



106 Dorset Road, Baie d'Urfe

Governing Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 17th, 2021 – 5:30 PM

Attendance: France Bourassa, Claudia Perez, Sylviane Martinis, Suzanne Black, Emma McGillivray, Bill Petersen, Lisa Gonsalves, Natalie Maurice, Julie Hanck, Mike Besner, Cristina Baranello, Danielle Nethercott, Mo Namazi, Keileigh Figsby

Regrets: Betty Cindric, Tracey McKee

1. **Approval of Agenda** – Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Emma McGillivray. All in favor.
2. **Approval of Minutes of December 8th, 2020 meeting** – Motioned by Sylviane Martinis. Seconded by Cristina Baranello. All in favor.
3. **Public Question Period** – No public present.

4. Reports:

4.1 Principal

Happy New Year to all and I wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021. January and February have been very busy months at Dorset. The students seemed eager to return to school and to get back into their routine. December 17th and December 18th ended the year with virtual check ins by teachers and staff. We began on January 4th for a week of virtual learning. It was huge success, the teachers and students were both engaged. Dorset lent out Chromebooks and iPads to ensure that all students had access to learning.

I would like to welcome Wanchun Fu to Dorset as our new Kindergarten teacher. Mme. Christina will not be returning this school year. I would like to thank her for everything that she has done for her students this fall.

We had our Virtual Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, January 19th. Lindsay began sibling registration on January 11th and it seems like we have a lot of siblings again this year. New student registration took place the week of January 24th – and Lindsay registered a lot of new families for Kindergarten, as well as we have requests for new students for other grades. Our numbers are still to be determined and ongoing at this time.

On the January 25th PED day all staff participated in professional development. We then had another PED day on February 5th which involved meeting concerning school spirit activities, Avey storytelling, and more. On February 15th, the daycare was closed for professional development for Daycare staff. The Dorset staff took part in Cycle

meetings concerning essential knowledge in the morning and then attended a workshop with Dr. George Sabongui on the power of positive psychology.

Pink t-shirt day will be on Wednesday, February 24th. We are busy preparing for some activities for that day.

February involved many fun spirited activities: FEBRUARY SPIRIT DAYS:

February Fun Fridays: February 5th - Fancy Friday - Dress to impress! Come to school dressed snazzy and fancy! February 12th - Forget me Not Friday! Wear Valentine's colors to celebrate this special day! February 19th - Fun in the Sun Friday! Come to school dressed ready to chill out and catch some rays!

Spirit week: Monday - February 22nd: Mixed Up Monday - wear your clothes backwards or inside out. Mismatched clothes - of course! The more mixed up - the better!!

Tuesday - February 23rd - Tuesday is Twinning Day (triplets or quadruplets). Come to school dressed exactly the same as someone in your class. Be sure to plan your outfits in advance!

Wednesday - February 24th - Wednesday is Wear your Pink Shirt Day! Bring a message of kindness to post and share!

Thursday - February 25th - Throwback Thursday is here! Come dressed up as someone from your favorite decade! 50's? 60's? 70's? 80's?

Friday - February 26th - Have no Fear - Friday Superhero Day is here! Dress up to save the world!

All photos from the year and moving forward to Christiane Callary who will be working with Val Desmarais for this year's yearbook!

4.2 Staff

Dorset Staff has been deploying a lot of effort, energy and creativity to maintain a physically, socially and emotionally safe school environment that is conducive to the learning and development of the students. Mrs. Maurice's leadership has been immeasurable through these challenging times. The support of our community is also greatly appreciated.

In the last few months, classes have decided upon their House name and subsequently, designed their House Crests in Art class. One crest has been chosen to represent each class. Further activities among Houses and related to our school mascot are being planned. One of the goals of these endeavors is to deepen students' sense of belonging.

In December, eight families received food baskets with the generosity of our Dorset population. Peace Pals animated our first school-wide Bingo game on ZOOM just before the two days of online classes.

