

# BEECHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m.

## MINUTES

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**Presence:** M. Larocque, Ms. Haller, Ms. Pam, Ms. Peppe, Ms. English, Mme Suzanne Gagné, Ms. Nathalie Lefebvre, M. Cassoff, Ms. Liverman, Ms. Lipstein, Ms. Donna, M. Neal Caminsky, Mr. David Zerkler, Ms. Randi Spanier, Mr. Craig Berger.

**Absent:** Mr. Ronny K.

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

7:06

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt the agenda – 1<sup>st</sup> by Derek. Ratified by all.

**3. Adoption of Minutes – November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Motion to adopt the minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> by M. Larocque. Ratified by all.

**4. Announcements and Correspondence**

-Noel Burke has been appointed as Chair of School Board.

**5. Reports:**

**5.1. Principal**

**Parent teacher interviews** – Thank you to everyone who helped at the Scholastics book fair, we raised approx. \$4000.00. The bake sale was a success; the parents appreciated the coffee and snacks. It was nice to have a Home & School presence during the evening and morning session.

**CBC Classroom Music Challenge:** Composed a “mash up” which they recorded and submitted on Nov. 21st. Fingers Crossed

**K visit to senior’s home** – Our Kindergarten students walked to the senior’s home yesterday and sang a few songs for the residents, they did an excellent job!

**BOKS** - The first session of BOKS starts tomorrow morning and will run every Wednesday and Friday morning, a second session will start after the March break.

**Math Olympics** – Our grade 6 Math Olympians will be participating in the Math Olympics tomorrow evening at Lakeside Academy.

**Holiday baskets** – Beechwood will be supporting families in need during the holiday season by preparing and delivering holiday baskets. Students can drop off any donations they wish to make in the box in their classrooms. The deadline for donations is Friday, December 15th.

**Holiday Show** – Our grade 4, 5 & 6 students will be performing their holiday show on Tuesday, December 19th at 1:15pm. The K-3 students will watch the dress rehearsal on December 18th. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.

**December 22nd** – Beechwood students will be dismissed at 11:30am on Friday December 22nd, daycare service is available for regular users until 4:00pm.

Important Dates:

1. **Vendor Fair:** December 7th 4:30-8:30PM
2. **Home & School meeting:** December 11th
3. **Spirit Day:** December 15th
4. **December 22nd:** Half day buses depart at 11:40 AM
5. **First Day back:** January 8th at 8:05am

### **5.2. Commissioner**

New chair has been named for commissioners. A special meeting will be coming up to name a replacement for the new vacated position. This is all intended to avoid a by-election as costs are very elevated for such a process.

Consultations – Evaluation of Student Learning and Nutrition will follow. Extra-curricular and Field Trips policy will be out for consultations coming up soon in the New Year. They are not major changes but they represent important changes.

Bill 62 – Adoption – For council of commissions, it will be business as usual. They do not believe that will impact them. All shall continue to provide services in the same manner as usual.

Bill 62 relates to the law relating to Religious Neutrality. The main focus is not covering your face when receiving or giving government services.

Class Action – School Fees – Must have a dialogue with respect to what fees are acceptable under a “free education” concept. The board will follow the Minister’s lead.

### **5.3. Daycare**

We have extended Jared’s contract for another three weeks from Sport Life to teach and play soccer with the students in grade 2 to play safely and fairly.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> the day was spent at the Biodome for K’s and grade 1. The students from grades 2 to 6 spent the day at the Planetarium.

For our entrepreneurship project “Toes 2 Toes” we have collected two full large garbage bags. A group of the students were on hand during the interview evening collecting socks. Our fundraising for Toe2Toe will continue at the Craft Fair where we will be holding a raffle for our two gingerbread houses.

Our Daycare Holiday Party “PJ Jam” will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 5:00. We will be serving a breakfast brunch. Daycare students were given the option to wear or bring pj’s to school on that day. This year we are collecting new unwrapped gifts for children less fortunate. When a toy is brought in, it is placed under the tree and the student will decorate gingerbread and place it on the tree.

### **5.4. Parent Representative**

No meeting since last meeting. However, it has been a busy month given the appointment of the new chair. The parent’s committee had to provide a recommendation.

