

# **Governing Board Clearpoint Elementary School**

## **Minutes from Meeting of May 13, 2015**

**In attendance:** Laura Lewis, Rachel Wilson, Tassie Fyon, Louise Bolker-Sudia, Cathy Sheppard, Eleanor Arless, Alberto Sanchez, Andrew DiLullo, Marie-Flore Gignac-Dube, Sylvia Papazian, Sandra Fisher, Athanasios Tsiabouris, Andrew Dilullo, Dov Bensimon

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Louise Bolker-Sudia, seconded by Andrew Dilullo

**Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2015:** Motion by Louise Bolder-Sudia, seconded by Sandra Fisher

**Public Question Period:** Dov Bensimon attended the meeting to learn more about Major School Change. (see below under Major School Change)

**Correspondence:** A letter from a parent concerning Major School Change. The writer felt Clearpoint School integrated children with special needs very well and wanted to ensure that we will continue to be able to do so in the future by continuing to provide services for students with special needs.

## **Reports**

### **Principal:**

Fieldtrips:

1. Sandra Fisher's grade 4/5 class will be going to Walters Park in Dorval. They will be car-pooling.
2. Sandra Fisher's class will be going to Wild Willy's twice over the next month.

Laura Lewis asked for a motion to approve: All in favour.

**Grant:** Jennifer Pinard has applied for a 3,000\$ grant for the Robotics program at Clearpoint. This grant would cover the cost for material for the program. Laura Lewis asked for a motion to approve: All in favour.

**Volunteer Tea:** The Volunteer Tea will be held on May 28 from 2:45 to 4:15. The Clearpoint Choir will be presenting. The music teacher would like to sell tickets to her band members for a concert she is giving along with her musical group. Laura Lewis asked for a motion to approve. All in favour. The Clearpoint band will be performing for parents on June 9.

**Kindergarten Release Time:** Release time for Kindergarten has been affected by the budget cuts. The children will now have 60 minutes of physical education per week as well as 30 minutes of dance. Another ninety minutes of release time will be now be given by daycare personnel to the children and will be attached to the lunch period.

**Teacher:** Cathy Shepard spoke briefly about Arts Week taking place at the school. Sandra Fisher added that Arts Week included breakdancing, an author in the school as well as a story-teller. Diana Grenier announced that a Kindergarten Orientation would take place for new students on June 5.

**Daycare:** Tassie Fyon explained that the week of May 11 was Daycare Week. Each daycare in the school board was asked to build a mobile and the mobiles are on display at the board offices. There will be a breakfast for the daycare educators at the Manoir in celebration of Daycare Week. On the June 5<sup>th</sup> ped. Day, a company will be coming in to do games with the students. The fee is 7.30\$ for this event.

**Home and School:** The Family barbecue will be held on May 21.

**Commissioner:** see attached report

**Region Parent Rep:** Athanasios spoke about Major School Change. He explained that the school board wants to provide the best education for the students and maintain the services but some changes will need to be made because of budget cuts. The board will be looking at schools and determining if the building is being fully utilized. They will look at the cost of repairs and maintenance of each building. If anyone would like to learn more about Major School Change they can register on the school board website and they will get an email anytime there is an update.

## **Business Arising:**

**a. I.B. Update:** Rachel has assisted Dr. Lisa Stair in applying for a grant through MELS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning – Technology and Education. The objectives of the project would be:

1. To train teachers in facilitating inquiry based learning
2. To build a community of practice
3. To develop innovative pedagogical practices that will serve as valuable models of practice.

**b. School Fees:** The statement of school fees will be detailed and itemized. i.e. All workbook fees will be applied with associated costs. Each cycle will have different fees to cover different needs. The fees will include 32\$ for photocopy costs. The fees will range from 67\$ to 96\$. There will be an additional fee of 125\$ to cover I.B. costs.

Laura Lewis asked for a motion to approve. All in favour.

**c. Major School Change:** A discussion took place about Major School Change. The topic of a Town Hall Meeting with schools below the 20 and west of Clearpoint School was discussed to answer questions with all the governing board chairs. Our Governing Board will have to submit a brief by October 2015.

Date of next meeting: June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted:

Diana Anber Grenier