



**SHERBROOKE ACADEMY JUNIOR**  
**Tentative Governing Board Minutes (to be approved by GB)**  
**Tuesday February 21, 2023**  
**Held On Zoom**

- Parent Reps:** Suzanne Alt (H&S Rep), Kristin Anderson, Stephanie Caputo, Navinta Dua, Denise Pereira (Chair)
- Staff Reps:** Jacqueline Dunsmore, Victoria Lemieux, Tanya Rudolph, Sarah Stets
- Principal:** Laurence Assouline
- Daycare:** Jenna Karibian
- Community Rep:** Roger Moss
- Commissioner:** Absent

**1. Welcome, Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m
- Land acknowledgement was recited D. Pereira

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

- The agenda was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by K. Anderson & seconded by J. Karibian

**3. Adoption of the Minutes From December 13, 2022 - [Minutes](#)**

- The minutes from the December 13, 2022 governing board meeting were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by S. Alt & seconded by K. Anderson

#### 4. Public Question Period (email)

- An email question was asked: Are there any field trips planned for upcoming ped days?
- D. Pereira will respond back saying that as of now, no field trips have been planned for any upcoming ped days

#### 5. New Business

##### 5.1 Annual Report Approval

###### [Sherbrooke JR Elementary Annual Report 2021-2022](#)

- The Annual Report was discussed & reviewed in detail
- The Annual Report was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by K. Anderson & seconded by T. Rudolph

##### 5.2 Fundraising Request

###### K4 Tortue Class [K5 Tortue class](#)

- The K4 Tortu Class fundraiser was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by S. Caputo & seconded by S. Alt

###### Grad Committee Recipes in a Jar [Recipes in a Jar](#)

- The Grad Committee Recipes in a Jar fundraiser was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by J. Karibian & seconded by S. Stets

##### 5.3 K Field Trip to Metro [Metro Field trip](#)

- The K field trip to Metro was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by K. Anderson & seconded by J. Karibian

##### 5.4 Daycare Request - Ped Day Approvals

- Club Fy - Black-light face painting as well as a black-light show
- Taking place on May 5 2023
- Cost is \$12 supervision fee + \$16 activity fee + \$1 snack fee = \$29 total
- The Club Fy ped day was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by J. Dunsmore & seconded by N. Dua

## 5.5 LBPSB Budget Consultation [Memo, Consultation](#)

- Please review
- Tabled to the March governing board meeting

## 5.6 LBPSB Principal's Criteria Consultation [Principal's Criteria](#)

- Due due Friday, March 3, 2023
- Comments are to be addressed to Me Geneviève Dugré
- No minutes were taken during this round table discussion

## 6. Reports

### 6.1 Home & School

- We are trying to get unified school shirts for both schools, with one color & one logo/design. We are looking into holding a fundraiser to raise money to purchase them
- We donated hot chocolate for the winter carnival week at both campuses! Hope it was a very successful event for the schools
- We are working VERY hard on staff appreciation next week. So much good stuff to talk about however I won't ruin the surprises!

### 6.2 Community Rep

- Christmas Carolers were amazing (grade 1 & 2)
- Status of the ice on the outdoor rinks is unknown especially for the upcoming March break; as you are aware, the weather this year has been extremely unpredictable
- Police patrols are continuing; parents are very happy about the increased patrols as well as with the new speed bumps on Sherbrooke
- With the stepped up police presence in Beaconsfield, Parents expressed a concern with the increase in the number of parking tickets that are being distributed
- Forest, Hollis & Westcroft is where the majority of the parking tickets are being distributed
- Mr. Moss & Mme Assouline will continue to brainstorm on this topic

### **6.3 Commissioners' Report** [Dec, Jan](#)

- No formal report was submitted, M. Boyer was absent from the meeting

### **6.4 Regional Parent Committee**

- Last meeting took place in January
- Question was raised as to why the French & English schools have a different spring break
- Budget is being reviewed

### **6.5 Principal**

#### **Acknowledgements**

- Staff for a successful Open House
- Home & School for a great family event , Winter Wonderland, on Jan 21
- Mr Mau & Miss Michelle for helping with skating

#### **School News:**

#### **Spirit Week (Winter Carnival) - Next Week**

- Jan 20 Ped Day was dedicated to working on the Next Educational Project; Junior & Senior staff worked together at the school board.
- Report cards go home to March 17th
- End of term Feb 24th

#### **Parent teachers interviews March 23rd**

- Invitation from the teacher.
- Interviews will take place in person
- If child care or the family requests it, the interview can happen via Zoom
- A letter will be sent out to the families explaining that this round of interviews is by invitation only by the teacher

#### **Jason Sikoak Inuk artist first visit on Feb 16**

#### [Jason Sikoak Profile – Inuit Futures](#)

- Two information sessions took place in the gym

- 8:30-9:30 Cycle 1
- 9:30-10:30 K4 & K5

### **EBBP**

- Evidence Based Best Practices (RTI - Response To Intervention)
- SAJ is part of 13 schools taking part in a pilot project
- Mme B & Mme Stets are leading this initiative for our school
- The literacy consultant is involved
- Teachers are being given release time to visit schools, build & organize materials
- **Registration**
- 55 K5 & 21 K4

