

Governing Board Assembly
Clearpoint Elementary School

October 8th, 2014

Attending: Laura Lewis, Rachel Wilson, Tassie Fyon, Bill Mange, Sylvia Papazian, Andrew Di Lullo, Alberto Sanchez, Louise Bolker-Sudia, Sandra Fisher, Cathy Sheppard, Athanasios Tsiaouris, Diana Anber-Grenier

- 1) Approval of the agenda:
- 2) Approval of minutes from last meeting:
- 3) Public question period:

The Church Parking lot option no longer being available as a drop off zone has created unsafe environment for families. An incident occurred where a car door was ripped off during the morning drop off time. The offending car did not stop to respond to the accident. There is fear for a more serious casualty.

As a result: Mrs Wilson will investigate the placement of a crossing guard. Another option would be to restricting schoolyard access to all parents and having children come in directly into the school property i.e the building or yard on their own.

A second concern brought forth was the restricted use of microwaves and unavailability of a hot lunch program. Reasons given for the choice of a moderated microwave use were ecological (going green), safety (possibility of children being burnt), time factors (not enough time for one microwave to accommodate all children) and structural (blown fuses).

- 4) Principal's report:

Same fundraising for Grade 6 as last year but we added movie night.

There will be a staff meeting with Miss Wilson with regards to fundraising.

Art appreciation FB unit.

Grade 3-4 would like to go to the Ballet Ouest production of Nutcracker. 9-12 method: school cost 21/student on Dec 4th.

5) Teacher's Report:

Terry Fox run we raised between \$6000-7000 raised. Good Job! The I am running for...sticker was a great addition.

90 kids are going to the cross country run on October 21. Parent volunteer ratio is 1/10.

The grade 6ers went to an Ultimate Frisbee tournament. It went well. Football has been added as an outdoor sport, handball soon to follow.

The Grade 4rs are going to the Tennis Club.

The Grade 6ers are interested in golf. Three sets of golf have been bought with the Home and School funds.

Photo retake: awaiting confirmation of a date.

Grade 5rs are looking at Rights and Responsibilities. They are doing individual things and would like to fundraise for a school in Haiti/ Dominican Republic. Their goal is \$3600. An idea would be to bring in cans. It takes 5 cans to provide one meal. Reading Week could be shifted towards this goal. \$4500 raised during reading week could sustain this effort.

We were allocated an extra 75% resource teacher.

Grade 5 will be going to Quebec City June 15 and 16. They are also planning their graduation dance. Fundraiser ideas would be a local loaf sale or a cookie dough fundraiser.

Mrs. Wilson will have a meeting with the teachers to create a calendar that analyzes all of the fundraising activities to see if they are competing.

Then and Now Activity... a Historical Bus Tour of Pointe Claire is proposed. It is a one hour tour with a treasure hunt and literature circle planned for the end of October (27 and 28). It would be for the Grades 4/5 split and 5. It would include a total of 63 kids on two days with a 1/10 ratio. A grant would pay for 70% of the cost with the final cost being approximately 3 dollars per child.

The Kindergarten group had a Gingerbread Hunt which allowed them to see different parts of the school.

The two student teachers from Concordia University will be leaving at the end of October.

The Balloon Parade was a wonderful Hit!

6) Daycare Report:

In Daycare the online payments are going well. 50% of parents are paying online.

The first Ped Day was spent at the tennis club. The second Ped day was enjoyed through an apple picking activity. There is an Ipad that shows various pictures of the children enjoying themselves.

Fun Fridays are offering a few options: Movies, Computers, Arts and Outdoor play.

7) Home & School Report:

Home and School has finalized the teacher allocation for the year. It is a budget of 200\$/teacher.

The Wellness Fund will have to be compensated as there is none this year. The jungle activity in February will have to be funded in some way by Home and School.

Dagwoods will be put in place soon. An effort will be made to publicize Fundscript more as this might be a way to fund the Jungle Sport activity.

New method of raising money is called the Budding Artists Company. This will take the place of the Olive Oil company as there were issues in the last year. Budding artists allow drawings to be transplanted on mugs and shirts etc.

Operation Christmas Child will require a box to be installed to receive various items that will be sent to kids in need.

Holiday Fair is selling out. A question of expanding the availability of tables and the eventual placement of tables was brought up. An option would be the teacher's lounge.

8) Region Parent Rep Report:

Elections are on their way and we need to encourage voting! A Lester B Pearson debate will take place on October 28th at 7:30. It can be viewed by webcam. Debate is hosted by the CPC.

9) Business Arising:

IB Update – nothing new to report right now

10) New Business:

Enrollment Criteria Consultation: Laura asked everyone to read it by the following meeting. A grandfather clause was requested in the past and refused. Clearpoint intends to propose the grandfather clause once again this year.

Approval of annual report.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30pm.