



École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
February 1, 2022 @ 7:00PM
Virtually on Microsoft TEAMS

Minutes taken by Jan Barbieri

Participants

Present: (16)

Parents: Daniel Tatone, Jan Barbieri, Christi Milsom, Georges Mitchell, Jasmin Legatos, Jonathan Stein, Kathleen de Melo

Teachers: Natasha Benvenuto, Laura Annie Bouffard, Mary Carone, Michael L'Altrella,

Other Staff: Tanya Alvares, Mara Filippone, Maria Depalma

Com. reps: Jonathan Marcanio

Other: Agostino Cannavino, commissioner

Absent: Patty Foschi (with regrets)

1. Call to Order

1.1 The meeting was called to order by D. Tatone at 7:03 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1 G. Mitchell motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by C. Milsom, adopted unanimously (0 nays, 0 abstentions).

3. Approval of Minutes (January 11, 2022)

3.1 G. Mitchell motioned to approve minutes, seconded by J. Stein, adopted unanimously (0 nays, 0 abstentions).

4. Business Arising from the Last Meeting

4.1 Green Project

4.1.1 D. Tatone presented an update on the green project. Beehive with Alveole must be reserved by March 2022. Cost of beehive installation and maintenance: \$400 1x for installation plus \$1,850/year for the hive, maintenance, and support. Yearly fee includes beekeeper maintenance visit every three weeks and two educational workshops per year; there is a \$300 fee for additional workshops. Beekeeper can offer presentations of the bees in a

glass compartment. Funding will come from governing board and PPO. Project can be integrated into curriculum for the grade 5-6 students. The honey harvested can be used as a school fundraiser. For this year, the hive will be installed on the roof, which the beekeeper can access via a ladder; the roof is where the hives have usually been installed at other schools; however, according to Alveole, it is not dangerous to have a bee hive in an appropriate place on ground level. Hive location can be changed later if desired. The project is year-to-year; if approved this year, the project can be discontinued or continued next year. **D. Tatone motioned to fund Alveole beehive project with \$400 from governing board, \$1,850 from PPO; beehive to be installed on the roof and harvested honey to be used for fundraising. Motion seconded by L-A Bouffard. Motion passed with 0 nays, 1 abstention.**

4.1.2 Motion to start a plan to implement and reserve a green space for the purpose of a future green project: Continued discussion of expanded green projects: J. Marcanio commented that he would be interested in financing a larger green project for an extended time in the future, depending upon the project. GB members suggested various ideas such as a living wall inside the school, a greenhouse installed on the roof (not feasible as roof is only accessible by ladder), collaboration with the park across the street from the school, indoor vertical farming, or cultivating part of the playground (determined that available area is restricted so potentially not feasible), contacting organizations that help schools develop green projects. Primary issue is the lack of available outdoor space. L-A Bouffard motioned to start a plan to implement a green project with the option of sponsorship, motion passed unanimously (0 nays, 0 abstentions).

5. Question Period

5.1 T. Alvares reported no questions.

6. New Business

6.1 Sexual Education Program

6.1.1 T. Alvares presented the proposed sexual education program and the resolution letter by screenshare; it is the same plan as last year, nothing added or changed; it is part of the MEQ and the government decides the topics. Although it is planned to have a health professional assist with certain topics, it may be difficult to do this due to personnel shortages. The plan outlines key subjects from the year; subjects from previous levels can be discussed as well. Sexual education at the preschool level is optional; however it should be noted that many themes, such as emotions, are already discussed in preschool. In preschool they already speak about emotions, etc. Parents/caregivers will receive the plan with a letter from the government and schoolboard. **J. Legatos motioned to approve the 2021-22 sexuality education curriculum plan, seconded by C. Milsom, passed unanimously (0 nays, 0 abstentions).** The plan will be emailed to parents and posted to website.

6.2 Budget building process, introduction, and prep for approval at next meeting (10 Mins)

- 6.2.1 D Tatone summarized. Goal tonight is to introduce the subject. Asked everyone to review the materials and ideas for topics to prioritize at the school. T. Alvares will put in the folder what was decided last year – Daniel will send out the minutes of last year. We want to look at priorities for the budget for next year. J.L. asked what project types are... T Alvares said it can be for personnel (professional staff), another example is accessibility, guiding principles can be ratios of specialists, etc. Examples are taking codes into consideration when allotting support staff, etc.
- 6.3 M-Transport - Buss App (10 mins) - tabled
- 6.4 COVID update (5 Mins) and absence reporting
 - 6.4.1 T. Alvares. No further community letters sent out when we have a covid positive case, but we report to the school board about student absences and reasons (covid positive, related) same for staff. Done 2x week. Now through mozaik parents can report themselves and this goes straight to the schoolboard. Parents can report absences in mozaik or call. If positive school would like you to call.
Principal still has to report on staff absences. Google classroom is being used so that kids can follow their assignments at home. Kids and siblings will be sent home if they take a rapid test at school, regardless of the result. Parents have to do a second rapid test. If no symptoms and negative test, everyone can come back. If positive, must follow isolation and retesting rules. If someone is positive, parents need to report it. Vaccinations will be done Feb. 15 now 5-11 and 12+, and opened up to staff for first, second or booster. Will be done at school. J Stein asked about sharing percentage of students are vaccinated or not, expressed concern from some parents about how this information is going to be used – privacy issue (making health status public information), is there anything as gb we can do to address it? Alvares this info will be in the – le devoir publicized the vax numbers in the schools. Schools don't ask who is/isn't, govent has this information. Schools don't ask to see for proof of vax (kids or staff). When absences are reported – they will give numbers, not names of who is absent. Cannavino said that at their last meeting, they did write a letter regarding the absences reporting, N 95masks, etc.
 - 6.4.2 Absence reporting (5 mins) – see above

