



BEECHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 20, 2024, 6:00 P.M. in the school library

Present:

James Benn	Principal
Christina Peppe	GB Staff Rep
Anouk Bienvenu	GB Staff Rep
Kim Wong (for Anne Rainville)	GB Staff Rep
Craig Berger	Commissioner
Diandra Yoselevitz	GB Parent Rep Chair
Robert Sutherland	GB Parent Rep Secretary Alt School Board Parent Rep
Jarred Pearl	GB Parent Rep
Jonathan Gray	GB Parent Rep
Jene Simmons	GB Parent Rep

Regrets:

Donna Pinchuk	SEED Program Rep
Nicoletta Pantazopoulos	GB Staff Rep
Talar Chahinian	GB Parent Rep
Lisa Gatto	Alt GB Staff Rep
Laurie	GB Parent Rep
Celine Peron	GB Staff Rep
Nadia Sabri	Alt GB Parent Rep
Valerie Drinkwell	GB Staff Rep
Melissa Salama	GB Parent Rep
Tamara Szulzinger	GB Parent Rep School Board Parent Rep
Gian Carlo Siracusa	GB Parent Rep
Howard Schwartz	Community Rep

1) Call to Order and Welcome at 6:19 PM

2) Adoption of Agenda

- Save for addition of review of School supplies, school fees and education project (as new 6.4), it was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Christina Peppe, and unanimously resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

3) Adoption of Minutes

- It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Anouk Bienvenu, and resolved that the minutes be adopted as presented (Jonathan Gray and Kim Wong abstained, not having been present at prior GB meeting).

4) Announcement and Correspondence

- Consultation – Equity, Diversity, Dignity and Inclusion Policy – comments by June

- Highlights from Council of Commissioners Meeting May 27

5) Reports:

5.1 Principal

- o Principal Benn wanted to thank all the members at Governing Board for efforts through the year
- o Two big shows were a great success. A big thanks to Ms. Peppe and Ms. Hasmig for their efforts, as well as Ms. Jenn for all the costume work she did.
- o Grad ceremony took place June 19th
- o Provincial member Brigitte Garceau recently came to school to hand out national medals and certificates of excellence.
- o Many teachers have been trying to beat the heatwave in different ways, some bringing kids to Dairy Queen, loosening school uniforms requirements and finding other ways to keep cool.

5.2 Commissioner

- Admin staffing for next year was decided at last meeting
- Two big changes at head office (with departure of Carole Heffernan and welcoming Stephanie Stevers)
- While activities are winding down for summer months, still implore everyone to go out and vote next fall for school board elections
- Students can also vote if they are of age (can request a transfer onto electoral list)

5.3 Daycare - N/A

5.4 Parent Representative

Meeting summary report (for meeting of May 16th) is uploaded to drive

6 New Business:

6.1 Follow up: school website update

- o Summer project to update pics and other parts of website.

6.2 Review Code of conduct (N/A)

6.3 Capital budget priorities.

Herman Nelson project (air exchange/heater for schools). Apparently, there are some procurement issues with these units/parts. Beechwood will consider possibly moving grad ceremony to PCHS next year (like Westpark did)

6.4 Teaching materials for next year

- School supplies

It is same as last year, with a section of recommended items (not demanded), and with suggestions for brands (not demanded)

- School fees

Mostly the same as last year, though there is an increase in fees for photocopies (as we used to not charge for consumables in certain cycles).

Costs are generally going to be around 50\$ (for K), 103\$ (for cycle 1), 108\$ (cycle 2), 133\$ (grade 5) and 113\$ (grade 6).

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Jonathan Gray, and unanimously resolved that the school supplies list and school fees be adopted as presented.

Educational Project

Gets updated every few years (this one will be for 2024-2027 cycle)

It is a school board driven initiative.

Orientation 1

Focus on French literacy (and try ultimately to improve ministerial exams)

Focus on grade 6 oral French and improve English fluency as well in cycle 3.

Orientation 2

Reduce students' anxiety and emotional regulation; teach conflict resolution strategy.

Orientation 3

Improve feeling of belonging at Beechwood.

- Sense of self-esteem

- Beechwood community and parent involvement

- Use our resources to this effect (such as spiritual leader Ms. Patricia)

Once accepted, it will go on school's website.

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Christina Peppe, and unanimously resolved that the educational project be adopted as presented.

7 Public/General Question Period

Jonathan Gray wishes to make official request at least for the school to explore means/cost to obtaining big fans and/or AC units to help with cooling off more areas in the school during the heat waves, which are

becoming much more frequent during end of school years. (if possible. by doing a feasibility study)

8 Field Trips and Fundraisers

8.1 To Ratify – n /a

8.2 Field Trips

Tournaments schedules for various sports competitions (at little to no cost for students)

Sports include: ultimate frisbee, handball, volleyball, cross-country running, dancing, track & field.

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Kim Wong, and unanimously resolved to give a blanket approval to this item as presented.

September 27th PED day apple picking at Jude Pomme in Oka. Cost will be 40\$ per child, including the child fee for PED day supervision. Each child will come back with a 5 lbs bag of apples.

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Jene Simmons, and unanimously resolved that the apple picking PED day activity be adopted as presented.

8.3 Service Contracts - n/a

8.4 Fundraisers

Home and School is seeking approvals for the following:

Pizza lunch and TCBY: prices are to be determined and will begin sometime in October/November;

English book fair will be held sometime in November;

French book fair will be held sometime in March.

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Robert Sutherland, and unanimously resolved to accept the above-mentioned fundraisers as presented.

9 Adjournment at 7:12 PM

Next meeting will be AGA in September 2024.