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Governing Board Minutes – September 30, 2024
6:45 p.m. (Virtual)

PRESENT:

Administration: Joseph Vitantonio, Assunta Caruso, Grace Fanelli, Patrizia Tummillio

Parents: Sandra Greco (Chairperson), Daniela Marino, Jocelyne Cacciatore, Jack Algieri, Annelisa Rende, Sabrina Ficca, Dario Falso, Angela Antonacci

Parent Alternates: Franca Pitruzzello, Isabel Deganutto, Patricia Loscrudato

Teachers: Paul Karpontinis, Sabrina Pisaturo, Catherine Clarabut, Antoinette Licursi, Sara Di Maulo, Sophie De Vito

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine, Casey Gagné

Guests: Susan Perera

Students: Luca Di Fiore, Brianna Melina Morello

ABSENT: N/A

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Mr. Vitantonio welcomes everyone in person at the start of the meeting at 6:45 pm.
- Round table introduction.
- Luca Di Fiore and Brianna Melina Morello read the Land Acknowledgment.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

a) Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion was moved to adopt the agenda by Sandra Greco, seconded by AnneLisa Renda Vote: All in favor.

3. New Business:

a) Nominations for Chairperson, Treasurer & Secretary

- i. Chairperson:
Daniela Marino nominated Sandra Greco to be chairperson. Seconded by Jocelyne Cacciatore
Vote: All in Favor.
- ii. Vice- chairperson:
Sandra Greco nominated Sabrina Ficca as Vice-Chairperson. Seconded by Annelisa Renda
Vote: All in favor.
- iii. Treasurer:
Sandra Greco nominated Daniela Marino as Treasurer. Seconded by Jocelyne Cacciatore
Vote: All in favor.
- iv. Secretary:
Mr. Vitantonio proposed that the minutes be taking on a rotation basis. Vote: All in Favor.

b) Email vote

A motion was put forward to allow GB to vote electronically by email on pressings items that cannot wait for the next meeting.

The motion was moved by Angela Antonacci and seconded by Daniela Marino
Vote: All in favor.

c) Hybrid meeting model

A motion was put forward to continue with an online and in person meeting model. See action item 3.d for dates proposed. The motion was moved by Casey Gagne and seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favor.

d) Suggested meeting dates

Suggested meeting days for approval

- Monday October 21, 2024
- Monday November 18, 2024
- Monday December 16, 2024
- Monday January 20, 2025 (if necessary)
- Monday February 17, 2025
- Monday March 17, 2025 (March 24 is a ped day -if necessary)
- Monday April 28, 2025
- Monday May 26, 2025
- Monday June 16, 2025

A motion to approve the suggested meeting dates was moved by Jocelyne Cacciatore and seconded by Antoinette Licursi
Vote: All in favor.

e) Sex Ed. Plan for 2024-2025

- Paul Karpontinis explained that the sex ed program will be 10 to 15 hours for the school year.
- Topics for the secondary 2,3, and 4 that are not in the new CCQ program will be covered.
- There is no CCQ for secondary 3 students. Therefore, program will be covered during pop-up sessions, science classes, and through a theater that will present a play to students.
- Please see attached document.
- Motion to approve the sex education plan was moved by Angela Antonacci and seconded by Sabrina Ficca Vote: All in favor.

4. Reports

4.1. Principal

1- Representation Fees from Fund 3:

- ii. Request to allow 2\$ per students for representation fees for hosting guests in the school.
- iii. Current population 915 students
- iv. \$1830.00 total

Motion to approve.

Proposed by: Annelisa Rende Seconded by: Jocelynn Cacciatore Vote: All in favor

2 Educational Day Trips:

- i. Request permission from the GB to allow day trips to be approved by the principal for the school year, presented by teachers with an educational purpose to them.
- ii. These take place during the regular school day.
- iii. They would be brought to GB as information items only.

Motion to approve.

Proposed by: Angela Antonacci Seconded by: Catherine Clarabut Vote: All in favor

3 Little Italy Walking Tour:

- i. Ms. Anania will be taking her Sec. 5 Italian class to little Italy for the day on October 17, 2024.
- ii. They will have a guided tour and have lunch in little Italy.
- iii. The trip will be covered by the school through the cultural outings fund we receive.

Motion to approve.

Proposed by: Antoinette Licursi Seconded by: Sabrina Pisaturo Vote: All in favor

4 Mini-days:

- i. Upcoming days we'd like to have the mini-day schedule:
 - 4.1. Open House- October 10
 - 4.2. November 28 – PT Night #1
 - 4.3. February 27– PT Night # 2 (to be revisited if evening is virtual- mini-day not needed then)

Motion to approve.

Proposed by: Angela Antonacci Seconded by: Annelisa Rende Vote: All in favor

5 Open House:

- i. Our Open house is taking place October 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- ii. We had visited our 5 feeder schools and 8 other schools in the neighboring areas to promote our school.
- iii. Placement exams taking place on October 19, 2024.
- iv. Request to help pay for the Open House from Fund 3-. I am requesting \$6000 this year like last year.
- v. Costs include printing of advertising flyers, ordering of folders, printing of material for the evening, the small gifts we give potential students that evening.

Motion to approve.

Proposed by: Jocelynn Cacciatore Seconded by: Annelisa Rende Vote: All in favor

6 Take Our Kids to Work Day:

- i. Takes place November 6, 2024.
- ii. Secondary 3 students invited to go to work with their parents for the day to learn about their career.
- iii. Permission slips will be sent home to all sec. 3 students.

Motion to approve.

Proposed by: Angela Antonacci Seconded by: Casey Gagné Vote: All in favor

7 School Sports Uniform Deposits:

- i. Students who play on school teams are required to wear a school sports uniform.
- ii. These are lent to students to be returned at the end of the season.
- iii. Requesting a deposit of \$40 for team players in order to ensure the uniforms will be returned, as we lost many last year and had to repurchase many.

