



Evergreen Elementary Governing Board Meeting Minutes February 27, 2024, 6:30pm

Present: Jon Graham, John Riley, Lindsay Reid, Marisa Furino, Rebecca Cobden-Nolan, Silke Sas, Sonia Ravenda, Daniel Olivenstein, Richard Thorpe, Tanya Lynn Caza, Jaimie Boosamra, Suzy Racine

Administration: Adam Lambert – Principal, Evergreen

- **Call to order.**

- a) Zoom meeting called to order at 6:34 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 J. Boosamra and seconded by T. Caza
Motion carried.

- **Approval of minutes from December 5, 2023**

Motion to approve proposed by J. Boosamra and seconded by M. Furino
Motion carried.

- **Reports**

- a) **Principal's Report**

- Student projection for 2024-2025 = 338 students
 - March 18 pedagogical day moved to April 8 due to solar eclipse.
 - Staff appreciation week Feb. 12
 - Term 2 report cards go live on March 12

- March break week of March 4
- March 14 Evergreen open doors celebration of learning
 - Opportunity for parents to see classrooms.
 - Book fair in gym
- Teachers to be contacted for parent/teacher interviews upon request.
- Updating education project, 5-year outlook. Document to be brought to Governing Board.

b) Service contracts

- None

c) Field Trips

- Grade 6 – Voiles en Voiles, Old Port
 - Graduation trip on June 17, chaperoned by grade 6 teachers and integration aids, max. \$45 per student. Grad committee may use funds to help subsidized. Six staff members and 47 students. Overall cost \$1990.04. Leaving at 9am and returning at approximately 3pm.
- Grade 3 – Droulers-Tsiionhiakwatha National Historic Site of Canada
 - Field trip in April. No cost to parents, pick up after school buses depart school.
- School Music Trip
 - April 10, Music Mozaik concert for all (333) students and 48 staff members. Classical world and jazz music combined with participatory elements. Cost of \$20 per student includes concert tickets and transportation (8 buses). Funding may be available to subsidize activity. Depart at 8am, concert at École Jeanne Sauvé in Dorval, ending at approximately 11am.

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

d) Fundraisers

- None

e) Grad Activities

- Cheese fundraiser \$1168
- 50/50 raffle \$536
- Felix and Norton cookie fundraiser after March break – sold for \$12 per bag (cost \$7.50)
- Bake sale on curriculum night and raffle of three (3) baskets (\$2 per ticket / \$5 for three 3 tickets)

Motion to approve proposed by L. Reid and seconded by T. Caza
Motion carried.

f) Teachers' reports

- Teacher appreciation week a success
- Spirit week February 26 – March 1
- Third term upcoming – 60% of grade

g) Parent representative

- Issue with link to access parent committee website
- EPKA?? presented new website at last meeting.

h) Commissioner's Report

- January report – Governing Board consultation upcoming
- New school update – permission to build two (2) new schools granted, negotiating land acquisition.

- Changing school model from bilingual to immersion program – things to consider:
 - Only bilingual school in the region, may attract more French speaking students seeking to learn English.
 - Need to assess needs of student population.
 - Bylaw 9
 - New complaints procedure passed on February 26, 2024. Standardizes process across school boards.
 - Staff appreciation week a great success across schools.
- i) Daycare Report
- None
- j) Community Representative
- None
- k) Home & School Report
- Book donation fundraiser – sold for \$1 each
 - Continue weekly pizza
 - Collecting teachers’ wish list will be voted on in March.
- **Business arising**

a) None
 - **New Business**

a) 2023-2024 Daycare Budget

 - To be presented at a future meeting

b) Principal Criteria

 - Submit to J. Riley via email by March 9.

c) 2024-2025 Budget Consultation (Board)

 - Submit suggestions on priorities (e.g., modernizing playgrounds, purchasing furniture, etc.) to J. Graham via email by March 9.
 - **Correspondence**

a) None
 - **Public Question Period**

a) None
 - **Date and time of next meeting(s)**
 - March 26, 2024 @ 6:30pm
 - **Adjournment**

Motion to **adjourn at** 7:28:pm proposed by M. Furino and seconded by J. Boosamra
Motion carried.