a net result of \$0.00, and a cumulative surplus of \$2,955 as of June 30, 2017; and

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, on a motion by Sarah Davey
Seconded by, Diane Tierney that the November revised budget for the 2017-2018 school year be accepted.

7.5. VES Budget: tabled until January meeting

MOTION TO #27 Motion to tabled the VES November Revised Budget was moved by Natalie Lalonde and seconded by Diane Tierney. Carried unanimously.

7.6. ACGC - Academic and Career Guidance Content prior to this year it was a pilot program from the ministry; goal is to offer opportunities and activities for the students to investigate future option.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL STATEMENT ON the Implementation of the Academic and Career Guidance Content (ACGC – formerly known as GOAL, Guidance Oriented Approach to Learning).

The school principal of Verdun Elementary School confirms that the ACGC program presented by the MEES will be implemented at the school via a variety of teaching and non-teaching professionals incorporating this content into current and new school activities and initiatives. The school will:

- Provide opportunities for students to explore different career options;
- Provide opportunities for students to explore different academic pathways;
- Offer students a stimulating learning environment by making ongoing connections between current course content and future workplace opportunities;
- Support the deployment of ACGC;
- Encourage the development of collaborative action among school personnel in order to support students in their development of understanding of ACGC content;
- Support all initiatives that foster a deeper exploration of ACGC;
- Increase staff training and optimized operations in schools where necessary.

The school principal acknowledges that the Ministry expects that this content will be covered through 10 hours of related content per school year.

8. Business Arising:

8.1. GB Budget received \$300 for the year to cover any expenses such as refreshments, printing, postage, brochures, there are also funds available for childcare \$15/meeting

9. Reports:

9.1. Principal:

- GB – September meeting – SNAC representative for VES along with the appointment of Severine Landais for a 1 year mandate as a parent member and Simone Viger and David Lefneski as community reps.
- New Staff Members – We will welcome Tamara Pierre and welcome back Trish Sposatos
- Hot Lunch program – Up and running for another year with new items added to the menu and Served on Tuesdays and Thursdays at a price of \$4.00 per meal.

- VESPA – Has met with its members and is planning for our students alongside of the Student Life committee at VES.
- Interim Reports – To go out to families on Oct. 13th .
- Homework Zone & School of Music –Is up and running for another year and is being enjoyed by the cycle 2 and 3 students. The program will run for 10 weeks. 20 are participating in Homework Zone program, and 20 students are participating in the School of Music program.
- Website Updates – All info. Re: upcoming events can be found on the School's website. Our most recent updates include dates and subject matter for Spaghetti Nights for Families hosted by Verdun Community Learning Center located at 971 Riverview, and important dates and reminders for families for the month of November.
- Field Trips/Events – In the month of October, our students enjoyed many tournaments and events such as Terry Fox and the GMAA soccer. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers who made these activities and events possible for our students.
- Activities and Programs to come – Extracurricular activities that will soon be offered to the children after school hours include, ball hockey, soccer and basketball. Current activities throughout the student timetable include Champions for Life Homework Zone and SOMM

9.2. Teachers:

- Ongoing professional development for Math and TIPPS
- Halloween collaborative activity between Junior and Senior classes
- Audio Visual program with Fusion Jeunesse
- Teachers Convention Nov 23 and 24th
- Grade ½ received new computers donated from the school board

9.3. Staff:

- Diane: Nov 24th annual AGM held at the Crowne Plaza
- Bake Sale held on parent teacher night money went to support the music program

9.4. Daycare:

- New position: Handicapped attendants to help support students with special needs at a lower ratio
- Daycare committee created a universal plan across the board posted on the website, suggestion to keep a plastified copy outside the daycare entrance

MOTION #28 to approve VES Daycare Rules and Regulation moved by Sarah Davey and seconded by Natalie Lalonde. Carried unanimously

9.5. Regional Parent Representative: none

9.6. Community Representative:

- **Simone** works to create stronger links between the elementary schools and Beurling, HW ZOne, School of Music, verdun public library, Francisation support program increase parent support and engagement, develop strategies together, also represents the schools at the Table du Quartier

9.7. Commissioner: Commissioner's Report:

- Heartfelt thanks for the flowers that were sent

October 30th, 2017

- **Appointment of Student Commissioners:**

The Council of Commissioners appointed Miranda Bohns and Melina Siles as the Student Commissioners at the Lester B. Pearson School Board, for the term ending September 30, 2018.

- **Consultation Launch – Evaluation of Student Learning Policy:**

Council voted on the launch of the consultation document entitled Evaluation of Student Learning Policy dated October 30, 2017, be distributed to the consultative partners of the Lester B. Pearson School Board during the week of November 1st, 2017, with responses returned to the Secretariat no later than January 19, 2018.

- **Financial Statements 2016-2017:**

THAT acceptance be given to the Lester B. Pearson School Board 2016-2017 Financial Statements, for submission to the Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'île de Montréal and the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur, showing revenues of \$299,935,294 and expenses of \$294,100,316, with a surplus of an excess of expenditures over revenues of \$5,834,977.

The report shows a surplus of \$5,834,977. We must take into account previous accumulated deficits that have now been absorbed by this surplus. We, in fact, have a surplus of \$1,100 000. Sums will be divided amongst all the schools during the school year 2018-2019.

- **Capital Project: LCCHS:**

Replacement of exterior doors, ceilings, lighting, pathways, paving, lockers, and water compressors and the renovation of bathrooms – Mesure 50621:

Professional services contract for the replacement of exterior doors, ceilings, lighting, pathways, paving, lockers, and water compressors, and the renovation of bathrooms at LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School (Project #1715).

- **Designation of the officer responsible for dealing with the disclosures of wrongdoings:**

The Secretary General of the Lester B. Pearson School Board, Geneviève Dugré, be designated as the officer responsible for dealing with the disclosures of wrongdoings within the organization.

- **Correspondance:**

Letter dated October 10, 2017, from Sébastien Proulx, Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports. Informing the School Board that the proposal for a project entitled A MultiLevel Emotion Regulation Classroom Program to Support Student Learning & Well-Being was accepted by the Ministry, and that the Board will be granted \$72,400 in financial aid to achieve the project's goals.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Davis, Commissioner ward 1.

- Suanne Stein Day resigned as chair of the LBPSB, and the new chair is Noel Burke, a selection committee has been struck to replace Mr. Burke and nominate a new vice-chair

10. Question Period: none

11. Varia:

12. Date of Next Meeting: January 25, 2018

13. Adjournment:

MOTION #29 Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned moved by Louise Dorais seconded by Diane Tierney. Carried unanimously