After a full week of online schooling from January 4th to the 8th, the return to school occurred with tightened sanitary measures conforming to new governmental requirements, such as all students from grade 1 to 6 wearing face coverings in common

areas. In March, we started distributing disposable masks when they come into the class in the morning and after lunch.

With the abundance of snow, the students have been able to ski and snowshoe during physical education classes. At recess, they have been encouraged to add on to the forts left by the class groups that have occupied the play zones on previous days. As you may know, each class is assigned a play area for the day following a schedule. Winter play items such as sleds, shovels and snow molds were purchased per class.

Grade 5 and 6 students had a virtual visit from Beaconsfield High School in which they were shown an introductory video and current BHS students shared their experiences. There were many questions answered during the exchange.

On February 17th, cycle 3 students attended a Hooked on Schools event on ZOOM. The theme was "Take a moment. For them." Laurent Duvernay-Tardif hosted this event live.

The Peace Pals have been very creative in finding ways to raise school spirit. Their most recent endeavour has been producing a video showing how to dance the "Macarena".

Grade 4 classes have created a company "Playground Squad" and received money from the Osentrepreneurs. The students are coming up with outdoor games that the classes can play in the school yard. They have cut wood, sanded and painted blocks for giant Jenga games outside. There are two for the junior classes and three for the senior classes.

They are going to make snowball targets using wood pallets donated by local companies and we are making musical instruments for another area of the yard for both junior and senior ends using recycled materials. In addition, they have started their BrainReach sessions with neuroscientists from McGill. While they cannot have visits in the classroom, they are connecting via Zoom. So far the students are very engaged.

Carnival activities brought many smiles and laughter the last week of February with numerous outdoor activities, guessing games, special dress-up days and a superhero themed movie.

On March 9th and 15th, grade 3 students will attend ZOOM sessions about diurnal versus nocturnal animals.

The annual Avey Storytelling competition will be starting on March 22nd. Kindergarten, cycle 1 and grade 4 students will present their stories in French and grade 5 stories will be told in English. Grade 6 students will be composing their own texts.

Claudia Perez was recognized for her leadership during Natalie Maurice's absence.

4.3 Parent Rep

Parent Committee Meeting Summary (Feb 11th)

Communications Team: They have created a mental health link and would like us to share with Governing Board but also maybe send it out via ERMS.

https://parents.lbpsb.qc.ca/Portals/cpctest/Mental%20Health.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0JHvPwfrQfILlJOIq5Y6cZCT02zKTjcK2zsnDKVCP-dEyWF2WPI43xu_U

Covid-19 update: Beginning to get less Covid-19 cases within the school board, less than 30 active cases across the board (lowest numbers since October!)

Environmental Committee: 3 goals: 1) Monitor and push for the implementation of the LBSB's Sustainability Policy 2) To collect parent feedback on Environmental issues 3) To lobby the government to include climate change education in the curriculum.

Budget Consultation: preparing for the March 11th meeting

EPCA: Parents.Quebec just launched this week!

Discrimination Breakout Discussion: We broke up into discussion groups to discuss 1) what do we know about the policies regarding discrimination Most parents had no idea what was happening at their schools regarding discrimination policies and 2) what would we like to see happen in our schools regarding discrimination The parent group would like to see more inclusive curriculum (like orange shirt days, pink shirt days...)

What are Dorset's policies regarding discrimination?

4.4 Home and School

The first half of the year:

Cheques for pizza and subway reimbursement were sent out.

A holiday lunch was coordinated for all Dorset staff in December to thank them for all of their hard work during the first half of the year.

A retirement gift was issued to Ms. Kollar.

A Holiday gift was issued to both caretakers in December.

Events to look forward to:

Teacher appreciation week is fast approaching, and the H&S association is working on catering another lunch February 19th.

A thank you video/letter is also being worked on.

4.5 Daycare

The daycare staff have been very busy since our last meeting.

Emergency daycare services were provided on December 17th & 18th, as well as the week of January 4th-8th. We will also be providing emergency daycare services during March break from March 1st-5th.

