

**Verdun Elementary School
GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES**

*Tuesday September 19, 2023 – 6:00pm
Meeting via Zoom*

Present: Patrick Bagstad, Tracey Brenie, Chantal Condon, Deborah Devine, Sterling Downey, Dominic Durocher, Elizabeth Huyer, Elizabeth Johnstone, Lori McKergow, Danielle Michelin, Pablo Miyazono, Diane Tierney, Simone Viger

Audience (non-voting):

Regrets: Daniel Bartlett, Lori Morrison

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement: Patrick Bagstad calls the meeting to order at 6:07pm and reads the land acknowledgement.
2. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Addition of Community Representatives invitation
 - b. Removal of Dec 4th play field trip
 - c. Addition of Sept 29 Spirit Walk

MOTION #1: To approve the agenda with additions. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 2023 meeting and AGA:

MOTION #2: To approve the minutes from June 2023 GB and the 2023 AGA. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried with 6 abstentions.

4. Introduction of Members

5. Selection of Chairperson and alternate chairperson for 2023/2024

MOTION #3: To elect Patrick Bagstad as the chairperson of the VES Governing Board. Moved by Elizabeth Huyer, seconded by Elizabeth Johnstone. Carried unanimously.

MOTION #4: To elect Elizabeth Johnstone as the alternate chairperson of the VES Governing Board. Moved by Patrick Bagstad, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried unanimously.

6. Appointment of Secretary

MOTION #5: To appoint Elizabeth Huyer as the VES Governing Board secretary. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried unanimously.

7. Selection of Parent Committee Representative and alternate. The Parents Committee AGA is Thursday September 28 at 7:00 pm.

MOTION #6: To elect Patrick Bagstad as the Parent Committee Representative, and Elizabeth Johnstone as the alternate. Moved by Tracey Brenie, seconded by Diane Tierney. Carried unanimously.

8. Appointment of community representative

MOTION #7: That Sterling Downey and Cindy Cohen are invited as community representatives on the VES Governing Board. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Danielle Michelin. Carried unanimously.

9. Internal Rules of Management

- a. Review of rules of operation: Meeting times to be adjusted to 6:00pm-8:00pm
- b. Approval of internal rules of management

MOTION #8: To approve the Governing Board's Internal Rules of Management with modifications. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried unanimously.

10. Selection of upcoming meetings: Governing Board meetings will be held on the following dates :

- a. Thursday October 19
- b. Thursday November 16
- c. *Thursday December 21 if needed*
- d. Thursday January 18
- e. Thursday February 22
- f. Thursday March 14
- g. Thursday April 18
- h. Thursday May 16
- i. Thursday June 13

MOTION #9: To approve the dates listed above for 2023-2024 Governing Board meetings. Moved by Elizabeth Johnstone, seconded by Danielle Michelin. Carried unanimously.

11. School Events:

- a. Fall Fair - October 26th, 5pm-7pm. Request for fundraiser approval: Hot dog combos will be available for sale for \$5.

MOTION #10: To approve the Fair Fair Fundraiser - Hot Dog Combos. Moved by Elizabeth Johnstone, seconded by Dominic Durocher. Carried unanimously.

MOTION #11: To table the approval of other Fair Fair Fundraisers. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Deborah Devine. Carried unanimously.

- b. Terry Fox Fundraiser - October 12th: Approval is requested for a fundraiser for the Terry Fox Foundation. The run will take place on October 12th, with fundraising forms provided in the weeks leading up to this date.

MOTION #12: To approve the Terry Fox Fundraiser as presented. Moved by Elizabeth Johnstone, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried unanimously.

- c. Robotics Activity for Cycle 2 - October 26th & 27th. Robotics experts from the school board will be coming in to work with our Grade 3 and 4 students with robotics.

MOTION #13: To approve the Robotics Activity as presented. Moved by Dominic Durocher, seconded by Tracey Brenie. Carried unanimously.

