

Governing Board

Clearpoint Elementary School

Minutes from November 12th 2014 Wednesday Meeting

In Attendance: Laura Lewis, Rachel Wilson, Tassie Fyon, Bill Mang, Louise Bolker-Sudia, Cathy Sheppard, Bill Mang, Sandra Fisher, Diana Anber-Grenier, Sylvia Papazian, Andrew Di Lullo, Alberto Sanchez, Athanasios Tsiabouris, Eleanor Arless. With regrets Mike Dell

Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Approved by Andrew Di Lullo, seconded by Tassie Fyon (all in favor).

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: With two corrections, to add Eleanor Arless to the attendance and to change Grade 6 not 5 going to Quebec City. Approved by Louise Bolker-Sudia, seconded by Cathy Sheppard (all in favor).

Public Question Period: A parent said to be a representative of Home and School, presented her concerns about bus safety on a particular bus. It was agreed that the first step be that a letter or email be sent to the transportation company, with a C.C to Laura Lewis and Mrs. Wilson. That way there is evidence of the number of letters filed to the company. Other matters and solutions were brought up but will be addressed at a later date deeming the results of the first step being carried out.

Correspondence: No correspondence at this time.

Reports:

Principal: Mrs. Wilson

-Remembrance Day Assembly went very well thanks to Ms. Linda Choiniere and Mrs. Heckler's grade 6 class, it was a very moving event. This year it was asked that there be no applause during the entire assembly. It was felt that as this is a somber event and that it be as quiet and respectable as possible. Clearpoint choir of 140 students sang beautifully thanks to our music teacher Mrs. A.

-Reading week went extremely well. Mrs. Wilson went to each class to read Heckedy Peg. As discussed all the money raised will go to Youth Upliftment International a school in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic.

-Rent-a-Grad was a success.

-Cookie dough orders are due on Friday Nov. 14th.

-Grade 7 enrichment exams were held on November 1st.

-Clearpoint clothing came in yesterday and will be delivered in the next 2 days. T-shirts will go out on Monday November 17th, pending outstanding IB fees.

-Report cards to go out Nov. 18th.

-Interviews will be held on November 20th and 21st.

-Grade 5 continue to help Kate Bateman and her school in the Dominican Republic by collecting soft drink cans, doing wish bags, and will be asking for non-perishables in January.

-Grade 5's will presenting their French songs that they created to the Council of Commissioners.

-There will be no holiday concert this year. Although there will be a spring concert, either one show, or 2 shows: one presented by the juniors and the other by the seniors.

Teachers:

Ms. Sheppard: Historical bus tour of Pointe-Claire was very enjoyable and extremely educational. The tour ended at Stewart Hall where there was a story teller and a treasure hunt. This ended Grade 5 unit on Historical Structures.

Ms. Diana: Thanked Governing Board for the approval of their field trip for the K's to go to the Ecomuseum on November 18th. Ms. Diana asked G.B for the approval to have Chief Topleaf come at the end of November or beginning of December. A minimum charge of \$2.00 to 2.50 will be asked of each student. He will be discussing animals that migration, adaptation and hibernation, which ties into their IB Unit. A minimum charge of \$2.00 to \$2.50 will be asked of each student. Approval was given.

Mr. Bill: - Since the merge 9 years ago, Clearpoint has raised over 27 thousand dollars for the Terry Fox Run.

-Cross Country run held on October 21st, was great thanks to teachers and parent volunteers. Good performance although it was cold out everyone had a good time. Pictures posed by the grade 4 stairwell.

- 80 students participated at lunchtime football. Last game went into triple overtime (3 lunch periods) with a final overtime. Mr. Bill asked the refs how they felt about being a ref and what it was like making calls against their friends.

-Lunchtime handball starts soon, with the biggest ever amount of teams. There will be 7 teams, with 80 plus players, from grades 4 and 5 which will be held once a week.

Approval /Field Trips.

Mrs. A's extracurricular band practices will be held once a week on Tuesdays from 2:35 to 3:35 pm. Rental of the instruments will be from \$90.00 to \$123.00.

An in house IB unit presentation about rocks will be presented to the Grade 3 students; cost will be about \$3.75.

Ski Mont Habitant: 40 students are needed for this event. 4:40 ratio, cost will be \$175.00 without rentals and \$210.00 with rental of equipment. The prices include lift ticket and helmets. It will be held on January 19th, February 3rd and 24th and March 11th. This hill is a very ski friendly one and all the students who have gone enjoy it very much.

March 26, 2015 is the seminar for the Grade 6 students about substance abuse. It is held in Dorval, there is no charge, it is from 9:00 to 12:00. All Dorval and Pointe-Claire English and French schools are invited.

Approved by Cathy Sheppard .(all in favor).

Daycare: Tassie Fyon

-October 24th was a in school ped day, Dynamics came in teaching the children about team building with giant games of Connect 4 and Snakes and Ladders, after there was a pizza lunch.

-There will be a theme board that grades K to grades 2 will be taking turns putting their work of art on, so that everyone can admire it.

-Ped day November 21st Daycare will be going to Kirkland Colisee to watch the movie Big Hero 6 in 3D

-The two day only microwave days seem to be working well, less mess and spillage. Everyone seems to be getting used to this.

Home and School: Marie-Flore Gignac-Dube.

-Art fundraiser Heling Hands just finished.

-Subway forms going out soon.

-Home and School would like to bring back a parent for each class room to be in charge of organizing Christmas gifts, information, and emergency numbers.

-December 6th Saturday is the Christmas Fair. The staff room will be used. As the gym has been rented out to artisans and is full, the question to use classrooms on the main floor was brought up. Teachers will be asked permission to use their classrooms, on the condition that things are put back in place once the Fair is finished. Fair is on Facebook: Clearpoint School Holiday Fair.

Commissioner: Will be inviting our new commissioner to next meeting.

Business Arising

IB Update:

- 6 staff members going to Chicago.

Enrollment Criteria Consultation: Will include:

- When a child becomes a student at Clearpoint regardless of his/her school zone, the student should be eligible to remain a student until graduation from grade 6.

-If a student moves outside the Clearpoint school zone throughout his/her elementary school years, the student should still be eligible to remain at Clearpoint till graduation from grade 6.

=In the event that the school zones are changed and a student attending Clearpoint is no longer considered as living within the school zone, the student should be eligible to remain a student until graduation from grade 6.

-Consideration should be made for siblings of children attending Clearpoint, that they be allowed to enrol.

(Issue brought up about if someone in walking distance wants to come and is not allowed because a sibling took their place.)

Update from Last Meeting: Mrs. Wilson filed a form from the City of Pointe-Claire, asking for a speed bump to be put in on Lakeview near Church. Mrs. Wilson has also notified the police of the hazards of drivers and students/parents crossing Lakeview. Would it be possible to install sign asking for 30 kmp.

Date of next meeting: December 10th, 6:00 pm. Our yearly December meeting is to invite the Home and School to a wine and cheese or to have a catered dinner after the meeting.

Governing Board will have their meeting at 6:00 to 7:00 pm. As Mrs. Wilson needs to attend both G.B and H&S meetings not sure if Home and School will have their meeting that night.

Adjournment: 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Louise Bolker-Sudia

