



## Evergreen Elementary Governing Board Meeting Minutes December 5, 2023, 6:30pm

**Present:** Jon Graham, John Riley, Lindsay Reid, Lucy Filiatrault, Marisa Furino, Rebecca Cobden-Nolan, Silke Sas, Sonia Ravenda, Suzy Racine

**Administration:** Adam Lambert – Principal, Evergreen

- **Call to order.**

- a) Zoom meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by J. Graham.

- **Land acknowledgement**

- a) *"In order to show our deep respect for the land on which we are meeting today, we would like to acknowledge that Lester B. Pearson School Board is located on the unceded territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka People. Lester B. Pearson School Board honors, recognizes, and respects the Kanien'kehá:ka People as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today and recognizes that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. We also acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to informing ourselves about this truth in order to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation. Thank you. Niá:wen."*

- **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve proposed by S. Sas and seconded by M. Furino  
Motion carried.

- **Approval of minutes from November 2, 2023**

Motion to approve proposed by M. Furino and seconded by R. Cobden-Nolan  
Motion carried.

- **Reports**

- a) Principal's Report

- Acknowledgement of strike action
    - Spirit week schedule to be shared prior to the strike.
    - Parent teacher interviews completed.

- Christmas concert to take place as planned on December 19 with one matinee and one evening show.

**b) Field Trips**

- None

**c) Fundraisers**

- None

**d) Grad Activities**

- Cheese fundraiser was a huge success and raised over \$2,000.

**e) Teachers' reports**

- Parent teacher interviews went well.

**f) Parent representative**

- None

**g) Commissioner's Report**

- Report shared by email.

**h) Daycare Report**

- TCBY dates will be rescheduled to December 7, 15 and 21.

Motion to approve proposed by R. Cobden-Nolan and seconded by M. Furino

Motion carried.

**i) Community Representative**

- None

**j) Home & School Report**

- Domino's pizza will be scheduled every two weeks in January and February
- Bake sale to be held during the holiday concert.
- Crispy Cream fundraiser to be held in January.

Motion to approve proposed by R. Cobden-Nolan and seconded by L. Filiatrault

Motion carried.

- **Business arising**

**a) None**

- **New Business**

**a) 2023-2024 Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan**

- A copy will be shared with the student ombudsman, on the school website. The changes applicable to Evergreen are on pp. 5-7. The Governing Board will need to perform an evaluation at the end of the school year to determine if objectives were met.

(a) A change in wording from anxiety and teaching coping skills to social / emotional learning and regulation was suggested.

- A Girls' club, with a goal of building up self-esteem, environment of girl power began in late November. Approximately 12 students in grade 4 are participated and there are plans to expand in the future.
- Questions on survey – student feedback in Grade 4-5-6
  - (a) Anxiety and 'feeling safe at school' are the biggest areas of focus.

Motion to adopt anti-bullying with new amendment proposed by M. Furino and seconded by R. Cobden-Nolan  
Motion carried.

**b) Research Project Request**

- M. Furino and Mme Marie-Eve did an article with France Dubé at UQAM. She has requested to do research on kids' learning language, specifically in a bilingual environment (*Co-enseignement pour enseigner en contexte d'inclusion au niveau scolaire*).

Motion to approve proposed by L. Filiatrault and seconded by J. Riley  
Motion carried.

**c) 2023-2024 Budget**

- Enrollment 335 students
- A balanced budget was presented. Unused amounts under *Support to Student to Success* revert back to the Ministry.
  - Additions under *Support to Student to Success*
    - (a) Classroom library
    - (b) Occasional Release Teacher Mentees

Motion to adopt proposed by L. Filiatrault and seconded by R. Cobden-Nolan  
Motion carried.

- **Correspondence**

a) None

- **Public Question Period**

a) None

- **Date and time of next meeting(s)**

- January 30, 2024 @ 6:30pm

- **Adjournment**

Motion to **adjourn at** 7:32pm proposed by M. Furino and seconded by S. Racine  
Motion carried.