



École Élémentaire Michaëlle Jean

School Council Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2019

Members Present:

Regrets: Mme. Smith

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
Welcome & Attendance	Council was welcomed by: P. Gatsinos and Mme. Neale The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by: P. Gatsinos	
Review & Approval of Previous Minutes	Quorum was established. Approval of Agenda by P. Gatsinos, 2nd. D. Gatsinos Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by: C. Roberto A motion to approve the minutes was made by: J. Galea Seconded by: E. Lippa-Crawford	
Standing Reports		
Principal's Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social detective. Character networks teacher (Michelle Maher) is working with the school on this. Social skills program (what do you see? hear? think? What smart guess can we make about this? Teaches students how to navigate social situations. Working with classroom teachers (Gr. 3 and 4) to offer this program to the students. This is being offered in English. 2. School Improvement Plan. Comprehensive learning focus. Teams were released to work together to look at a Comprehensive Literacy Program based on "Soutenir les lecteurs en langue seconde". How do the learners learn a second language and reinforce their first language. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - importance of read alouds and étude de mots. - importance of independent vs. autonomous selection of reading. - transferable literacy skills. - importance of gathering data in both languages to draw conclusions about a student's development of reading skills. 3. Code 77 days (professional learning) 	
Teacher's Report	<p>Mme. Melanson:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Code of conduct (as per the safe schools act). Created with student input (grades 6-8) and older students spoke to the younger students about the 3 parts. Sample text was presented to parents at the meeting. <p>Pillars are : responsibility, respect and full potential.</p>	

	<p>A common language to use with all students when discussing their conduct/behaviour.</p> <p>Older students, “student ambassadors” presented this to the younger students (student ownership) in small groups.</p> <p>Mme. Neale - on website</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drama club, knitting, basketball, student council, latin, choir, band. 2. Winter warm-up music night (Feb. 7) at Bellmoore school gym. 3. Carnaval (Feb. 8) 4. Basketball. Season has begun we have 3 wins. 5. Book fair. Big success. We raised \$3266.25 to purchase books for learning commons. 6. Report Cards. Feb. 12 7. Winter Weather Warning. Outside at recess unless -15 (-20 with windchill) 	
Treasurer’s Report	<p>Treasurer absent for the meeting.</p> <p>Current balance \$10 191.45</p> <p>Earned \$20 870.71</p> <p>ME balance \$2492.83</p> <p>Maybe \$14 000.00 to spend.</p>	
Previous/On-going Business		
Spending on Council funds	<p>Money was previously earmarked (in the fall).</p> <p>Tables and chairs for learning commons was ordered through school funds (\$4700).</p> <p>Fun furniture (quote was secured)- \$8418.00. Might also consider some low round tables and some stand-up desks.</p> <p>Motion to purchase this fun furniture for the learning commons- P. Gatsinos, 2nd L. Sutherland.</p> <p>Additional water station- discussion to continue</p>	
Fundraising	<p>Please forward ideas to Panos Gatsinos for any additional fundraising opportunities.</p> <p>Write a cheque to be discussed for next year.</p> <p>Mme. Neale to discuss further ideas with the Chair.</p>	
Pro Grant	<p>We have \$1000. Must be spent relatively quickly</p>	
Home and School Update	<p>Possible movie night on March 1st:</p> <p>BAS \$500 + \$200 (larger portion may be refunded). Projector available.</p> <p>Bellmoore as a location- to reach out to see about cost and possible dates. Friday night would be cheaper. Mme. Neale to help.</p>	
New Business		
Hydration station	<p>To revisit once we know the amount of funds left.</p>	

	<p>Concern about water contamination due to carwash as we are on well water.</p> <p>Mme. Neale will be going for well water training.</p>	
Spring open house	Fundraising committee to meet with Mme. Neale to discuss.	
Meeting Schedule	Next meeting: February 21st, 6:30 p.m.	
Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn : P. Gatsinos</p> <p>Second: G. Bijelic</p>	