Motion to approve.

Proposed by: Sabrina Ficca Seconded by Sabrina Pisaturo Vote: All in favor

8 Educational & Career Fair **(Information Item)**:

- i. The annual Career Fair taking place on October 25th for our Sec. 5 students at Pius X.
- ii. Students will be bussed there and back. Leaving at 8:50 a.m. and returning for about 11:15 a.m.
- iii. Motion to approve.

9 Budget **(Information Item)**:

- i. Budgets were approved at the last council meeting.
- ii. Not all budgets have been decentralized yet.
- iii. Next meeting I will share the budgets with the GB.

4.1. Commissioner

- She sends her regrets.

4.2. Chair/Regional Delegate

Sandra Greco (chairperson) attended the graduation in June 2024 at the Rizz and she stated that it was beautiful.

4.3. Parent Delegate

- Nothing to report

4.4. Secretary/Treasurer

- Nothing to report

4.5. Student Council

*All the activities and events organized for the students such as dress down, the ECA fair and breakfast club are run through several student council committees with various captains and such.

*With the help of the school administration and our team in student council, students have been able to have a normal school year with different activities and many more to come.

Car Wash

- We held an August Car Wash at the Canadian Tire in Montreal north, near the school, proceeds benefited our leadership program. Approx 600\$

Student council leadership camp:

- This summer, student council members were able to attend a leadership camp in order for all of us members to get to know each other.
- We played leadership building games to build our communication skills, trust and teamwork.
- Members enjoyed many activities such as boating, a campfire and bunking together.

Secondary 1 orientation day:

- We gave secondary one student a tour of the school as well as an organized lunch and snacks.
- We also hosted a welcome presentation for new students and organized games such as inflatables and other games that we learned from our leadership camp to allow the students to get to know one another.

Beginning of the year

- LBP staff and administration organized a welcome back to school Family Fair.
- Student council executive and general meetings here held in order to discuss our year of action, our thoughts and ideas, sign-ups for committees

Breakfast club

- Council's breakfast club is open everyday before class selling nutritious breakfasts to students, as well as other goods. We were recipients of a bursary from breakfasts clubs Canada

Coop

- Coop is selling items to students at lunch. Our schedule has now changed to 3 days a week. Tuesdays , Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Students can buy school supplies, apparel and snacks.
- The Student Council Co-op is also responsible for the games in the plaza area which have been truly popular so far. Our co-op raised about \$2000 this month

Green committees recycling

- Green committee had been meeting regularly once a cycle to sort out garbage and recycling in the plaza.

Fighting period poverty and preventing stressful situations

- Student council maintains dispensers in the girls' washroom and our universal bathroom for menstrual pads and tampons, so students are never caught without a product.

Safe spaces

- Our games room and café have also been popular during lunchtime.
- The student council room is also open, mornings, recess, lunch and afterschool for everyone that needs a safe place to hangout.

Open house:

- We are currently preparing for our open house and preparing open house videos

Orange shirt day:

- On orange shirt day(today), students were encouraged to wear orange shirts in order to spread awareness and commemorate the indigenous kids that lost their lives in residential schools, all students took part in a moment of silence.
- Information posters were put up throughout the building.

October Food Drive:

- We will be collecting food and non-perishable items all through October and donate it all at the end of the month

We Scare Hunger Walk:

- We will be having a walk on October 2nd to raise awareness

Mental Health Awareness/Suicide Prevention Month

- September was internationally known as suicide prevention month. In honor of such, Student Council sold suicide prevention pins, bracelets, pens, sticker we also had a non-uniform day and raised \$1570* in total. We'll be donating to 2 charities for suicide prevention.

ECA Fair:

- Student council members organized an ECA fair at lunch to promote the clubs our school has to offer, as well as to encourage students to participate in these extra-curricular activities.

Haunted house:

- Council has decided a theme for this year's haunted house and has begun work on the haunted house.

Senior Sunset:

- Our Senior sunset was a huge success, most of our grade showed up, we offered free snacks, spray tattoos, a live DJ, photobooth and blankets for them to watch the sunset

Presidents Choice Children Charity-

- Presidents Choice Children's Charity donated \$15 000 for breakfast club and for the council room pantry program (Free snacks for all students)

Elementary School Visits:

- Representatives of Student Council went in pairs to visit several elementary schools promoting Pearson and showing them what we have to offer

Fright Fest:

- Student Council is organizing a Sec 5 only activity to take them to Laronde on October 12

Sports:

- Sport teams have been starting to have their try-outs, such as boys and girls volleyball team, soccer and track & field.

Placement Exams:

- Student Council will be helping with placement exams on October 19

- Paul Karpontinis spoke of all the great activities that student council is preparing for this school year.

Proposed by: Daniela Marino Seconded by: Annelisa Rende Vote: All in favor

4.6. Teachers

- The teachers are in discussion to have the second parent conference in person or virtual.
- Teachers reported a busy but positive start of the school year.

4.7. Sport études Program

- Nothing to report

5. Varia

a) Adoption of the governing board minutes of June 10, 2024

- Motion was moved to adopt the minutes by Paul Karpontinis, seconded by Angela Antonacci Vote: All in favor.

6. Next Meeting:

- The next meeting will be virtual online and will take place on Monday November 18 at 6:45 p.m.
- It was agreed that a secretary would be selected at each meeting for the next meeting. Jocelyne Cacciatore volunteered to be secretary for the next meeting in November. The subsequent person to be secretary for the meeting in December will be determined at the next meeting.

7. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Casey Gagné and seconded by Daniela Marino Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.



Principal



Chairperson