

Minutes of the Meeting of

Morin-Heights Elementary School Governing Board

Held on January 16th, 2023 at 6:30 pm via zoom

Meeting Attended by: Ryan Whitehouse, Jason Stewart, Trish Canty, Tara Carter, Karianne Dicaire, Jaime Dubman, Alexandre Dumais, Kelly Fahey, Will Fyles, Olivia Ganea, Mitchell Jones, Elaine McDonald and Brent Mair. Absent with regrets: Joel Lapare and Tanya Conklin.

Jason Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

1 Call to Order

2 Land Acknowledgement

3 Adoption of Agenda

Approved by Mitchell Jones and seconded by Karianne Dicaire. All in favor, motion carried. RES GB-20230116-3.0

4 Business Arising

4.1 Educational Project

- The Educational Project dictates the overall framework for the student population and how to best serve through the school's curriculum.
- The Government has given us step-by-step guidelines on how to achieve this, and the school has organized a "Steering Committee" to meet once a month and discuss the topic.
 - In this meeting they will discuss what the school looks like at the moment in terms of the students.
 - Their first meeting will be on January 20th, 2023.

5 Approval of Minutes of

5.1 December 12th, 2022 meeting minutes

Unanimous consent, motion carried. RES GB-20230116-5.1

6 Q/A Period

No questions submitted.

7 New Business

7.1 Field trips

No field trips.

7.2 In-school Activities

Nothing to add.

7.3 Budget Building Consultation

- When the question “Are you satisfied with the allocation of resources?” arose, GB answered: No.
 - There were some concerns about smaller schools getting a larger allocation of resources than other schools, despite being small.
- GB ranked the following, in order from most important to least important:
 - Regional needs, Students at risk, Geographical Distance, EHDAA Clientele, Enrolment, Square meters of school and Socio Economic Index.

All in favor, Unanimous consent. Motion carried. RES GB-20230116-7.3

7.4 Grant - Community Dinner

- We are currently looking to have the students part of Leadership, host the event.
 - Trained chefs will be brought in to show the Leadership students how to prepare the food.
 - Their jobs will include preparing and serving the food, and preparing activities.
- We have 1500\$ to promote the event.
- We were planning on having the event on February 17th however the date is now on March 17th as it was not realistic.
- It is requested to use this event as a fundraiser for the Leadership students to provide an end of year activity.

The suggested resolution: Requesting from the Governing Board to approve the school’s use of after hours for outside population to come in as well as fundraising for this event.

Approved by Mitchell Jones and seconded by Kelly Fahey. All in favor, motion carried. RES GB-20230116-7.4.

7.5 Budget Update

- In terms of finances the school is doing well.
 - The biggest expense is for staff members.
 - The contract for the renting of the parking lot with the bus company is looking to be renegotiated.

7.6 Subject Time Allocation

- There is a new program called Culture and Citizenship in Quebec that will be implemented in place of the previous Ethics and Religious Culture course.
- It was requested by some staff that Drama be taught in English and ERC be taught in French, as they had noticed that many students could not participate in drama to their full capabilities in french.
 - Due to these courses having the same amount of minutes per week, by changing the languages it will not affect the percentages of English and French in the STA.
- Some teachers felt that the STA process still has some concerns and questions.

Approved by Karianne Dicaire and seconded by Elaine McDonald. Abstentions: Kelly Fahey. Motion carried, RES GB-20230116-7.6.

8 Reports

8.1 Principle

- There is an update in the administration, Ms. Veronique's leave has been extended to February 15th.
- There have been many Holiday activities that occurred between now and our last meeting that went very well.
- We had great turnouts for the Drama Club presentation and the Holiday Concert.
- The Winter Activities Program is currently underway, it began the week of January 9th.
- 10 new chromebooks were able to be purchased for the school.

8.2 Chair

- Great turnout of events between this meeting and the last.
- Thanks to everyone for continuing to invest their time in the Governing Board.

8.3 Parent Committee

- The latest meeting was held last thursday
- We have had a special Parent Committee meeting in December which led to specifically discussing the building of a potential school in Saint Laney.
- School Calendar consultation.
- They discussed establishing PED days not only on Monday and Friday.
- They discussed and decided that the topic of the subject time allocation was not one that they should pursue any longer.

8.4 Daycare

- The Monday the students returned to school there were no daycare services available.

8.5 Teachers Report

- There was enthusiasm in having the Christmas Play and Concert and watching all the students sing their hearts out.

8.6 PPO Report

- A huge thanks to the teachers and parents' involvement in the holiday activities.
- The concessions during the drama play made around \$250 of profit.
- Some PPO members from last year are no longer around in our area.
- PPO is going ahead with working on a budget with the main goal of spending the \$12,500 in our account.
 - The money must be spent this year or it goes back to the government.
 - PPO is trying to get Quotes for Paint on Paint, on pavement or on Building Targets.
 - They also discussed trying to invest in some outdoor seating, a few picnic tables, as well as things for the students to play with.
- A more precise budget will hopefully be presented at the following meeting.

9 Varia

9.1 Parc-Ecole

9.2 Internal Rules

10 Correspondence

10.1 Enrollment Criteria

11 Confirm date and time of the next meeting

Monday February 13th, 6:30pm via zoom.

12 Meeting Adjournment

Jason Stewart called to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm.

Approved by Olivia Ganea and seconded by Brent Mair. All in favor, motion carried. RES GB-20230116-12.0.

Ratified on February 13, 2023 – Resolution # GB-20230213-5.1

Chairperson _____

Principal _____