



ST. EDMUND GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Attendees: Gregory Carlson, Nathalie Duhamel, Josée L'Archevêque, Cheryl Lynn Hamilton, Emma Hampton, Melissa Hunter, Christian Knudsen, Ronnie Lawand, Kayla Moore, Tessa MacLean, Stephanie Myers, Marie-Josée Ricard, Guylaine St. Georges, Amy St-Amour, Michael Besner.

Regrets: Peg Brunelle, Valerie Sembinelli-Béland, Mylène Gosselin, Corrina Graham, Karina Tarapore.

1. Call to order and land acknowledgement.
2. Adoption of the Agenda for February 22, 2024.

Motion to Approve: Christian Knudsen

Seconded: Amy St-Amour

3. Adoption of the Minutes of January 25, 2024.

TABLED in order to ensure everyone has time to review fully.

4. Business Arising from minutes.

5. Reports:

- a. Administrator's Report

- * Bus strike ongoing.
- * End of Term 2 (Feb 16). Marks to be available online via portal on March 15. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be online and teachers will contact parents for interviews
- * Government monies received to support tutoring of students as result of teachers strike before the winter break. Teachers identified students and letters sent to parents. Additional support via tutoring will be at noon and after school.
- * Additional classroom support hired via funding – 3 days of Resource.
- * Administrator actively looking at The Learning Bar Survey (formerly TTFM) results with anti-bullying and anti-violence committees as well as student committee (gr. 4-5-6).
- * February is Black History month – scheduled Lésouta Luc Bambara storytelling, culture & African drumming
- * Socio-Emotional Learning Program will begin at school in March
- * Music risers have been purchased via PPO funds and school budget.
- * End of June/July phase 2 of playground will begin - new playground structure coming!
- * Events – ski club wrapped up – huge success; Winter Carnival next week; Cycle 1 show upcoming as is SAW (Staff Appreciation Week).

- b. Commissioner's Report

- * Governing Board Composition Consultation happening at board– trying to standardize reps for schools. Not impacting St. Edmunds.
- * Bus strike – Transco (still on strike) holds contracts for 102 of 204 school board routes.

Questions raised by GB members re: What happens if this continues into end of school year? Will other companies be able to absorb contracts?

- * Encouraged parents to go on LBPSB website to stay informed of bus strike updates and other issues.

- * Noted that Darren Becker (Director of Communications) is working hard to keep information regarding Board of Commissioners available to public – be sure to visit site.

c. Parents Committee

- * Our rep unable to attend last meeting.

- * Reminder to parents - newsletter is available on the LBPSB website to stay up to date.

- * April 8 – Solar Eclipse is now a PED DAY.

d. Daycare

- * last PED day event was well attended. Students had fun dancing with Break City.

- * 2022-2023 Tax Receipts coming to portal soon.

- * Upcoming events for approval (see 6a below).

e. Teachers

- * Prep for Cycle 1 show (March 26) is well underway. Students preparing and excited.

- * Ski club had last days of skiing. Two groups: Grades 3/4 and Grades 5/6. Thanks to Ms. Carrol (and volunteers) for bringing this opportunity to the students.

- * Through a grant, teachers were able to secure new microscopes for STEM activities.

f. PPO

- * Tabled. No representation present.

6. New Business.

a. Field Trips & Fundraisers for Approval (including Daycare Events)

- * Melissa reviewed all upcoming school fieldtrips and fundraisers – Grades 1-6 Skating; QLV (book challenge); Italian classes at lunch (March-June) for grades k-6 – huge interest – 60 students expressed interest. Would be 4 groups of 15; Grade 6 Grad Trip; PPO Movie Night (April 19); Champs for Life for K-1 group; Caban a Sucre.

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

Motion to Approve: Nathalie Duhamel

Seconded: Kayla Moore

b. Learning Bar Survey

- * Melissa reviewed the survey which looks at things like students' perceived safety at school, level of anxiety, sense of being bullied, etc. Nationwide survey so can see school results against other schools. Overall St Edmunds "scores" very positively in these areas but emphasis needs to be on looking at WHY the smaller percentages of students reported feeling "unsafe at school", identified being "bullied" and indicated they were experiencing "moderate to high" levels of anxiety.

*Melissa is reviewing data and meeting with students to gain a better understanding of students concerns/realities and indicated more emphasis to be placed at school level on supporting students with anxiety. i.e. Socio-emotional program at the school.

c. Dress Code Survey Results

* Survey was sent to teachers, parents, students regarding dress code including such things as keeping colours/not keeping colours at all/ moving to dress code only for the top, and also considered colours moving forward

* Highest global agreement in area of maintaining gray as colour option moving forward (90% or more of students/parents want to keep gray 77% teachers)

* Examination/consideration of results of survey ongoing. Any proposed changes must be brought to GB before year end and parents will be informed should changes occur.

7. Other business of the Governing Board.

a. Principal Selection Criteria

*Follow up from last meeting. Members of the GB Committee shared the document from the last meeting and given opportunity to add any missing information.

Motion to Approve: Christian Knudsen

Seconded: Kayla Moore

b. Daycare Budget

*Miss Lynn reviewed all of the budget lines for the year including: Materials, Outside Services, Activities and Outings, Meals, etc.

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

Motion to Approve: Amy St-Amour

Seconded: Emma Hampton

8. Questions from Public - NONE.

9. Next Governing Board Meeting – April 18, 2024 @ 7pm in the St. Edmund Library.

10. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn: Stephanie Myers

Seconded: Marie-Josée Ricard

Adjournment @ 8:41 pm.