7. Reports

- 7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report (5 minutes): D. Tatone. 3 topics. Plan for parent conference to be held in May. Likely virtual version. 240 status schools, allow for enrollment from outside their area; reviewed internal rules. Nothing pertaining to PET.
- 7.2 Commissioner's Report (5 minutes). Cannavino: 2 points already addressed – budget building deadline to submit is march 25 and the resolution he spoke about.
- 7.3 Treasurer's Report (5 minutes) – starte year 1250, put aside 500 for financial assist. Field trips, 400 for beehives, means we have 350\$ remaining. (2 fieldtrips in February – Alvares wil make the teachers aware of available funds for anyone who needs it)
- 7.4 Principal's Report (5 minutes): Alvares, 3rd week in school, 4.5 weeks since break. Things going well. Parent teacher interviews and report cards are coming up, teachers are

working on them to go out fri feb 11, with invitations for the interviews, thurs feb 24 (invitation only); after that, available slots opened up for anyone. Feb. is busy month. Vaccination to organize. Minus 20 degree weather, use professional judgement weather or not to let students go outside. Wind factor and sun and time a day is a big factor in decisions; try to let kids out as often as they can. G. asks what they do when kids are inside for recess – TV? Alvares answers: kids can't be in the gyms, stay in classrooms. Teachers: Mary Carone – pre-k will put something on smartboard, but has educational thing – too many kids to have everyone moving around. G.: snowblower repaired. Concerned about the snow removal on the debarcadaire – could get icy. Alvares: we now have more snow removal surface area, heavy workload for the maintenance people. We have a de-icing trolley now. D. Tatone: at board annual report goal is to have 1 hour of physical activity per day.

7.5 Teacher's Report (5 minutes): M Carone: working on report cards, interviews; brunch with cupid on Feb. 9, pre-k 23rd feb 100 days of school

7.6 PPO Report (5 minutes): Kathleen. Scone forms sent out this week; tcby will go out in a week or so; need approve asking to use 2,000 PPO funds for staff appreciation week (all staff including daycare) – goody surprises and a lunch. **Motion by Kathleen, Jan seconds, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Carried unanimously.**

7.7 Grad Committee (5 minutes): Alvares: theme is candyland; sweatshirts going into production soon, M. Patrick Jennifer has looked at grad ceremony in morning and full day of activities after, something for everyone, biggest issue is making sure it can be funded so all can participate (will be \$9,000). Right now TCBY is the only fundraiser for grad committee. Jon M.: asked about fundraising details. Suggests idea possibly set up a space for a kiosk, booth in the store to fundraise - it would sell for the product for the kids. Then they could match the profits for what is ordered. Kathleen will discuss further with Jonathan. D. Tatone suggest starting a gofundme page. Alvares finds it risky because it is hard to verify the actual cause and recipients.

7.8 Daycare/Lunch Report (5 minutes): Mara F. feb 14 next ped day – pizza day. 31 jan app trial is over; parents will be asked to pay as of feb. 1, then they will know how many parents will keep app. If there is not enough interest from parents, they will decide to keep or not. To date ¼ parents were using it.

8. **Varia : D. Tatone:** community rep. Christi sent some links, D. left them messages and waiting to hear back. Diversity and inclusivity week put together in mid-January to push diversity in admin and schools and toolkits on those topics.
9. **Date of next meeting (March 15, 2022)**
10. **Adjournment : Kathleen motions, 2nd by Chrisit to adjourn at 8:57**

Results from Evote:

Motion by Mara : outing for Daycare on the PED Day on Fri. Feb 25:

Outing: Biodome on the 25TH of Feb .

Cost with Busing and entrance to Biodome is \$15.00. ** There is still the payment for daycare of \$9.00 for the day

Timing: Departure from school at 9am, return to school at approximately 12pm. Students will eat lunch at school upon their return.

9 in favor, None against, 8 abstentions (no response) – Approved Unanimously.