

Minutes of the Meeting of

Morin-Heights Elementary School Governing Board

Held October 24th, 2022 at 6:30pm via zoom

Meeting attended by: *Véronique Bond, Jason Stewart, Tanya Conklin (Special Education Technician), Mitchell Jones, Elaine McDonald, Will Fyles, Joëlle Laparé, Kelly Fahey, Jaime Dubman, Olivia Ganea, Ellen Weis, Melanie Bujold, Trish Canty, Brent Mair, Alexandre Dumais and Karianne Dicaire.*

Meeting brought to order by Jason Stewart at 6:31pm

1 Call to Order

2 Land Acknowledgement

3 Adoption of Agenda

Approved by Joëlle Laparé and seconded by Tanya Conklin. All in favor, motion carried. RES GB-20221024-3.0

4 Business Arising

4.1 Cafeteria

- Unfortunately Angela was unable to attend tonight's meeting. An email will be sent out inviting her to the following meeting in November.
- Portion sizes and price increase.
- Mention points about how parents and teachers order food.
- It was mentioned that it would be nice if the breakfast program got reinstated.
- Perhaps we could look for a solution to juice boxes to lower the cost of meals.

4.2 Winter Activity Program Update

- There is room for our students for the duration of 4 Fridays, however the last two Fridays they have no more space for us.
- A 2nd proposal was brought to the teachers council.
- Provided that 100% of the students participate, there will be a 10,000\$ price in transportation fees.
- For the 4 weeks we were able to secure, we have the following options: Skating, Winter Survival, Skiing, Snowshoeing, and Cross-country Skiing.
- Skiing and snowboarding will be at Sommet Morin-Heights. The price will range between 92\$-126\$, which will include the fee for the lesson, ski, bussing and for the tickets. Students are encouraged to bring their own ski's if owned. This activity will be offered for grades K-6.
- Skating will be at basler park, St Sauver, etc. There will be a price for bussing. This activity is offered from grades K-4.
- Winter survival is offered from grades 4-6. There will be no bussing and it is

anticipated that they would spend an overnight trip at Arundel Nature and Science Center.

- Snowshoeing will be from grades 2-6. There will be no cost with the exception of some bussing.
- Cross-country skiing will be offered for grades 3-6 which might require some bussing fees.
- There were 2 Fridays of the 6 weeks that we were not able to secure for our students, however we have come up with different options.
 - School Tubing, Skating (no cost), in-school carnival or a whole day of tubing.
- We have the possibility of a grant that the town had donated to help our Winter Activities Program.
- Until we have a list of the full pricing, there cannot be a resolution. This will be revisited in November.

4.3 Educational Project.

A survey went out, reminder to fill it out. Nothing to report.

4.4 ABAV

- Students have already completed the survey.
- A committee is currently working on it, they will be meeting the week of November 9th.
- It will be presented at the December meeting.

4.5 E-Vote

- The E-Vote was approved.
- It took over 2 weeks to get a quote from the bus company.

5.0 Approval of minutes

5.1 General Assembly Minutes

Approved by Mitchell Jones, seconded by Brent Mair. All in favor, motion carried.

RES GB-20221024-5.1

5.2 September 19th 2022 minutes

Proposed that this be tabled to the following meeting.

All in favor, motion carried. RES GB-20221024-5.2

6.0 Q and A

No questions submitted.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Field Trips

- For Footsul, the first tournament will be on November 11th.
 - Students are currently being selected.
 - Buses will be used.
 - There will be no fee, it will be covered by the School Board.
- Mad Science day, there will be Science experiments and activities.
 - Will be for Pre K and Kindergarten.

- All the fees are covered, and all students will be participating.
- Halloween
 - All students will partake.
 - Students will be able to come to school dressed up, and candy will be distributed.
 - In each room there will be different activities.
- Remembrance Day
 - Unfortunately this year Remembrance Day lands on a Ped Day.
 - It will either be celebrated on November 10th or on the following Monday (to be determined with the legion).
 - We are currently in contact with the Legion.
- Leadership Trip to Arundel Nature and Science Center
 - It will be on a Wednesday.
 - It will focus on Playground Leadership Training.
 - Ms Kelly, Mr Ryan and Ms Tanya will be attending with the students. ➤ There will be 42 students attending from grades 3-6 and they will be split into 2 groups, (In the morning it will be the older students who will have a more intense version, and the younger group will do it in the afternoon and will have a more condensed version.).
 - The group that isn't training at that moment will either work on creating games or go on a hike.
 - We will leave the school around 8:45am and return in time for buses.
- Basketball
 - Mr Ryan is in charge of the Basketball team.
 - Ranges from grade 4-6.
 - All the dates of the games are managed by the RSEQ.
 - It will be the parents responsibility to transport the children, as no buses will be provided.
 - There will be no cost to the students.

