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Governing Board Minutes – November 20th, 2018

PRESENT:

Joseph Vitantonio
Angela Antonacci
Clorinda Antonacci
Benny Berneti
Joe Biunno
Catherine Clarabut
Marco Fiore
Luigi R. Garofalo

Paul Karpontinis
Pierre Labrecque
Lyne Lacourse
Franco Mazzariello
Marisa Papillo
Nadia Posteraro (alternate)
Patricia Gaudio (alternate)
Tiana Pomponi

1. Welcome

Mr. Benny Berneti thanked the 2 alternate parents for attending the meeting. He also welcomed Ms. Angela Antonacci as the Acting Vice Principal replacing Ms. Patrizia Tumillo.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Patricia Gaudio moved to adopt the agenda. Casey Gagne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Adoption of the Governing Board Minutes of October 23rd, 2018

Clorinda Antonacci moved to adopt the minutes of October 23rd, 2018. Joe Biunno seconded the motion. Casey Gagne abstained from the vote because he was not present at the October meeting. All remaining members were in favor.

4. New Business

a) Uniform Update & Date

As of November 20, 2018, there were still 180 uniform orders that still remained uncollected. It was decided that the best course of action would be to set a start date for the implementation of the school uniform. After some discussion, it was suggested by Benny Berneti that the start date be December 3, 2018. It went to a vote and the motion was passed unanimously.

b) MESA Report Update

4.1 The percentage of students who reported feeling bullied was 27.1%, dropped from 21.7% from last year.

We are below the target set for 2018 which is what we aimed to achieve.

4.2 The percentage of students whom reported feeling safe while at school dropped by 9% from the previous year, to 66%. However, the 2018 target is still being met.

4c) French EST course next year

Tabled to the next meeting.

5. Reports

5.1 Principal

1. Budgets & Surplus Spending (Approval Required):

- a. We have received the majority of our budgets
- b. Budgets presented
- c. We have received the surplus early this year. \$20000 to spend. My plan for spending is to finish having the boy's changing room finished in the gym area, Phys. Ed. equipment, subsidize some activities with it. More details to come with future projects as they present themselves.
- d. Budget Building process to follow.

Joe Biunno moved the motion and Paul Karpontinis seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

2. Let's Talk About Sex Day (Approval Required):

- a. Being coordinated by Ms. C. Antonacci and the school nurse Ms. Di Matteo
- b. A first presentation by Ms. Teresa Norris will take place on December 6th, 2018 in the auditorium to prepare for the Conference day in March.
- c. In March, the secondary 5 students will be invited to participate in a 3-part workshop day on topics related to sex education.
- d. Students have received a list of workshops, in order to assess the topics they would like to see offered on this day.
- e. The students will have a choice of 3 workshops they will attend throughout the day.
- f. This day will be incorporated into our sex. Ed. plan that we will be presenting in December, to begin in January with all of the students.

Patricia Gaudio moved the motion and Marisa Papillo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

3. Variety Show (Approval Required):

- a. Date March 29th, 2019.
- b. Cost of tickets 10\$ each.
- c. Auditions took place last month- in the process of finalizing the layout of the show.
- d. A team of teachers has volunteered to work with the students.
- e. We will be looking for sponsors for our program to help bring in funds to put on the show.

Ms. Clarabut moved the motion and Mr. Karpontinis seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

4. Sex. Ed. Plan (Information Item):

- a. The Sex. Ed. plan is being developed with the team which includes teachers, guidance counsellor, school nurse, spiritual life animator and administration.

- b. The finalized plan will be presented to the GB and motion to allow it to begin in January will be passed at the next meeting.
5. Graduation Apparel (Information Item):
- a. There were some concerns about allowing students to wear their graduation hoodies in class, following the uniform situation as it has been.
 - b. We have had to constantly remind students to remove their hoods in class and in school and a question about safety came up when kids are walking around with the hoods on; makes it difficult to identify them.
 - c. Student council presented to the Staff Council following the decision to possibly ban the hoodies.
 - d. Students have been given a test period with their current hoodies they have been wearing.
 - e. Orders will go out for hoodies, but the decision to allow them to wear them in school will be made before distribution after the holidays.
6. Tutorials (Information Item):
- a. We currently have tutors in English, Math, History.
 - b. Targeting our Provincial courses as first, and then the other levels to include literacy at the sec. 1 level.
 - c. Tutors in one day a week (except for Math where she is in 2 days)- based on the cycle day different students will get different help.
 - d. Teachers recommending students who they feel need the boost to pass the course.
 - e. Saturday Review for Repeater History & Science as well as Math review for all levels in January. Repeater History & Science and Math Sec. 1 & 2 on Saturday January 12th, 2019. Other levels during the week from 3:00-5:30 p.m.
7. Elementary School Registration Process (Information Item):
- a. Subject selection will be sent to the elementary schools after the holidays.
 - b. They will be returning them for early February through their respective elementary schools
 - c. After that point, they can drop them off directly at our school.
 - d. Following the deadline, we will be sending reminder post cards.
8. Secondary 5 Save the Dates (information item):
- a. Graduation Photos- Early February 2019 (dates to be finalized)
 - b. Graduation Ceremony- June 20, 2019.
 - c. Prom June 25, 2019.

