



ST. EDMUND GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Attendees: Nathalie Duhamel (Teacher), Corinna Graham (Parent), Lynn Hamilton (Daycare), Emma Hampton (Teacher), Melissa Hunter (Principal), Christian Knudsen (Parent), Ronnie Lawand (Parent), Georgiana Laudi (Parent), Stephanie Myers, Marie-Josée Ricard (Teacher), Valerie Sembinelli-Béland (Teacher), Amy St. Amour (Parent -SNAC Rep), Karina Tarapore (Parent).

Absent:

1. Call to Order & Welcome. Melissa Hunter
2. Nomination of Chair

2 nominees; vote ensued.

Appointment = Ronnie Lawand

3. Nomination of Secretary

1 nominee; accepted.

Appointment = Stephanie Myers

4. A word from the Chair. **TABLED** (as just elected).
5. Roundtable Introductions.
6. Adoption of Agenda for September 29, 2023.
Motion to accept agenda: Stephanie Myers
Seconded: Nathalie Duhamel
Motion passed.

7. Adoption of Minutes of June 16, 2023. **TABLED**

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

a. 2023-2024 Budget. **TABLED**

9. LBPSB Consultations

Principal indicated there were three draft policies from the Board requiring consultation. To be reviewed by Administrator and Chair. Will be brought to October Governing Board Meeting. Three consultations in total:

- a. Commitment to Success Plan – Plan d’engagement vers la réussite
- b. By-Law 9 – Complain Process / Règlement interne 9 – Processus de traitement des plaintes
- c. Policy on School Daycare and Lunch Program and School

10. Reports

a. Administrator Report.

- *Year has gotten off to a fantastic start. Many events so far i.e. Spirit Rally & Corn Roast
- *School photos have been taken
- *IEP Day has also taken place re: teachers' writing of Special Needs Plans
- *3 Fire Drills and 1 Lockdown Drill completed
- *Happy to report fully staffed; not impacted by teacher shortages
- *Note of change from original class structure presented in June – due to enrollment 3 small grade 5 classes and 2 larger grade 6 (instead of a 5/6 split originally projected).
- *Student Count Day is September 28, 2023 – Allocation based on this count.
- * Interim Reports scheduled for October 12, 2023.
- *Orange Shirt Day (school wide in-class event on Friday, September 29), full assembly will take place in the gym with an Elder Rob Spade on October 4.

*Special Acknowledgement of the incredible efforts of Miss Jenn who collaborated with students from St. Edmunds and Kateri School in Kahnawà:ke, along with local songwriter Rob Lutes to co-write and record a song about truth and reconciliation: "A Bridge to Last Forever". Available at: <https://youtu.be/MzbUgvZtHY0?si=C5weyezSXvQa5s8k>

b. Commissioner

- *No report at this time.
- *Admin let new Chair know to inform/invite Commissioner to upcoming meetings.

c. Parents' Committee

- * Committee meeting day/time conflict for today's meeting. Will have report for next meeting.

d. SNAC

- *As Amy St. Amour has just joined the Governing Board there is no report. She will find out upcoming SNAC meetings and report back moving forward.

e. Daycare

- *Lynn indicated daycare was fully staffed. Staff now wearing PINK so easier to identify.
- *September events centered around "Getting to know you" and October will focus on Fall and Halloween Activities
- *Hot lunch and Pizza Day happening again this year
- *Lunch time and after school activities have started (2 at lunch; 2 after school)
- *Rates have increased for daycare and Ped Days as defined by the MEQ. Daily cost of daycare increased slightly. PED Activities have gone from \$12.00 to \$15.75

(plus bus and activity fees as necessary)

*88 kids attended first PED Day Activity. Kids put on show at end. Great day!

f. Teachers

*Students excited to be back and seeing their friends.

*Meet the teacher/curriculum night went very well. Nice to see everyone.

g. PPO/Home and School

*Scheduling conflict with GB meeting tonight.

*Georgiana indicated many initiatives underway – Spirit Wear, Pizza lunches, etc. and planning Fall Movie Night underway.

*Rep and report for next meeting.

11. New Business

a. Field Trips & Fundraisers for Approval.

*Melissa systematically went through a spreadsheet of upcoming field trips, fundraisers, guest speakers, scheduled and approved by Staff Council. Board members asked questions of clarification as needed.

Motion to accept blanket approval by Karina Tarapore

Seconded by Christian Knudsen

Motion passed.

b. K4 Activities.

*As point of interest Melissa noted there will be monthly events held in the K4 classroom parents and educators.

12. Questions from the public. NA.

13. Schedule of GB Meetings for 2023-2024 Academic Year set:

*October 26, 2023

*November 30, 2023

*January 25, 2023

*February 22, 2024

*April 18, 2023

*May 23, 2024

*June 13, 2024

14. Other business of the Governing Board. NONE.

15. Next Governing Board Meeting – October 26, 2023 @ 7:00pm.

16. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Karina Tarapore

Seconded by Emma Hampton

Adjournment @ 8:20 PM