Resolution: Approved by Olivia Ganea and seconded by Brent Mair. All in favor, motion carried. RES GB-20221024-7.1

7.3 Dress Code and Physical Education Uniform

- It has become difficult to have children wear appropriate attire, having a uniform could alleviate that.
- We have been working with cycle 2 and 3 to make sure they wear appropriate clothes.
- Our idea is to have a Physical Education Uniform with our school logo on the T-shirt. The uniform would consist of a t-shirt and shorts or jogging pants. ● It is important to make sure that the children feel comfortable and not self-conscious.

7.4 Schoolwide Hike

- Was requested that we have a standing resolution.
 - Parents will continue to be notified a minimum of 48 hours in advance.
 - The permission slip should be specific and have all the necessary information.

It is proposed that we have a blanket permission of schoolwide hikes throughout the year as

long as parents are notified ahead of time.

Approved by Kelly Fahey and seconded by Elaine McDonald. All in favor, motion carried.
RES GB-20221024-7.4

7.5 School Website

- The official School Website is currently under construction.
- One of our parents is working on it.
- The website will be up and running before the end of November.
- We are currently working out information that will be on the website.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Principals report

- 1st communications went out early this month.
- 1st report cards will go out the week of November 21st.
- Parent teacher meetings will be on November 24th.
- Gates are now closed for safety purposes.
- The fire drill the week of October 10th went super well, we will have another mock practice of a fire drill during the winter within the next coming weeks.
- The school budget update will be given at the November meeting due to not having all our measures yet.
- There will be an in-person book fair the week of November 28th, and we are offering parents the opportunity to shop at the book fair during the evening.
- The community barbeque was a huge success, we are hoping to have another in the spring.

8.2 Chair report

- Thanks to everyone in GB for responding in a quick manner to E-Votes and confirming you will be attending meetings.
- Thanks to the school and teachers for getting the request forms with all the information on them and filled out so that there is no confusion when it is brought to the Governing Board.

8.3 Parents Committee report

- We have had 2 meetings so far.
- These meetings involved a lot of voting for new members.
- The following meeting is on November 2nd.

8.4 Daycare report

- The daycare program is going extremely well.
- On certain days we are close to 50 students.
- Pre audit by the School Board is October 25th, and we are ready for auditing in the Spring.

8.5 Teachers Report

- Our speech language pathologist is currently on a leave of absence for an undetermined amount of time.
- The school psychologist has decided to reduce her workload with the School Board, and so the school has no psychologist as of the moment.
- Our OT is still with us.

- We have a special Education Consultant who works from home, therefore cannot come to the school and make observations directly.
- Orange shirt day has passed and students learned stories about truth and reconciliation.
- The Terry Fox event went fantastically.
- The Schoolwide hike to Basler park was amazing.
- We had the Vanier Field Station where the cycle 3 students made their way around 10 different booths concerning wildlife management.
- We had a survey for grade 5 and 6 students, concerning school climate.
- Extra-curricular activities beginning at lunch are underway.
- The Winter Activities Program is still being worked on.
- The upcoming Ped Day is the Collaborate, Create and Innovate, technology-based workshop all-day for teachers. It is a joint venture workshop with Sir Wilfred Laurier and Lester B Pearson.
- QPAC (Quebec Parental Association Conference) was held.
- We have begun using the pallets that were placed around the garden for different projects.
- MMe Karianne's class has begun building a small house that the children will be able to use at recess.
- There is a mud kitchen being built.
- A shed is also being constructed to house all of our gardening supplies.

8.6 PPO report

- We've had a meeting the week of October 17th.
- The main issue that is to be addressed this year is the large sum of money that has been accumulated over the years to be spent.
- For Halloween we have 2 parents who volunteered to make and distribute treat bags for all the students. They are requesting a 400\$ budget to buy the candy. *Approved by Will Fyles and seconded by Kelly Fahey. All in favor, motion carried. RES GB-20221024-8.6*

9.0 Varia

9.1 Parc-Ecole

- The Garbage bins are overflowing.
 - Additional garbage bins as well as making sure they are being emptied is essential.
- Signage for rules and regulation of use of facilities.

10.0 Correspondence

- GB training event

11.0 Confirm date and time of next meeting

Monday, November 14th 2022, at 6:30pm via zoom.

12.0 Meeting Adjournment

Approved by Joëlle Laparé and seconded by Brent Mair. All in favor, motion carried. RES

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Jason Stewart called to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.
Meeting adjourned.

Ratified on November 14, 2022 – Resolution # GB-20221114-5.2

Chairperson _____

Principal _____