

**Verdun Elementary School  
GOVERNING BOARD  
MINUTES**

*Tuesday October 25, 2022 – 6:00pm  
Verdun Elementary School Staffroom*

**Present:** Lori McKergow, Sarah Davey, Elizabeth Huyer, Patrick Bagstad, Daniel Bartlett, Heidi Van Regan, Simone Viger, Diane Tierney, Cheryl Vienneau, Margelaine Lameurte, Tracey Brenie

**Audience (non-voting):** None

**Regrets:** Cindy Cohen, Chelsea Scallan

1. Welcome: Patrick Bagstad calls the meeting to order at 6:06pm.
2. Approval of agenda:
  - a. Addition of territorial land acknowledgement

MOTION #13: To approve the agenda with additions. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Sarah Davey. Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes from September 2022 meeting

MOTION #14: To table the approval of the minutes from September 2022. Moved by Cheryl Vienneau, seconded by Sarah Davey. Carried unanimously.

4. New Business
  - a. All Items will be addressed during the principal's report
5. Business Arising - none
6. Public Question Period - No questions

7. Reports

- a. Principal's Report:

- i. Staffing: We have hired a new grade 2 teacher, Brittany MacMillan. We have a new Daycare tech: Tracey Brenie. There is a great deal of internal movement with integration aides, student supervisors and daycare staff. Hopefully it all settles soon, but there have been many changes.
- ii. Students: Attestation day was very stressful with many new students. There are still new students coming in regularly. We are currently at 227 students
- iii. Vespa: Bike rack has been installed. Teacher wishlist is a big hit. Judicial Record requirements: 2 valid pieces of identification and approximately

30 days to process. Parental support is requested for the following events:  
Breakfast with Santa, Pizza day, Holiday bazaar

- iv. Heart and Hands clinic is running in full swing, accepting students from VES, Riverview and Beurling. OT & SLP interns are also working with our students. They are offering a parent session via zoom tomorrow. Nursing students from McGill also working with our students
- v. PEF: November fundraiser suggestion. Wear Navy, yellow and white and bring in a toonie. They will be helping us out with donations of coats and boots for our kids.
- vi. Reporting: Interim reports went home Thursday October 13. Term 1 ends on Friday November 4 and reports go home on the 14th. Interviews will be held on November 17 & 18
- b. Central Parents' Committee Report: No report for now
- c. Commissioner's Report: No report
- d. VESPA Report:
  - i. Many parents are interested in being involved. VESPA held its first two meetings. Minutes are available for anyone interested.
  - ii. The school received a donation of fresh fruit from "Fruit Me Up"
  - iii. The main questions from VESPA are surrounding hot lunches, use of the school kitchen, increasing school field trips and activities for students.
  - iv. Parents are hoping to support the school through fundraising efforts
- e. CLC Report: No report
- f. Teachers' Report: (September & October)
  - i. Teachers have worked very hard to set up classes and establish routines
  - ii. On the ped days in August, teachers received training from the Speech and Language Pathologist, Consultant for Inclusive Education, and Trauma Informed Pedagogical Practices Consultant.
  - iii. We have welcomed many new staff to the building. Teachers with experience at VES have been offering mentoring where we can answer questions and discuss some of the pedagogy that is so important to VES.
  - iv. Our curriculum night was a success with many parents in attendance
  - v. Ultimate frisbee tournament took place on September 20th. Both staff and students who attended agreed that it was great to go out on a field trip again.
  - vi. Teachers worked on IEPs with the resource team on September's Ped Day
  - vii. Throughout the month of September, teachers have been organizing activities with their students relating to Orange Shirt Day, and the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. Students will be invited to wear orange clothing on September 30th.
  - viii. Teacher's enjoyed various workshops for the teacher's convention. Rick Mercer was this year's keynote speaker.
  - ix. Teachers are completing term 1 evaluations and are getting ready for Parent-Teacher Interviews in November.
  - x. New French teachers attended a workshop with the school board consultant
  - xi. Handball tournament took place on October 6th.

- xii. Holiday Baskets and winter clothing are being organized for families in need.
  - xiii. Lunchtime and After School band programs have begun.
  - xiv. We are looking forward to costume day and paired halloween activities next Monday.
  - xv. The cross country run took place on October 19th. Many of our students placed in the top 25 of their grade - congratulations!
  - xvi. The Terry Fox race was a success - we raised over \$2700 for the Terry Fox Foundation!
  - g. Support Staff Report: There are 16 integration aides. The AGM was on October 14th. Integration aides attended the lunch and learn workshop with Cat and Zmira.
  - h. Daycare Report: There are currently 86 students in daycare to declare for funding. The funding model from the government has changed this year. The staff has been excellent at filling in the vacancies caused by staff shortages.
8. Business Arising:
- a. Field Trip Approvals: Proposed Daycare Ped Day Activity - November 11th teddy bear stuffing activity. Cost for each bear is \$15, and the Ped Day fee is \$12. We would ask for \$25 total for the day. The following Ped Day (November 18) would be a \$3 activity fee (total \$15 for the day). Feedback from the Governing Board is that the teddy bear event may be better timed later in the year (March). Instead, the November 11th ped day activity will be on a smaller scale (\$3) so that the fee for both November ped days is \$15/day.

MOTION #15: To approve the daycare ped day activities as presented. Moved by Cheryl Vienneau, seconded by Heidi Van Regan. Carried unanimously.

- b. School Activities: Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser: Cycle 3 teachers would like to organize a bazaar on December 21 where all students will be able to purchase small gifts for their families. Funds raised would go towards the cycle 3 trip.

MOTION #16: To approve the Christmas Bazaar Fundraiser as presented. Moved by Cheryl Vienneau, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried unanimously.

- c. Nursing students project: The nurses have proposed a workshop on bodily hygiene on November 22nd with the Grade 6 students.

MOTION #17: To approve the nursing students' workshop as presented. Moved by Sarah Davey, seconded by Simone Viger. Carried unanimously.

- d. High school visits to grades 5 & 6 - Beurling Academy and LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School would like to come into Grade 6 classes to present to our students.

MOTION #18: To approve the high school visits as presented. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried unanimously.

9. Public Question Period - No questions

10. Correspondence & Varia - None

11. Adjournment - 7:33 pm

MOTION #19: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned. Moved by Diane Tierney ,  
seconded by Cheryl Vienneau. Carried unanimously.