

Minutes of the Meeting of

Morin Heights Elementary School Governing Board

Held on March 25th, 2023 at 6:30 pm via zoom

Meeting attended by: *Véronique Bond (Principal), Jaime Dubman (Chairperson), Jane Waterman, Tanya Conklin, Kelly Fahey, Thomas Winskell, Holly Fagan (Vice-Chair), Tanya Iannotti (Secretary), Alexandre Dumais (alternate), Brent Mair, Christel De Vries, Laura Choudhary, Olivia Ganea, Michael Fawcett,*

Absent with regrets: *Stephanie Cabral (PPO representative), Athanasios Pozantzis (alternate), Trish Canty.*

Jaime Dubman called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

1. Call to order

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Adoption of the agenda

Motion to approve the agenda. Motioned by Laura Choudhary. Seconded by Kelly Fahey. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes

4.1 February 19th meeting

Motion to approve the minutes. Motioned by Tanya Conklin. Seconded by Holly Fagan. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

5. Business Arising

5.1 Field trips

- No upcoming field trips

5.2 Winter activity program

- A sub-committee has been formed at the school level to better help organize the winter activity program for next year. There were difficulties with the weather and costs. 40 to 43 families have not yet paid.

5.3 Consultation for principal selection

- *Motion to approve the consultation for principal selection. Motioned by Tanya Conklin. Seconded by Holly Fagan. Unanimous consent, motion carried.*

5.4 Phys ed fundraiser

- Due to the increase in the price of materials, some costs have increased. See flier.
- *Motion to approve the phys ed fundraiser with the increased costs. Motioned by Tanya Conklin. Seconded by Tanya Iannotti. Unanimous consent, motion carried.*

5.5 Budget building survey

- Survey was answered.
- *Motion to approve the budget building survey. Motioned by Tanya Conklin. Seconded by Tanya Iannotti. Unanimous consent, motion carried.*

6. New Business

6.1 Black History education committee: Holly Fagan has looked into working with a Concordia teacher to provide our school with 'Black History Education in a box' type information and materials. If staff is open to it, there will be a presentation given by this teacher to explain the contents of the kit. No requirement to purchase the kit. A date will be coordinated for teachers/staff/parents to attend this session on a voluntary basis.

7. Reports

7.1 Principal

- **Staffing updates:** Ryan Whitehouse will no longer be working at MHES this year. Angela Anderson will replace him full time in Resource. Marie Boivin is the new staff assistant. Jordana Caine is on maternity leave. Stephanie Theoret is replacing Jordana. Cindy Holdron has resigned. Tanya Conklin is the new spec. ed. tech. Elaine Sergerie is the new daycare technician.
- **Measles:** a letter was sent out to parents. Procedures for outbreaks will be clarified.
- **School organization:** refer to document for details.
- **Arundel winter survival** was successful.
- **Cosmodome field trip:** activities were not in line with what was marketed. Animators seemed uninterested and lacked knowledge. Costs were covered through a school measure.
- **Anti bullying** presentation was a success.
- **Catch-up plan:** tutoring is in progress for the 49 students targeted either at lunch or after school.
- **After school activities with the town** are extremely successful. More activities to be organized in the future.
- **Portfolio night** will be held on Thursday, March 28th.
- Daycare will be closed on April 8th due to a SQ lockdown training for all staff. The SQ asked that no students be present in the building. Daycare parents were consulted, and all parents were willing to make alternate arrangements for that day.

7.2 Chair -none

7.3 Parents Committee - none

7.4 Daycare

- The transition is coming along nicely. Tax receipts were sent out.

7.5 Teachers

- Articulation meeting
- A visit to Laurentian Regional High School
- Student Led Conference
- The leadership food drive was successful. Many donations were received.
- The Artisans Inspire Grant is underway.
- The after school cross country skiing has drawn to a close.

7.6 PPO

7.6.1 Pancake breakfast this Thursday, March 28th.

7.6.2 Mother's Day event: similar to the one that was run last year. Flowers will be sold to the students. The goal is to raise money for a Fun Day.

Motion to approve the Mother's Day Event. Motioned by Tanya Conklin.

Seconded by Holley Fagan. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

7.6.3 Father's Day event: wine raffle. The wine will be donated by community members. The funds raised will go towards Fun Day.

Motion to approve the Father's Day event. Motioned by Jane Waterman.

Seconded by Laura Choudhary. Unanimous consent, motion carried.

The longer term goal is to raise money for outdoor playground equipment (swings and more if possible).

8. Correspondence - None

9. Varia - None

10. Confirm date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, April 15th, 2024 at 6:30pm.

11. Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Tanya Conklin motions, Holly Fagan seconds. All in favour, motion carried.*