

# Beechwood Elementary School

## Governing Board Annual Report 2015-2016

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Presented on September 8th, 2016

## **Members**

Nicholas Hayter,	Principal
Karolyn Liverman, Chairperson	Parent
Charlotte Flood	Teacher
Laurence Assouline	Teacher
Stephane Malo	Parent
Stephanie Lipstein Secretary	Parent
Derek Cassoff Parent Rep	Parent
Ruth English	Resource Teacher
Christina Peppe	Teacher
Sandrine Aschour	Parent
Ronald Knyszynski	Parent
Donna Pinchuk	Daycare(Support Staff)
Kim Tepperman	Parent
Suzanne Gagné	Teacher
Natalie Lefebvre	School Secretary(Support Staff)
Commissioner Craig Berger	LBPSB Commissioner

## **Meeting Dates**

The Annual General Assembly of Parents was held on Thursday, Sept. 3rd, 2015.

The Beechwood School Governing Board for the 2015-2016 school year held 9 meetings which took place at Beechwood School at 7:00p.m. on the following dates:

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## **Consultations /Activities**

Our members discussed, collaborated and/or reported on the following issues:

### **September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

Beechwood Governing Board Annual Report 2014-2015 presentation

Approval of GB Annual Report 2014-2015

Appointment of Parent Representative for CPC

Discussion & Approval: Internal Rules of Management & Rules of Operation, Function and Powers of Governing Board

Discussion: Building Maintenance Update

Discussion: Library Services Update

Discussion: Daycare Ped Days Rates

\*Major School Change: Created parent Survey & Draft Brief

### **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Adoption of Emergency Preparedness Plan

Set up of Governing Board Google Folder

\*Major School Change: Summary of Results for Parent Survey & Draft Brief

### **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015**

\*Major School Change: Finalizing Brief

### **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

Approval of Beechwood Capital Projects

Adoption of Beechwood School Budget 2015-2016

Adoption of Beechwood Daycare Budget 2015-2016

School Success Plan Update

Discussion: Feedback on Online Interview Appointment System

### **January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Selection Criteria for Principal 2016-2017

Adoption of Beechwood Annual Report 2014-2015

\*Major School Change: Discussion of New Français Plus Program

Discussion: Basic School Regulation & Subject Time Allocation for Français Plus

### **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Adoption of Beechwood School Governing Board Composition

Consultation: *Budget 2016-2017- Question Response*

### **April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Discussion: Pearson Educational Foundation Grant Submissions 2016- 2017

Consultation: *3-year plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables*

Consultation: *Strategic Plan*

Consultation: *By-Law 1 & 1E*

### **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Approval of Parent Handbook 2016-2017

Approval of School Fees 2016-2017

Approval of Subject Time Allocation for Français Plus

Discussion: School Calendar 2016-2017

Approval of Pearson Educational Foundation Grant Submissions 2016- 2017

Discussion; McGill Study for Transition to High School

### **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Adoption of Beechwood Proposed School Budget 2016-2017

Adoption of Beechwood Proposed Daycare Budget 2016-2017

Approval for September/October 2016 Field Trips, Fundraisers & Contracts

Approval of School Supply List 2016-2017

### **Conferences/Workshops**

Governing Board members were invited to attend the following conferences/workshops:

Governing Board Training Workshop - LBPSB

Parent Workshop with Barbara Coloroso

## Summation of the School Year

### Field Trips & Service Contracts

The first half of the school year the Governing Board was supportive of Work to Rule Actions by Teachers and Support Staff. The Governing Board discussed and approved several school and daycare field trips and service contracts throughout the year. These activities and contracts served to enhance the curriculum stipulated by the M.E.Q while providing opportunities for our students to be exposed to hands-on, real-life experiences in school, the community and elsewhere. We approved the following field trips and service contracts, where applicable.