On January 25th we held our first of 3 additional Ped Days that were added to our school calendar by the government for free. Our new Ped Day hours of 8:00-4:00 went

well. We had only one parent who expressed unhappiness with the new hours, but they were still able to attend and arrangements were made. The theme was mindfulness and students enjoyed a variety of activities including yoga which turned out to be their favorite.

February 8th was our 2nd additional Ped Day. Students arrived wearing Valentine colors and preparing for Valentine's Day by creating cards and gifts. Due to several requests, we also held another yoga session!

On the morning of February 11th all Daycare Technicians attended a very informative online presentation that was given by our Educational Services Department on strategies to help manage mental health with our students and staff.

The daycare was closed for professional development on February 15th. All lunch and daycare staff were invited to attend online webinars.

We are currently planning for our next Ped Day on March 19th which will be a pajama day!

I am preparing tax receipts. All daycares are in the process of transferring from Fusion to Mozaik. Modified 2017-2019 taxes that were re-issued have been sent home or mailed. We are hoping to be able to upload all the 2020 tax receipts onto Mozaik where parents will have access.

Business Arising

I am requesting approval for activity fees for the following Ped Days:

On March 29th, our theme will be Carnival Fun. We would like to charge a \$5.00 activity fee to help cover the cost of supplies needed for Carnival games. Motioned by Emma McGillivray. Seconded by Sylviane Martinis. All in favor.

On March 30th, our theme will be Space. We would like to charge a \$5.00 activity fee to help cover the cost of food. Motioned by France Bourassa. Seconded by Julie Henck. All in favor.

On April 28th, our theme will be Wacky Wednesday. We would like to charge a \$5.00 activity fee to help cover the cost of supplies. Motioned by Julie Henck. Seconded by Emma McGillivray. All in favor.

On May 14th, our theme will be Mini Chefs. We would like to charge a \$10.00 activity fee to help cover the cost of supplies. Motioned by Sylviane Martinis. Seconded by Cristina Baranello. All in favor.

On June 14th, our them will be Fun in the Sun. We would like to charge a \$10.00 activity fee to help cover the cost of supplies to help make our last Ped Day of the year special. Motioned by Keileigh Figsby. Seconded by Emma McGillivray. All in favor.

4.6 Commissioner

Please find attached.

5. Business Arising:

5.1 Field trips: The daycare ped day fees were approved.

5.2 Fundraising: Pending Staff Council Approval

A meal kit with money back to H&S with place mat with sponsors. (Spaghetti night)

A day where we wear the school colors and bring a donation for H&S.

An online shopping event with local businesses with a code where money goes back to H&S. (Bfactory, Hudson soap)

Also, instead of the calendar for next year me and Carmine's mom would like to do a pocket like the one the realtors give with the school logo and sponsors so we can put all the paper inside.

Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Cristina Baranello.

6. New Business:

6.1 Annual Report

Motioned by Emma McGillivray. Seconded by Sylviane Martinis. All in favor.

6.2 Principal Criteria

Bill informed us that the letter had been sent as there were no changes requested.

6.3 Subject Time Allocation

The subject time allocation will remain status quo for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

6.4 Code of Conduct

Tabled until we can address the concerns brought to our attention on Page 1, Bullet 10 regarding the expected behaviors and non-compliance. On Page 2 the last bullet regarding examples and definition of indirect bullying. In the code of conduct the mention of "all staff members" being inconsistent.

6.5 Anti-Violence and Anti-Bullying Policy

Motioned by Claudia Perez. Seconded by Keileigh Figsby. All in favor.

6.6 Walking Distance Permission Form

Motioned by Emma McGillivray. Seconded by Lisa Gonsalves. All in favor.

- 7. Correspondence-**There was none.
- 8. Date and Times of Meetings:** The next Governing Board meeting will take place on May 6th, 2021 on at 5:30 pm.
- 9. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 6:13. Motioned by Emma McGillivray. Seconded by Julie Henck. All in favor.