

**Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held at
Ste. Agathe Academy
26 Napoleon, Ste. Agathe des Monts, QC
Wednesday, May 20, 2015.**

Members present:

Elementary Parents: Anne-Marie Moran, Sandra Morselli (Chairperson)

High School Parents: Vivianne Cliche, Barbara Lanthier, Edward Yersh

Elementary Teachers: John Colatosti

High School Teachers: James Gore, Claudine Houle

Principal: Bessie Tsatoumas

Support Staff Rep: Chantal Paquin

Community Rep: Victoria Barrett

Motivated absence: Joel Hay

Absent: Jacqui Raill

1. Acceptance of Agenda

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Vivianne Cliche moved and Anne-Marie Moran seconded the motion to accept the agenda with the following change:

7.0 Financial report review: to be tabled to the June 8th meeting.

ADOPTED

2. Approval of Minutes

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Chantal Paquin moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to accept the minutes of April 15th as presented.

ADOPTED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Bessie Tsatoumas informed the members that the planned "Spaghetti Supper" to raise funds for the "S.A.A. Safe in Schools Program" has been cancelled. She also mentioned that Chantal Paquin was able to find and apply for a grant for the refurbishing of the rugby field.

James Gore mentioned that the POP class "Career Fair" will be held on May 29th.

4. Question Period

None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Principal's Report (Bessie Tsatoumas)

(please see attached report)

Bessie Tsatoumas mentioned the following information items that were not included in her report.

- There will be a government PISA survey given to students born after 1999. The results of this will be used to establish statistics related to school success.
- One of our students, MacKenzie Gervais, has been awarded a bursary of 75 \$ in the field of National History by the Société nationale des Québécois des Hautes-Rivières. She was nominated by her teacher, Ken Petterson.
- Fittings for the "Dress Code" clothes will be held on June 4th. Students from both elementary and high school will be fitted to determine their appropriate size.

Bessie Tsatoumas also announced the tragic news of the passing away of Abigael Carrière-Patry, one of our grade 5 students. This sudden and tragic news was a shock to all and the students were able to share their emotions with the "grief team" sent by the board to the school. The funeral will be held on May 21st with some students, parents and staff attending. The assistant D.G., the commissioner for our district and Bessie Tsatoumas will also attend. A memorial is being planned at school before the end of classes with a tree planting ceremony in memory of Abigael. Her family will be invited to attend.

5.2 Elementary Teachers' Report (John Colatosti)

- The grade 1 and 2 trip to Arundel was a huge success and enjoyed by all.
- A dance was held on April 7th for the elementary before the high school one at night.
- The Basketball team had their last game against Namur School and won.
- 12 students will be participating in a Cosom Hockey game (RSEQ).
- The elementary will participate in the "Safe in Schools" circus activity on May 27th.

5.3 Approval of Elementary Field Trips

The members were presented with the following requests for activities:

- RSEQ Soccer Festival for 10 students
- "Safe in Schools" circus celebration
- Year-end activity for grade 6 grad

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Edward Yersh moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the participation of 10 students in the "RSEQ Soccer Festival" to be held on May 29th.

ADOPTED

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Chantal Paquin moved and Anne-Marie Moran seconded the motion to approve the "Safe in School Circus Celebration" to be held on May 27th for the whole school. An elementary circus will be held from 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. and a musical concert for all from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m.

ADOPTED

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Anne-Marie Moran moved and Vivianne Cliche seconded the motion to approve the grade 6 graduation year-end activities. The students will be going to the "La Source Aqua Club" in Mont Tremblant on June 22nd, then return to S.A.A. for supper, a sleep-over, breakfast the next morning followed by a Zumba class and then off to join the rest of the elementary students at the beach for Beach day. Lunch will be provided to them.

ADOPTED

5.4 High School Teachers' Report (Claudine Houle & James Gore)

- The High School dance was held on April 17th.
- The Shakespearean play "The Tempest" was presented to students on April 24th.
- The Drama Club presented their play "Game Show" with an evening performance as well as a second show for the students the following day.
- The Annual Senior trip was held from May 15th to 17th. The trip was to Boston.
- "We are silent day" (Feed the Children) was held on April 16th.
- The rugby jamboree started in late April and will finish at the end of May.
- The Sec. 1, 2, and 3 students attended trips to Montreal recently to visit various attractions.

5.5 Approval of High School Field Trips

None

5.6 P.P.O. Report

Sandra Morselli reported that the "Humeur" fundraising campaign held in the spring raised approximately 3,482.00 \$. As the participation from parents was low, new ideas for next year were discussed such as a raffle, casino night or spaghetti dinner.

The annual "Staff Appreciation Luncheon" was held last week thanks to a grade 2 parent.

5.7 S.W.L.S.B. Parent Committee Report (Vivianne Cliche)

(please see attached report)

5.8 S.E.A.C. Committee Report

None

5.9 Elementary Student Council Report

None

5.10 High School Student Council Report

None

5.11 Community Learning Centre

- The following video conferences were held: Sec. 3: Solar System and for Grades 1 & 2: Alaskan Marine Life
- The CLSC nurse held a sex-ed workshop for Sec. 1.
- Yoga classes will be held for Sec. 1 (CSNN grant)
- A lunch meeting will be held next Monday with the "Laurentian Club"
- "LISANE" meeting to be held on May 28th, as well as an "MRC Table Meeting".
- A "Community Conversation Meeting" will be held here at the CLC centre on June 4th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Community members, parents, teachers, staff are invited to attend to share ideas and suggestions to help create a successful school environment.

6.0 Approval of Elementary Textbooks and Instruction Materials

Due to new S.W.L.S.B. directives stipulating that parents must receive a school fee bill itemizing costs and that there are changes to the workbook fees to be imposed, this approval will be tabled to the June meeting.

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7.0 Review of Financial Report

To be tabled to the June meeting.

8.0 Correspondence

None

9.0 Question Period

Vivianne Cliche asked for more information regarding the planned “La Ronde” and camping excursions. James Gore replied that the “La Ronde” trip needs more teachers to attend for it to be held and the camping trip to “Voyageur Provincial Park” is still being finalized.

Vivianne Cliche also inquired about the examination schedule and the date of the end of regular classes. Bessie Tsatoumas confirmed the date and gave more details about the exams to be held.

10.0 Varia

None

11. Adjournment

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Edward Yersh moved and Claudine Houle seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

ADOPTED

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Morselli, Chairperson

Bessie Tsatoumas, Principal

Barbara Lanthier, Secretary