- d. Park Outings for the SEED Program: Request for approval for Grade 6 students to be brought to Beatty Park during lunch hour on days throughout the year as weather permits. Request for approval for Grades 4-6 SEED groups to be brought to Beatty Park after school throughout the year when weather permits.

MOTION #14: To approve the SEED Park Outings as presented. Moved by Deborah Devine, seconded by Pablo Miyazono. Carried unanimously.

- e. Community Learning Activities (Art Lab with Suspicious Fish, Lego Club with Bricks for Kids, Girls Science Club, Leadership Crew, Creative Writing with Suspicious Fish). Suggested donation for registration is \$20.

MOTION #15: To approve the CLC Activities as presented. Moved by Deborah Devine, seconded by Elizabeth Johnstone. Carried unanimously.

- f. Field Trip: Orange Shirt Day Spirit Walk. Approval is requested for a field trip to the Verdun City Hall on Friday September 29th, from 10:00-11:30. Along with the Rising Sun CPE, students and staff will be safely escorted by the SPVM along Verdun avenue to and from the Verdun City Hall. At City Hall there will be a few child friendly Indigenous activities and artifacts for the students to explore. There is no cost to participate. Ratio is 10:1 for Grades 4-6, and 8:1 for K4-Grade 3. Employees from the CPE will also be coming into classrooms to teach a Womens' Warrior song to our students.

MOTION #16: To approve the Orange Shirt Day Spirit Walk and song learning as presented. Moved by Elizabeth Johnstone, seconded by Diane Tierney. Carried unanimously.

12. Reports:

- a. Principal - see report below

- b. LBPSB Parent Committee - no report. The AGA is Thursday September 28th.
- c. Commissioner - no report
- d. CLC - Activities are in the works. More updates to come next month.
- e. Teacher - see report attached
- f. Support Staff - Integration aides are getting to know the new students they are working with this year, and we have welcomed some new aides to the school this year.
- g. SEED - On October 13th SEED is closed for employees to attend their AGA. A reminder that SEED fees have gone up. There are currently 100 students registered. The hot lunch program has kicked off and is going well so far. Our first Ped Day involves a trip to the Ostrich Farm.
- h. VESPA - no report

13. Public Question Period

- a. Reminder: Attestation Day takes place on Friday September 29th.
- b. Community Report: Sterling Downey was at the school on September 7th giving out pamphlets about school safety. He is looking into backpacks and other physical reminders for cars to drive slowly in school zones.
- c. Question pertaining to Parents in the VES community whose children have temporary English eligibility and how they might be supported.

14. Correspondence & Varia

15. Adjournment - 7:44pm

MOTION #17: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned. Moved by Diane Tierney, seconded by Chantal Condon. Carried unanimously.

Principal's Report for Governing Board

- We have 225 students registered
- There are still student placements incoming from the summer, but they are starting to slow down
- We have opened a new K4 class, Miss Brittany is the teacher and we are still waiting to interview for an educator.
- We had our welcome Assembly - Friday 15th - We reminded all students what the Shining Stars and Caring Hearts Assemblies were about and that we will be starting.
- Photo Day has been changed from September 20th to October 4th.
- Hot Lunch Start Date is Sept. 18th - Info. for parents was distributed via kiddie mail and everything is dealt with online
- Breakfast Club has started!
- We are eagerly looking for parents to join VESPA! Please come and have your JR done!

- Professional Students in the building:
 - Tracey Kenney has a stagiaire
 - Holly Davis in K4 has a student teacher
 - We have a psychology intern
 - Art therapist master's student
 - Various students coming through the clinic: OT, SLP, dietitian/nutritionist

Teachers' Report for Governing Board

- Teachers have worked very hard to set up classes and establish routines for students
- On the ped days in August, teachers received training on non-violent crisis intervention. 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.
- Our curriculum night was a success with many parents in attendance
- Throughout the month of September, teachers have been organizing activities with their students relating to Orange Shirt Day, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Students will be invited to wear orange clothing on September 29th.