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Clearpoint Elementary School Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

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Location: Clearpoint Elementary School		Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018		Time: 6:03 – 6:40 p.m.	
Attendees Governing Board (GB) Members:		Attendees GB Substitutes:		Attendees Parents/other:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey Lambert • Bill Mang • Carol Rabbat • Dov Bensimon • Katherine Wiebe • Marie-Flore Gignac 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Tubbeh • Rachel Wilson • Sue Bell • Susan Larivière • Suzanne Larkin • Tayba Huot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helene Kalaganis-MacTaggart 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Harbert. 	Absent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison Saunders • Garry Saunders • Janine Von Bauer • Joseph Mantagaris • Karina Lavalée • Linda Harbert • Liz Lopez • Marc Lucke • Mark Christiano • Sandra Fisher • Tassie Fyon • Wayne Clifford 	

Agenda		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the Agenda 2. Approval of the Last Minutes 3. Public & Member Question Period 4. Business Arising 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. New Business 6. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities 7. Reports / PYP Update 8. Varia 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Correspondence 10. Date of next meeting 11. Adjournment

1. Approval of the Agenda

- Katherine reminded all in attendance that this extraordinary meeting was essentially a continuation of the 13 June 2018 meeting. Since the final budget for the 2018-2019 school year could not be finalized for that meeting, the GB was meeting to essentially discuss the budget and proposed school fees for the coming school year.

2. Approval of the Minutes from Wednesday, June 13, 2018

- The adoption of these minutes was deferred to the next meeting of the GB.

3. Public questions

- None.

4. Business arising

- None.

5. New Business

- **School budget for 2018-2019:**

- Rachel presented the proposed budget for the upcoming school year to the GB. She explained that the budget was based on a projected number of 423 students.
- The proposed school fees were also presented and were broken down by grade level. They were calculated by looking at the average cost for the last few years and accounting for a slight increase due to factors such as inflation.
- In light of a recent class-action lawsuit against school boards in Québec stating that public schools should provide free education, a number of items that used to be charged to parents can no longer be.
- It was mentioned that some workbooks will be created locally so as to better fit the needs of the school. For example, some workbooks will be more customized to learning for non-French speakers.
- The school must pay annual fees associated with the IB certification. These include paying for an visit of the school by IB evaluators. The cost of the IB fees can vary from year to year owing to varying exchange rates.
- It was mentioned that the daycare provides some revenue for the school owing to the large number of students in it.

- **School Supply Fees:**

- School fees will increase slightly for next year.
 - In the ensuing discussion, it was mentioned that a number of Chromebooks have been purchased for grades 4, 5 and 6 so as to aim to have one per student. Some new desks and chairs have been purchased to revamp the equipment in the classrooms. A new projector is being purchased and will be installed in the gym.
 - School supplies can not be organized by the school as has been done in the past through Editions Vaudreuil. Although it is too late to organize anything for the 2018-2019 school year, Home & School may look at helping to organize this in the future.
 - School supply list goes with new directives issued to school boards in light of the class-action lawsuit.
 - The school supply list cannot refer to specific brands and many for these. Many items will be rendered optional. If an item is deemed essential, the school must provide it. Otherwise, it will be suggested.
- A motion to approve the budget was moved by Suzanne and seconded by Carol. All approved and none were opposed.
 - A motion to approve the supply list was moved by Tayba and seconded by Sue Larivière. All approved and none were opposed.
 - The GB agreed to send a letter to the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement supérieur saying that it disapproves of the directives issued to schools. Katherine will draft this letter.
 - Parents will be eligible for a refund of what they have paid in school fees if they qualify under the class-action lawsuit, but they will have to opt in to get the refund.



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6. Field Trips, Fundraisers & Activities

- None were discussed during the meeting.

7. Reports (in order of presentation at the meeting):

- None were discussed during the meeting.

8. Varia

- None.

9. Correspondence

- Rachel thanked the GB for all of its work during her tenure as principal and thanked Katherine for taking the helm of the GB for the past year.

10. Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. It will be followed by the Annual General Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at about 6:40 p.m.