



ST. EDMUND GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Attendees: Peg Brunelle, Nathalie Duhamel, Mylène Gosselin, Corinna Graham, Melissa Hunter, Christian Knudsen, Ronnie Lawand, Josée L'Archevêque, Tessa MacLean, Stephanie Myers, Marie-Josée Ricard, Guylaine St. Georges, Amy St-Amour, Karina Tarapore, Michael Besner.

Regrets: Cheryl Lynn Hamilton, Emma Hampton, Valerie Sembinelli-Béland, Josée Veilleux

1. Call to order

2. Adoption of the Agenda for January 25, 2024.

Motion to Approve: Christian Knudsen

Seconded: Karina Tarapore

3. Adoption of the Minutes of November 30, 2023.

Motion to Approve: Peg Brunelle

Seconded: Karina Tarapore.

4. Business Arising from minutes.

5. Reports:

a. Administrator's Report.

* Bus strike continues for 2 of our 3 busses as result of ongoing Transco strike. School continues to offer extended supervision for those impacted (45min before/30min after).

* Holiday baskets went out to families in time – humbled and thankful to school community.

* Great to have everyone back in building. Thankful to efforts of school to put on so many wonderful events in the final week of school before the break.

* End of Term 2 – February 16.

* Parent/teacher interviews at request of teacher. Continue to be online.

* Gov. offering \$ for tutoring for students impacted by teacher strike. Not clear how it will be allocated. Teachers identifying students in need of extra support.

* Open House was January 17. New format was used and it was very successful. Approx 80 families. 2nd of term Teacher Meetings will be held on zoom as is effective and working well.

* Learning Bar Survey (formerly TTFM) for grades 4-6 will go out in March. Students surveyed with respect to topics such as engagement and safety.

* Dress Code – current model of red, navy, white (and new “trial” of gray added).

Gathering info from school community – Staff have already provided feedback; next week survey will go home to parents to gather feedback. Dress Code Committee will review feedback. If any recommended changes occur – would proceed to Staff Council,

Gov. Board, families would be notified in May 2024, and changes would be implemented for new 2024-2025 school year.

b. Commissioner

- * Members encouraged to check out the website. Better efforts to keep info up to date.
- * Letter sent out to parents re: strike retro pay. Question of whether or not to use Mosaic or Grics as they do not communicate with one another. 5000 students impacted by strike.
- * LBPSB Deficit – approx. \$2.6 million – “covid hangover”. May grow if current strike agreement is signed and teachers receive retro 6% retro pay.

c. Parents Committee

- * Tessa noted December meeting cancelled. January meeting last week.
- * Lots of discussion around the Learning Bar Survey (TTFM) – seeing it as a formative rather than summative assessment.
- * Recommendations by the parents at the meeting to ensure schools let them know that this assessment is happening – Parents would like to know!
- * Means of looking at the data moving forward could be a model that looks at results of cohorts from year to year – noting responses rather than just a moment in time.

d. SNAC.

- * Meeting was held on Jan 24. Amy was not in attendance.
- * Ronnie to follow up with the SNAC this year to ensure that we do what is necessary to ensure we have a voice on the committee for next year.

e. Daycare. (Lynn sends regrets)

- * Sent PED Day activities to be approved (see item 6 below).
- * School activities on the go – Karate, Champs basketball, Drama (2 classes so popular).
- * Upcoming Ped Day activities – Breakcity (28.75) and Cartooning (33.35 – supervision and supplies).

f. Teachers.

- * Ms. Carrol had senior students at John Abbott for the big volleyball tournament
- * Ms. Jenn working on EdStock, Cycle 2 ukelele, Cycle 1 Show March 26.
- * Many other activities happening around the school re: Winter/adaptation, Quebec Artists, Pen Pal Writing, Animal projects, Insects, and much, much more.
- * Ski Club is also happening – tremendous interest for this at the school.

g. PPO/Home & School.

- * SAW – Staff Appreciation Week scheduled activities in progress. Last week of February.
- * Movie night again in April.
- * Introducing new options for Winter re: pizza lunches. Will now offer Dagwood sandwiches as well – 4 choices; \$7.00/meal.

6. New Business.

a. Field Trips & Fundraisers for Approval.

* Melissa reviewed all upcoming fieldtrips and Fundraiser (including the PPO lunch addition of Dagwood sandwiches options).

* Governing Board given time to ask clarifying questions and then put to blanket vote.

Motion to Approve: Corrina Graham

Seconded: Christian Knudsen

b. Lunch and Afterschool Activities for Approval. NONE

c. Principal Selection Criteria.

*Melissa excused herself while the Committee discussed the criteria that they felt was critical to the Administrator of the school. Worked to develop a letter to be submitted to the school board.

* Ronnie will follow up and get last year's letter out to everyone and that way everyone can add comments and ensure the letter best represents the vision of the Committee.

d. Budget 2024-2025 Consultation (Resolution 2023-12-#04).

* Distributed documents regarding how budgets are allocated.

7. Questions from the Public.

*Stephanie asked about the means of ensuring equity and access to Ski Trips etc. Is there a way that parents do not have to line up in the morning to ensure they get a spot? If there is an excess of interest can all names be put in and then drawn to allow for equitable opportunities.

* Melissa mentioned that they debated how best to do this. Discussed Google form. Thought that all parents who wanted to participate were able to do. Will follow up and report back.

8. Other business of the Governing Board. NONE.

9. Next Governing Board Meeting – February 22, 2024 @ 7pm in the St. Edmund Library.

10. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Ronnie Lawand

Seconded: Stephanie Myers

Adjournment @ 8:35