<u>School</u>		
<b><u>KINDERGARTEN:</u></b> None		
<b><u>CYCLE ONE:</u></b>	<b><u>CYCLE TWO:</u></b>	
Grade 1: Camp Pioneer	Grade 3: Archaeology Trip	
Grade 2: Clip & Climb	Grade 4: Musée Maguerite Bourgeoys	
Grades 2 , 3/4, 4 & 5: Dairy Queen	Grade 4: PCHS School Play	
<b><u>CYCLE THREE:</u></b>		
Grade 5: TOPS Talent Show	Grade 6: Basketball Tournament	
Grade 5: Soccer Tournament	Grade 6: Riverdale School Play	
Grade 6: Senior Residence	Grade 6: Grad Trip Petit Bonheur	
<b><u>OTHER:</u></b>		
Grades 1-6 Terry Fox Run	Cycle 2 & 3: Halo Run	
Cycle 2 & 3: Track & Field	Selected Cycle 3: We Day	
Selected Cycle 3: Leadership Day St. Patrick's School		
Selected Cycle 3: Future Ready Summit at Lakeside Academy		
Selected Grade 3s: Aboriginal Day at Greendale School		
<u>Daycare</u>		
Dynamix Soccer Supreme	Entrepreneur Projects	Magician
Provigo Cooking Workshop	Cabane à Sucre In-School	Park Safari
Electro tag	EnviroArt Work	Robotics
Sports Day at PC & Dairy Queen	University of Montreal	Master Blaster
EduAction : Science & Sheltoons		

## **Service Contracts & Extra-Curricular Activities**

Maureen Epstein - Kindergarten Yoga

Dynamix and Soccer Supreme

Master Blaster

Electro tag

EduAction: Painting & Drawing - Imajeune

Junior Engineers - Mad Science

Games - Dynamix

Hip Hop Dance - Born to Reign

Pierrefonds Soccer Program

Spanish Pelo Program

EduAction for Daycare: Science & Sheltoons

EnviroArt Work

D&M Family Services for Dino Dinosaur

Magician for Holiday Daycare Party

Dynamix for Leadership

Champs Basketball: Lunchtime & After School

Francisation Program

Homework Success Program

Michael Bayer - Robotics

Jungle Sport

## **Activities at Beechwood**

Beechwood is a busy community school. Our students are invited to participate in many programs, and various activities occur during and after school.

Some of these are:

- Free Hebrew for Juniors
- Annual Corn Roast & End of Year BBQ
- Tolerance Caravan
- Terry Fox Run
- Homework Success Program
- Francisation Support Program
- Spanish PELO Program

- Citizens & Peer Mediation Programs
- Leadership Day
- Rental of facilities to Boy Scouts Association, Girl Guides of Canada
- Music Lessons
- Winter Carnival
- Jungle Sport
- Community Service Encouragement Booklets
- Junior Leadership Day
- Music, Dance & Drama Performances
- Geordie Productions
- Champs Basketball
- Community Police Student Safety
- Spirit Days
- Pink Shirt Day
- Athlete Visits
- Aerospace Presentation
- Celebration of Learning
- Student Council
- BOKS Program
- Health Month - Le Grand Defi Pierre Lavoie
- Kindergarten Robotics
- Community Garden

### **Board-Wide Intramural Activities**

Throughout the year, Beechwood students are given the opportunity to participate in several events organized by the Lester B. Pearson School Board which take place off school grounds. These may include Ultimate Frisbee, Cross-country and Halo Run, Math Olympics, Jr. Leadership Day, Track and Field Day and Volleyball, Basketball and Indoor Soccer Tournaments. These activities give students a chance to develop their skills and interact with students from other schools as well. This year Beechwood students participated in the Basketball Tournament, Soccer Tournament, Halo Race & Track, Field Day as well as Jr. Leadership Day, and the Future Ready Summit.

## **Library**

The library is a vibrant place in our school. Our librarian and the dedicated team of volunteers keep the circulation desk open all week long and coordinate programs to help increase resources in the library and ensure its success. The library truly could not function without all these volunteers. Improvements are being made to the library on a regular basis and it is a warm, welcoming place for our students and staff.

