



**BEECHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 8, 2024, 6:00 P.M.**

Present:

James Benn	Principal
Donna Pinchuk	SEED Program Rep
Anne Rainville	GB Staff Rep
Christina Peppe	GB Staff Rep
Lisa Gatto	GB Staff Rep
Diandra Yoselevitz	GB Parent Rep
Charles Changizi	GB Parent Rep
Nadia Sabri	GB Parent Rep
Gian Carlo Siracusa	GB Parent Rep
Tamara Szulzinger	GB Parent Rep
Jessica Weiss	Alt GB Parent Rep
Public	1 (H&S Chair)

Regrets:

Marie-Estelle Adam	GB Staff Rep
Celine Peron	GB Staff Rep
Robert Sutherland	GB Parent Rep
Talar Chahinian	GB Parent Rep
Danya Reilly	Alt GB Parent Rep
Jene Simmons	Alt GB Parent Rep
Craig Berger	SB Commissioner

1) Call to Order and Welcome at 6:04 PM

2) Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Gian Carlo Siracusa, and unanimously resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

3) Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Anne Rainville, and resolved that the minutes be adopted as presented (8 in favour, 2 abstentions).

4) Business Arising

4.1 Election of Chair

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Nadia Sabri, and unanimously resolved that Diandra be elected as Chair.

4.2 Election of Secretary

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Christina Peppe, and unanimously resolved that Robert Sutherland be elected as Secretary.

4.3 Community Members

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Christina Peppe, and unanimously resolved that Howard Schwartz be invited back as a GB Community Member.

4.4 Adoption of Governing Board Budget

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Jessica Weiss, and unanimously resolved that budget be adopted as presented.

4.5 Adoption of Governing Board Internal Rules of Management

To be addressed next meeting.

5) Announcement and Correspondence

- Highlights from Council of Commissioners Meeting June 25
- Highlights from Council of Commissioners Meeting September 16
- Press Release: LBPSB Budget 2024-2025
- Final Version: Equity, Diversity, Dignity, and Inclusion Policy

6) Reports

6.1 Principal

- Thank you for sending your kids to school for attestation day.
- Handball tournament tomorrow.
- Cross Country coming up.
- Corn Roast.
- Terry Fox.

6.2 Commissioner

- Mr. Berger was not present. Board was reminded that the school board elections are approaching and if Mr. Berger was present, he would encourage us to show up and vote.

6.3 SEED

- 124 students are registered for SEED.
- Had first ped day on September 27. There were 48 students. We also had a school activity for Pre-K and K; 16 students participated in an apple hunt and cooking apple crisps.
- We are offering several extracurricular activities during lunch and after school (karate, art, Champs, Sport Life, Mad Science, Jewish Culture).
- 3 times a week we offer a place for students having difficulty at lunch. The Reflection Room is managed by Emily.
- There will be no services in daycare on October 18. Next ped day is November 15.

6.4 Parent Representative – n/a

7) New Business

- Follow up: school website update
SB (Coms Dept) planning an overhaul, seems like a waste to make adjustments just to have the whole website redone. Mr. Benn to check on timeline.

8) Public/General Question Period

Q: How are split classes decided?

A: We do our best. No clear answer. Teachers spend a lot of time thinking about: who's a good match? Who can work independently?

Q: How long are students given to eat lunch and is it enough time?

A: 20 minutes. Yes, we believe that is sufficient.

Q: How do we decide how to distribute resources to students?

A: Very delicately. Limited resources, some have a certain number of hours allowed we have to follow, struggle with those that are not identified (coded). We submit the school's needs to the SB, and they give us what they give us.

9) Field Trips and Fundraisers

9.1 To Ratify - n/a

9.2 Field Trips

- October 17, grade 4, Palais de congrès for an educational job fair (what jobs exist). By school bus, cost \$15 max (coverage from cultural measure tbc)
- October 28 classes 501 and 601, October 29 classes 301 and 561. To Parc-nature du Bois-de-Liesse, to observe nature. By reserved city bus, 1:8 ratio, max \$1.71 for the bus.

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Christina Peppe, and unanimously resolved to approve the above-mentioned field trips.

- November 15 grades 1 – 6 Laurentien Lanes \$40. K4 and K will remain in school and will do activities in the gym \$25.

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Nadia Sabri, and unanimously resolved to approve the above-mentioned SEED field trip.

9.3 Service Contracts - n/a

9.4 Fundraisers

Home & School

Approved at our June meeting last year:

Pizza Lunch

TCBY

English scholastics book fair

French scholastics book fair

Seeking approval for:

Home & School Fall Fundraiser TBD, would take place mid-November (details to follow)

Grad Bake sale 2nd week of November after school

Grad Parent's Night Out Fundraiser (1st or 2nd Friday in December). 6-10pm. Parents drop off their child for supper & activities led by the Grade 6 students and parents. Cost per child approx. 30\$ per child. Leadership during lunch hours will be given to the students prior to the event.

Home & School - Fundscrip (ongoing sale of gift cards) small percentage goes back to the school. 2 Order blitzes this year. One at the start of December and one at the beginning May.

2 more Grad fundraisers TBD (likely 1 in Feb and one in April or May)

Home & School Chocolate Fundraiser in March (just after Spring break)

Home & School Vendor Fair in Spring

It was moved by Diandra Yoselevitz, seconded by Gian Carlo Siracusa, and unanimously resolved to approve the following:

Grad bake sale fundraiser in November after school

Grad Parent's Night Out Fundraiser in December approx. \$30/child.

H&S Fundscrip December

H&S Chocolate Fundraiser in March, same as last year, \$150/box \$5 per bar, parents can opt out.

H&S Vendor Fair in Spring, \$40 - \$50 per table

GB is on standby to approve the fall fundraiser by e-vote.

10 Adjournment at 7:18 PM

Next meeting will be November 12, 2024