They are now completing a recommendation for a replacement for Ward 4. There was also a vote on the Nutrition Consultation.

David is now chair of the subcommittee to amend the internal rules.

### **5.5. Home and School**

Randi reports about Vendor Fair. Participation for volunteering at the Vendor Fair is still needed. 40 tables are rented at \$40 each. Pizza at \$2 per slice, Glitter Tattoos, Radio Station, other participants will be there.

There will be monitors for children available.  
Several raffles will take place.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

- Bullying against teachers by Parents – How is it addressed?
  - We must adhere to the Anti-bullying policy. There is also a Parental Code of Conduct. The board has that in place. It was put together recently further to an incident. This why there are now posters in the school.
  - In specific circumstances, such matters must be brought to Ms. Haller.
- Home and School Inquiry: Is Santa there the whole time at the Vendor Fair? Children may be scared of him.
- Who visits a senior's home? Only Grade 6 students.

## **6. Business Arising:**

6.1. Consultation Launch: *Evaluation of Student Learning Policy*  
No recommendations to provide. Chairperson will send a letter to indicate our agreement.

6.2. School Success Plan  
The plan was read by the Board and very well-received. It will be delivered to the Regional Director and then posted on the Beechwood website.

## **7. New Business**

7.1. Adoption of Beechwood School Budget  
Presented to the Board.

7.2. Adoption of Beechwood Daycare Budget  
Presented to the Board.

Motion to approve both Budgets:

1<sup>st</sup> by David Z  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Peppe  
Ratified by All.

## **8. Capital Projects**

- Re-tile the floors in four classrooms (est. \$20K)
- Replace sinks, fountains and cabinetry in 20 classrooms, including countertops (est. \$260K);
- Painting Lockers (est. \$8K);
- Additional outdoor storage for gym equipment (est. \$100K);
- AC for Library (est. \$3K);
- Replace gym floor – Tile to Wood (est. \$100K);
- Remove old boiler (est. \$20K);
- Repair hallway floor and floor in room M1 (est. \$100K);

- Security Cameras exterior and interior hallways including wiring and monitor set up (est. \$45K);
- Retile the stage floor (est. \$15K).

Motion to approve recommendations for Capital Projects- 1<sup>st</sup> by Derek C., ratified by All.

## **9. Field Trips and Fundraisers**

Comment: Grad Field Trip at \$341/child. Assumption was made that it would be subsidized by Home and School. Conversations were held thereafter to look at the numbers, the allocated grad fundraising was not sufficient to cover the costs.

Home and School and Grad Committee assessed their activities for fundraising. Karolyn was concerned that there wouldn't be sufficient funds to cover the Grad Field Trip.

Moving forward, the Grad Field Trip should be proposed in **June** in order to facilitate a holistic study of the Fundraising efforts for the following year. The grad committee budget does not necessarily allow for sufficient funds to be raised otherwise.

A plan is now in place to offset the costs to parents for the proposed trips. In future, we must ensure that sufficient funds are allocated.

### **9.1. To Ratify**

### **9.2. Field Trips**

Junior Leadership Day – Cycle 3 trip (Student Council and others from Cycle 3) can attend. It would be held on February 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. It will be at no cost. It is held at St-Patrick's Elementary School.

-Motion to approve the Leadership Day- 1<sup>st</sup> by Neal, ratified by all.

### **9.3. Service Contracts**

-Rental of the Gym – January 27<sup>th</sup> 10-2pm. -1<sup>st</sup> by Pam, ratified by all.

### **9.4. Fundraisers**

-Grade 6 students would like to bag groceries at a store to raise money for a charity of their choice. Part of the money will also go to their Grad. No date or time has been determined as of yet.

1<sup>st</sup> by Randi, ratified by all.

-Entrepreneurship Fundraiser – Making pouches for Diabetic Testers – Selling them at \$20 each. Proceeds will be donated to charity.

1<sup>st</sup> by Stephanie, ratified by all.

## **10. Good and Welfare:**

-Thank you Ronny K for organizing our dinner tonight.

-Happy Holidays!

## **11. Adjournment – at 9 pm.**

Next Meeting to be held on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 – May be changed. The following meeting would tentatively be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018.