## **School Fundraising**

This year, our Grade 6 students planned several Fundraisers to reduce some costs for graduation activities including the grad trip to Camp Petit Bonheur and support a charity of their choice the Canadian Alzheimer's Society. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Grad Parents Committee, the students were able to raise enough funds to help cover costs and support this worthy charity. They organized a successful Valentine's Day Baskets Raffle, and a Used Book Sale. A proceed of the Used Book Sale went to support the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

With the following fundraising activities, the students of Beechwood School were also able to reach out and help others less fortunate. These activities included the Terry Fox Run to raise money for Cancer Research, a Holiday Basket Drive, Pink Shirt Day and Bracelet Sale to raise funds for Anti-Bullying Awareness, Lemonade Sale for fire victims of Fort McMurray, Edmonton. The Daycare Entrepreneur Group organized a Beechwood Sidewalk Sale to raise some funds for the SPCA. Beechwood participated in Backpacks for Kids which donates school supplies to children in need in and around our community.

## **Home and School**

Our Home and School Committee is a vital element to our school community. A very special thank you to our Chairpersons and many other volunteers for their devotion to this committee . The Home and School Committee organized many fundraising activities and programs throughout the year. These included: Pizza Lunch, Dagwoods Lunch, Craft Fair, Fresh Flowers Sale, Chapman's Ice Cream, Catalogue Sale, Scholastics book sale, Chocolate Bar Sale, Beechwood Clothing Sale, and the



end of year picnic which was a huge success once again. They prepared a fantastic Staff Appreciation Week, where the staff were treated to a wonderful luncheon, little gifts and a personalized door decor. With the successful fundraising efforts, the H&S has been able to provide subsidies for various field trips, contribute equipment and funding to the different school programs, purchase Grad sweatshirts and provide subsidy for Grad Trip, help continue to improve the school library and classroom libraries, and bring JungleSport to the school for a full week for all the students to enjoy. This is something to be very proud of and our community and children " *Thank you!*"

## **Parents**

At Beechwood School, we are lucky to have a wonderful group of parents who are always willing to help out when needed. Whether it be in the classroom, one-on-one with a student, helping out at board-wide intramural activities or other field trips, decorating the school or organizing the Grad Reception at the end of the year, our parents do whatever they can to maximize the school experience for our children.

## **Technology at Beechwood**

We were fortunate to get an upgrade for the Library including a SMART Board and Chromebook computers. The school has purchased a set of Robotics kits which will be integrated into the curriculum at Beechwood. Students and staff continue to be motivated through the use of computers, iPads, and SMART technology. Beechwood is now using GAFE (Google Apps for Education) The Beechwood website continues to be updated regularly, giving parents an opportunity to see some of the daily goings-on at Beechwood. This year Beechwood created a Facebook account for our parent community. Our School secretary is vigilant with emails in order to keep parents in the loop and keeping our school Green with the reduction of paper going home to families.

## **School Beautification/Renovations**

The drainage system at the back of the school near the daycare entrance was replaced during the summer. Repairs were made to the asphalt around the school, with new lines painted in the senior yard and at the back of the school. The first phase of the outdoor classroom was completed over the summer. Beechwood has

always been a wonderful community school and the warm, family-like feeling when you walk through the doors continued under Mr. Hayter's leadership.

### **Recommendations**

Governing Board is very satisfied with the continued excellence and high standards in curriculum, safety measures, human resources and academic resources, special activities and fundraising efforts at Beechwood School. There are no recommendations at this time.

### **Acknowledgments**

The Governing Board would like to recognize the amazing efforts of the entire Home and School Team.

Thank you to our wonderful staff and personnel. You are an amazing team of professionals. Special thanks to our administrative assistant Natalie, her wealth of knowledge and expertise are truly indispensable for the day to day success of our school and our Governing Board.

To our wonderful parent volunteers, your presence, on-going support, and excellent efforts continue to make Beechwood School a flourishing collaborative learning institution. Beechwood School is very fortunate to have such a dedicated parent body in our community.

Thank you to Mr. Hayter, our Principal, Commissioner, Mr. Craig Berger and all Members of the Beechwood Governing Board 2015-2016. Your knowledge, opinions, time and respect were most appreciated and were instrumental in creating a positive atmosphere in which to govern our school and provide our students with a safe, motivating and enriching learning environment.

Adopted by Beechwood Elementary Governing Board this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karolyn Liverman*

Governing Board Chair, 2015-16