5.2 Commissioner

The commissioner was not present, therefore there was no report.

5.3 Chair/Regional Delegate's Report

Benny Berneti informed everyone that the members of the committee were consulted on both hiring and cannabis.

5.4 Treasurer

There was nothing to report.

5.5 Student Council

- **We Scare Hunger:** To update back on Our We Scare Hunger campaign, we collected around 888 nonperishable food items. All donations will be given to the Foundation Beaulieu-Blondin.
- **Haunted House:** Student council hosted their 8th annual haunted house on October 31st. The haunted house was a huge success with approximately 600 visitors and lots of positive feedback.
- **Coffee House:** On November 1st, Student council had their first coffee house of the year. With almost 100 people attending, performers got the opportunity to share their talents in singing, poetry and more.
- **Graduation Rings:** From November 6th to November 8th, Jostens sold graduation jewelry in the plaza to secondary five students. With stunning rings, students had the option to purchase rings, necklaces, bracelets, tags, etc.
- **Remembrance Day:** On November 8th Chiara and I read the Remembrance Day poem; In Flanders field. As well, council members sold poppies for the royal Canadian legion. We also put together construction paper poppies to decorate the plaza. Secondary 4 classes were able to attend a Commemoration ceremony.
- **We day Ottawa:** On November 14, 33 council members attended Canada's national We Day which took place in Ottawa. Here members learned leadership skills and witness inspirational speakers.
- **Fall for Pearson dance:** On November 16th, the first dance of the year was held. The "Fall for Pearson" dance was extremely successful with 180 students attending including council. All remaining concessions from the dance will be sold along the upcoming weeks.
- **Live Different:** On November 19th, Live Different performed to students from secondary one to five. Spreading the word of kindness, students learned how the smallest act can change anything.
- **Vow of silence:** Today, around 25-30 student council members took a vow of silence to raise awareness on children's inequalities. Donations will be going to Me2We charity for education in Ethiopia and donations will be calculated for the next governing board meeting.
- **Hoodies:** A group of council members began working on spirit wear clothing. Hoodies, t-shirts and tuque will be sold and designed in red, white and royal blue this week. Graduation apparel is in the means of being designed and is projected to be sold next week.
- **Movember:** Once again this year, we plan to raise money for men's health issues. 3D printed mustache accessories will be sold for Movember. They will be sold for 1\$ each on November 28 and 29.
- **Student Council Outing:** On November 30th, student council members are organizing an outing to the Scotiabank theater downtown. We will be watching Fantastic Beats: The crimes of Grindelwald.
- **Spirit of giving:** A small committee of council members will be meeting soon to discuss our spirit of giving fundraiser. It is planning to work with ERC classes to raise money and donations for families in need during the holiday season.

5.6 Teachers

There was nothing to report.

5.7 Sports Études Program

Casey Gagne reported that many of the students in the Sports Etude Program had already had many tournaments/competitions, and that they were performing well.

5.8 Guidance Initiatives

Ms. Natasha Krsteski was not present, so there was no report.

6. Varia

6.1 Principal's Selection Criteria

All members were happy with the criteria selected from the previous year, therefore it was voted unanimously to keep the status quo.

7. Next Meeting

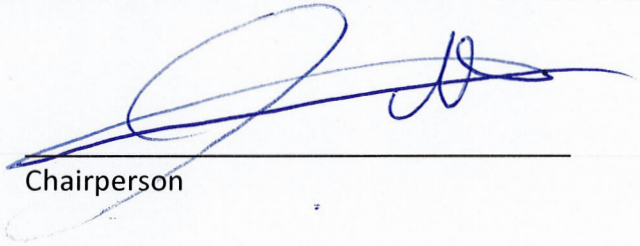
The next meeting will take place on December 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

8. Adjournment

Luigi Garofalo moved that the meeting be adjourned. Joe Biunno seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.



Principal



Chairperson