

Verdun Elementary School Governing Board Meeting
April 25, 2018 at (5:30) 6:00-7:30

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

Regrets: David Lefneski; Chris Mavrtsakis

1. Welcome:

1.1.

2. Additions to the Agenda:

2.1.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION #60: Motion to approve the agenda moved by Diane Tierney seconded by Louise Dorais Carried unanimously

4. Corrections/Approval of minutes: March, 2018

4.1. Under staff report: should say "Diane support staff rep for the next 2 years" and not 10 years

MOTION #61: Motion to approve the corrections to the March minutes moved by Diane Tierney seconded by Louise Dorais Carried unanimously

5. Correspondence:

5.1. Newsletter sent to VES families and website updated - April 2018

5.2. Table of Hope May 7th, 2018 - Share the Warmth all proceeds go towards schools and food programs, there will be representatives from VES

6. Field Trip Approval:

6.1. Daycare Outings:

6.1.1. none

6.2. Homerooms/School:

6.2.1. Beurling Academy Science Fair; 9:45-12:00 April 25th; grade 6; walk over; ratio 1:8; cost: \$0

MOTION #63 to approve the field trip to BA Science Fair moved by Sarah Davey seconded Natalie Lalonde; passed unanimously

- 6.2.2. Healthy Living Discovering the Community Partners;** April to June; for the whole school; ratio 1:10; cost \$0; with information to be sent ahead of time to the families

MOTION #64 to give a school wide permission approval according to the recommended ratios for the whole school to discover the community moved by Natalie Lalonde and seconded by John Ranger

- 6.2.3. Explore & Appreciate the Habitat of the Frogs, Toads & Salamanders;** May 29th; grade 1, and ½; Morgan Arboretum in Ste- Anne de Bellevue; ratio 1:7; 6 adults 45 students; transport school bus; cost \$0

MOTION #65 to approve the visit to the Morgan Arboretum moved by Louise Dorais seconded by Diane Tierney. Passed unanimously

- 6.2.4. Fusion Jeunesse:** May 15th 4th and 5th grade students who have been participating in the afterschool program video game club to attend the year end showcase and awards at the Olympic Stadiums; ratio 1:7; transport public; cost to the student \$0.

MOTION #66 to approve the field trip outing to the festival Diane Tierney and Sarah Davey. Passed unanimously

6.3. Fundraisers:

- 6.3.1. No requests**

7. New Business:

7.1. Change in start and end time for VES:

- Due to the same start and end time as Riverview the school bus schedule has been impacted
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- A request being made to move up the day to 8:05 to 2:30, everything would be pushed ahead 5 minutes (recess, lunch . . .)

MOTION #67 to approve the change in the start and end time of the school day for 2018-2019 and to request the change be recognized by the transportation department moved by John Ranger, seconded by Diane Tierney. Passed unanimously

7.2. LBPSB Consultations -Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables:

- VES should read 259 students for 2017-2018, next year 265

7.3. LBPSB Consultations - First Commitment to the Success Plan 2018-2022

7.4. Student and Parent Code of Conduct: to be tabled to the next meeting

7.5. Capital Projects: TABLED FROM

- **Under \$50 000:** caretaker sink \$15 000; replacing many old lights;
- **Wishes:** storage suitable for outdoor equipment; covers for radiators; upgrade water fountains 1 on each floor; window blinds and white boards _____
- **Over \$500 0000** upgrading the stairwells and a classroom exits; upgrade the evacuation systems and existing stairwells
- Science Lab on 3rd floor will be renovated moving towards the possibility a social pediatric clinic to be housed in the building
- Ventilation and storage area across from the gym
- Ventilation of the crawl spaces
- Total replacement of the cafeteria floor
- Remains on the list: replace the classroom floor tiles estimate \$80 000
- Additional bathrooms on the south side

8. Business Arising:

- 8.1. Filter for the new fountain:** it does not have a filter, therefore it does not need to be replaced

9. Reports:

9.1. Principal:

- This month, we announced the retirements of Ms. Colleen O'Donnell and Ms. Louise Dorais. Their years of tireless and selfless work and dedication to the Verdun community are a testament to their loyalty and commitment to making a difference in our students' lives. We look forward to celebrating the next few months with you and to wishing you well in your next adventures!!!!
- Grade 5 completed their Board level math exam in the month of March and the grade 4 students are currently writing their French exam. We wish them well in their efforts.
- Report cards and IEP's were sent home to families just after the Spring Break. Teachers conducted interviews with parents on a "need to meet" basis.

- V.E.S professional book club will be meeting in the months of April and May. The book choice for this year is a professional book on Growth Mindset. We have approximately 15 staff members participating in VES book club.
- V.E.S. Pizza Day on March 23rd was a HUGE success! Thank you to our PPO parents for all of their hard work in supporting this fundraising activity.
- Grade 6 will begin their Board level French exam on April 30th. Best wishes to all of our students writing this exam.
- The 2017-18 Registration Period ended in Feb. We will continue to promote our pre-cycle programs and the many wonderful programs and activities that we have at VES to boost enrollment. Our current enrollment is comparable to 2017-2018. We have increased our numbers by 5 students and currently stand at 264.
- Initial staffing allocations have been given to schools. Planning for 2018-2019. Staff members will be meeting in the month of April to discuss groupings, calendar and supply lists for the upcoming year.

9.2. Teachers:

- The nurse continued her workshops in grade 5 and 6
- My Day at McGill took place April 5th for the students in HW Club, a great time was had by all
- Several Professional Development Sessions were attended by teachers and staff regarding growth mindset and Solution Focused Approach
- Sarah Davey Represented VES at the Anglo Family Council 5 a 7 April 12th
- Miss Luther attend the SOMM concert at Beurling that wrapped up the school of music session
- A few staff members attended the “Suspicious Fish Book Launch” Saturday April 14th
- Grade 5, 6 and 4 today completed the “Our Schools Survey” which provides rich data to help plan short and long term for the school
- Natalie Lalonde and Simone Viger attended a meeting with the city to learn about the new mandate for “Verdun’s Active Living Policy”
- Energy Cube Challenge for the month of May - Pierre Lavoie “La Grande Defi” booklet going home the last week of April 30 - May 28th

9.3. Staff:

- **Diane** : nothing new to report
- **Mary -Anne:**
 - Tell Them From Me survey completed
 - We Day School cancelled due to the weather
 - Confirmation from the Salvation Army for the Bar BQ June 5th

9.4. Daycare:

- Last ped day theme of Earth Day, and Fiesta Mexican theme

9.5. Regional Parent Representative:

- Summary report available online
- Congratulations to Mrs. Luther and the resource team on the creation of the “Sunshine Room” a space to address the specific needs of students with special needs
- Consideration is being given to change the wording on forms from “mother” and “father” to parent

9.6. Community Representative:

- J'apprend avec mon enfants gave a workshop with 10 VES families
- Thank you for SOMM for all their efforts
- Thank you to Homework Zone a very dynamic visit
- CCS transition to high school and friendship club
- May 3rd last spaghetti night at Riverview workshop on creative families with 2 art therapists
- Beurling Academy PowWow May 12
- Beurling Academy art show May 24 6-8 PM
- Dawson Boys & Girls Club gardening workshops are being offered
- April 25th 6:00 Rainbow Umbrella Project AGM at Beurling

9.7. Commissioner: Commissioner's Report: attached

- Great big thank you to the staff of VES for taking such good care of our students

10. Question Period: none

11. Varia:

12. Date of Next Meeting: May 24, 2018 5:30

13. Adjournment:

MOTION #68 Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned moved by Louise Dorais seconded by Diane Tierney. Carried unanimously