

Minutes of the Meeting of

Morin-Heights Elementary School Governing Board

Held on March 13th, 2023 at 6:30 pm via zoom

Meeting Attended by: Ryan Whitehouse (Principal), Jason Stewart (Chairperson), Trish Canty (Community Representative), Tanya Conklin, Karianne Dicaire, Alexandre Dumais (alternate, voting tonight), Kelly Fahey, Will Fyles, Mitchell Jones, Joelle Lapare, Brent Mair. and Elaine McDonald.
Absent with regrets: Tara Carter, Jaime Dubman and Olivia Ganea.

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

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

- Land Acknowledgement video played.

3. Adoption of Agenda

- Addition of 4.2
- Addition of date for hike

Approved by Elaine McDonald and seconded by Karianne Dicaire. Unanimous consent, motion carried.
RES GB-20230313-3.0

4. Business Arising

4.1 Educational Project

- Information point.
- Vision & background nearing completion.
- Committee will move on to identify objectives & challenges at next meeting.

4.2 Vote for approval of PPO Budget

- Vote to approve was omitted during previous meeting.
- Budget proposal reviewed and questions answered.

Approved by Jason Stewart and seconded by Brent Mair. Unanimous consent, motion carried.
RES GB-20230313-4.2

5. Approval of Minutes of

5.1 February 13th, 2023 meeting minutes

- Minor grammatical modifications

Approved by Kelly Fahey and seconded by Tanya Conklin. Unanimous consent, motion carried.
RES GB-20230313-5.1

6. Q/A Period

No questions submitted.

7. New Business

7.1 Field trips

7.1.1 School-Wide Hike

- School-wide morning hike on March 15th.
- Part of the seasonal hikes approved in the fall.
- Discussion concerning notice for parents.
- Request that reminder be sent to parents.

Standing approval from earlier in the year. No resolution necessary.

7.2 In-school Activities

7.2.1 “Récup et Dragon” Play (2023-05-05)

- Mr. Whitehouse proposes to welcome a play for students grades 2-6 in French.
- Tricentris program, no cost to students.

Unanimous consent and approval, motion carried.

RES GB-20230313-7.2.1

7.3 Preliminary School Organization

- Information point.
- 216+ students registered for next year.
- Preliminary School Organization (number of classes) presented by Mr. Whitehouse.
- Expecting 2 homerooms less than this year.

7.4 French Second Language Curriculum

- Information point.
- Mr. Whitehouse explains that FSL Teachers have decided to use the Immersion French Program rather than the Basic Program which is currently being used.
- Mr Whitehouse explains that the Immersion program is being taught in practice, but evaluation is based on the Basic program. Little variation in grades is expected.

7.5 Budget Update

- Information point.
- Mr. Whitehouse presents updated budget.
- Significant amount of unpaid school fees, much from previous years.
- The rest of the budget looks good.

***Jason Stewart mentions to Mr. Whitehouse that the email sent concerning the calendar and upcoming activities did not include the notice about the hike for parents, as previously mentioned. Mr. Whitehouse will follow up.

8. Reports

8.1 Principal

- Administration update, no news on return date for Ms. Bond.
- New MHES website launched with the help of a parent volunteering their expertise.
- School-wide field trip to Glissade sur tubes, today, went well.
- No questions or comments.

8.2 Chair

- Thanks to everyone for continuing to invest their time in the Governing Board.
- 4 meeting left this year.
- Encourage all members to share their opinions as much as possible.
- No question or comments.

8.3 Parent Committee

- Discussion concerning the creation of a new elementary school in St-Lin.
- Problems concerning parents and pick-up are common in other schools as well.
- PC will send letter to Quebec Government concerning Bill 92.
- No questions or comments.

8.4 Daycare

- Tax forms have been prepared and sent out on time.
- Ped days going well.
- Registration for next year has not yet started.
- No questions or comments.

8.5 Teachers Report

- Articulation meeting between LRHS and MHES teachers took place.
- Report cards have gone out.
- Teachers preparing portfolio night.
- LRHS music program was presented to Grade 6 students by Bob Stagg, LRHS Music teacher.
- Indigenous map in Gym before spring break.
- Sexuality education program presented by CISSS to Grade 5 and 6 students.
- Le Crux climbing trip was a success.
- Anti-bullying activities took place, including Alain Pelletier presentation.
- Spirit committee activity took place.
- Jump rope for heart activity took place.
- Resource team continuing reading assessments with Dibbles program

8.6 PPO Report

- No meetings since last GB meeting.
- Stencil order will happen soon.
- Still waiting for local quote for tables.
- No questions or comments.
- Mr Whitehouse mentions need to clean surface before painting stencils.
- PPO should be able to get rental of cleaning tools donated to the school.

9. Varia

9.1 Parc-École

- Discussion concerning the development of a Parc-École agreement with the Municipality of Morin-Heights & SWLSB.
- Suggestions & discussion ensued :
 - Snow & ice removal of the sidewalk in the drop off loop by the municipality.
 - Mitchell mentions that local business, David Riddell, has offered to help with repair on school ground modules & basketball hoop. Chair will follow-up with Principal.
 - More shade is needed in the playground.
 - Community garden project for MHES garden.
 - Garbage management - same way as other parks in town.
 - Clear signage indication hours, rules of use, etc including mention of partnership between town & school.
 - Help to maintain facilities (Ex Play modules)
 - When municipality considers investments, school is included in discussions.
 - Mr. Whitehouse mentions there is no current formal agreement with town.
 - Agreement must be advantageous to both sides.
 - Town has historically offered support, permits use of trails by students.
 - Municipality website mentions MHES as a public space outside of school hours.
 - Kelly mentions there was a partnership in the past where the Municipality helped in the building of the outdoor classroom and associated landscaping, in exchange for the use of MHES grounds as public park space outside of school hours.
 - Joelle offers to follow-up with local SQ to see if they are able to provide more presence around the school.

- One of the safety issues that occurs is people climbing onto the roof of the school. The roof will be redone this summer and they are considering this problem in their planning.
- Decision to create a committee to continue discussions on this subject.
- Mr. Whitehouse suggests creating a letter to SWLSB requesting the creation of a committee with members of the school and municipality to work on an agreement.
- Committee creation will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Resolution proposed : GB approves recommending that the SWLSB create a committee for discussions about creating a Parc-École agreement.

*Unanimous consent and approval, motion carried.
RES GB-20230313-9.1*

9.2 Internal Rules

- No proposed amendment to Internal Rules.

10. Correspondence

No correspondence.

11. Confirm date and time of the next meeting

Monday April 17th, 6:30pm via zoom.

12. Meeting Adjournment

- Jason Stewart called to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm.

*Approved by Karianne Dicaire and seconded by Alexandre Dumais. All in favour, motion carried.
RES GB-20230313-12.0.*