## **6.6 Teachers**

### **K4**

- Giraffes & Zebras are learning about Black History Month (diversity & acceptance)
- We are also covering the theme of Valentine's Day (self-love)
- Our next parental component is on February 24th & we will go skating with the parents! Then, parents are invited for hot chocolate in our classrooms
- We are inviting a guest speaker (teacher from a different school board) to do a short read aloud about BHM on February 27th or 28th

### **K5**

- Skating week (Jan 30th - Feb 2nd) was a huge success. Many first time skaters developed confidence & excitement in their abilities. We will be going again for five consecutive days Feb 20th - Feb 24th
- K02 & K03 are exploring things all BEARS. K01 is diving in all things Africa!
- Term 2 objectives have been selected & confirmed. They will be sent out to parents March 13th

### **Grade 1**

- Grade ones have decided on 2 skating sessions. They will be going together, starting this week. The students are looking forward to it

- We have just finished our first writing assignment, applying sight words & invented spelling strategies. Hourra!
- In Math, we are learning about surveys & different charts to display the results
- We will be assessing the students for their reading level. When completed, students will be able to take home books at their best fit
- Students are looking forward to the 100th day which is fast approaching. various ateliers are planned
- Valentine's Day will also be filled with fun activities

### **Grade 2**

- Grade 2 just finished up our snowman theme from the month of January! Kids finished with a big writing project & made snowmen outside
- We dove right into our theme for February: Hockey!
- We have been reading stories & learning new hockey related vocabulary words
- Grade 2 has also been working on Valentine's Day cards for seniors thanks to Mme Malone & the kangaroos
- We have also been talking & learning about black history month with the help of our spiritual animator Ms Sarah

### **Phys. Ed.**

- Cycle 1 students are being evaluated on manipulation skills that have been covered in class during term 2 (can you move with your object & hit a target?)
- They choose skills & justify their choices. Choices include Hockey stickhandling & wrist shot; Basketball dribble & setshot; Toss & catch as they walk & throw ball against wall. They evaluate their progress by answering questions regarding knowledge of the key parts of the skill performed (check for understanding)
- Cycle 1 Leadership students are assisting the younger kindergarten students with outdoor winter recess games including snowshoeing. They have also been given "Role Playing" tasks to review their understanding of recess game rules & routines. It's amazing how creative they are
- Kindergarten students just love gym activities including freeze dance, listening games & the Champions for Life program. It's a joy to watch them move with such enthusiasm

### **Music**

- **K4** - Are currently doing music stations where they are using scarves with music & exploring instruments
- **K5** - Are currently doing music stations. They are creating little rhythms for one another, using puppets & songs & guessing the instrument a classmate plays for them
- **Grade 1** - Students just finished learning about music from Spain. They learned about Flamenco dancing & made their own castanets. Next we will be learning about music from Italy
- **Grade 2** - Students started learning about different music genres. Students just finished Country music. Our next genre will be R & B (Rhythm & Blues)
- **ELA (Cycle One)**
- Students are preparing for the arrival of the artist Jason Sikoak's first visit to SAJ on February 16th.
- As per Jason's request, we are reading & discussing 2 Robert Munsch books he suggested
- One is Give me Back my Dad where the 2 main characters are based on Jason's brother & his niece
- The other book is called A Promise is a Promise which gives a little bit of insight into storytelling in Jason's culture
- We will take this opportunity to discuss a little bit of Jason's background, where he is from & the amazing project that will be taking place throughout the spring involving our school

## 6.7 Daycare

- Thank you, Mme. Assouline, & the SEED team for ensuring our programs continue to run smoothly
- Hot lunches continue to be provided twice a week by Merenda
- Merenda no longer sends plastic cutlery due to new government regulations therefore parents are being asked to send in reusable cutlery
- Thank you again to Home & school for pizza lunches & TCBY, it is enjoyed by all the students
- We continue to be outdoors as much as possible if the weather permits

- As we are now accepting email ped day registrations, parents seem to be handing them in faster!
- Our January ped day was a hit! The students enjoyed the glow in the dark mini putt. We had 69 students! The SR school joined us in our building, siblings got to play outside in the morning together
- We had 2 ped days in February. February 3rd was a Winter Wonderland. We ended up staying inside due to weather, but all students got to move in the gym & participate in activities. We had 68 students register
- February 13<sup>th</sup> was a Valentine's Day theme. They made candles & participated in other activities inside & outside. We had 63 students register

**7. Varia**

- Mr Mau is awesome! Fantastic caretaker

**8. Correspondence**

- No correspondence was received

**9. Next Meeting/Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm was approved unanimously; the date of the next governing board meeting is March 21 2023 (virtual) @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Sue Day, Executive Assistant, High School Sector

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
 Laurence Assouline, Principal

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 D. Pereira, Governing Board Chair