



SHERBROOKE ACADEMY JUNIOR
Tentative Governing Board Minutes (to be approved by GB)
Tuesday May 16 2023

Parent Reps: Suzanne Alt (H&S Rep), Kristin Anderson, Stephanie Caputo, Navinta Dua, Christina Zaino

Staff Reps: Jacqueline Dunsmore, Wendy Rosenblatt, Sarah Stets

Principal: Laurence Assouline

Daycare: Jenna Karibian

Community Rep: Absent

Commissioner: Marilynne Boyer

1. Welcome, Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement

- The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m
- Land acknowledgement was recited by S. Caputo

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Adoption of the Minutes From April 18 2023

- The minutes from the April 18, 2023 governing board meeting were approved including 4 abstentions, via a motion moved by J. Karibian & seconded by K. Anderson

4. Public Question Period

- No questions were received

5. New Business

5.1 School Fees for 2023-2024 (approval)

[2023-2024 School Fees](#)

- The 2023-2024 school fees were discussed & reviewed in detail
- The 2023-2024 school fees were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by S. Alt & seconded by K. Anderson

5.2 School Supplies

[2023-2024 School Supply Lists](#)

- The 2023-2024 school supply lists were discussed & reviewed in detail
- The 2023-2024 school supply lists were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by N. Dua & seconded by J. Dunsmore

5.3 Éditions Vaudreuil (approval)

- Editions Vaudreuil was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by K. Anderson & seconded by N. Dua

5.4 Field Trip & Fundraising Events

West Island Mission (H&S & School)

- Information letter will be distributed the week of May 29 2023
- Requesting only food & books

[Blanket Approval to Walk to Local Parks & Sr Campus](#)

[Pool Field Trip](#)

- June 14 (K4 am, K5 pm)
- June 15 (Grade 1 pm)
- June 16 (Grade 2 pm)
- The West Island Mission, Heights Pool Outings & walks to local parks/ Sr campus were all approved unanimously, via a motion moved by J. Karibian & seconded by S. Stets

5.5 2023-2024 School Calendar

[Sherbrooke Academy Jr 2023-2024 Calendar](#)

- First day of school is August 31 2023
- There is a progressive entry for K
- School level ped days: November 24 2023, April 29 2024, & June 7 2024
- The 2023-2024 School Calendar was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by J. Dunsmore & seconded by S. Alt

K Orientation

- Kindergarten promotes growth in all areas of global development (physical, emotional, social, language and cognitive), & is a place where children learn to interact harmoniously with others. Kindergarten provides intellectual stimulation, allows children to explore & encourages them to discover & become passionate about learning. The kindergarten program, both in K4 & K5, has a three-fold mandate: to provide all children with equal opportunities, to foster children's development in all areas, & to develop a love of learning

Kindergarten for 4-year-olds (K4)

- The goal of K4 is to promote the global development of the child through a play-based program. A full-time teacher & part-time early childhood educator collaborate to provide a variety of experiences in a rich, engaging environment that is tailored to the needs of preschoolers. K4 is a full year dedicated to a smooth transition to school, where parent participation is valued & encouraged. K4 is taught primarily in English & children may be exposed to, but not instructed in French. The French Immersion as well as the Français Plus programs begin in K5

6. Reports

6.1 Home & School

- Grade 4 vaccines, Friday May 12; snacks & juice were provided
- Cross Country Run - we provided freezies for grade K5 to Grade 3
- We ordered tshirts for Grade 1 to Grade 5, we're waiting for stock. It was low & we had to order from a few different places. We will hand out the shirts hopefully at the end of June
- Chicken Fundraiser update: We were disappointed in the amount of participation as well as the amount of money that was raised; we are hoping to bring it back next year & have it be more successful
- Questionnaire being sent to parents about events attended, have they volunteered & if not, then why? Interest in after school activities, etc

[Food & Book Drive](#)

[Welcome Party Sept 2023](#)

[Activities Fundraiser 2023-2024](#)

[Hot Lunches Fundraiser 2023-2024](#)

[School Swag Fundraiser 2023 2024](#)

[End Of Year Party](#)

- The end of the year party was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by S. Stets & seconded by J. Dunsmore
- Lucky Monkey Apparel was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by K. Anderson & seconded by J. Karibian
- The Hot Lunch Fundraiser was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by N. Dua & seconded by J. Karibian

6.2 Community Rep

- As you have noticed the branches on Sherbrooke were picked up today
- The past few days the City has been picking up branches in the area east of St Charles to Westcroft; most of, not all, of our streets have been picked up following the ice storm

- Nevertheless, many trees & branches were damaged in the ice storm on both private & public land, which still need to be cut
- There will likely be another City collection in the following month
- A second private contractor was hired to help the city crews, with the above

6.3 Commissioners' Report

- As Assistant Director General Véronique Marin will be on a leave of absence for the 2023- 2024 school year, Council appointed Steven Colpitts to fill her position on an interim basis, effective July 1, 2023
- Following a review of the board's 2022-2023 budget, the revised deficit is now anticipated to be \$3,312,631 rather than the original \$578,267, due to additional expenses & a reduction in projected revenues
- Administrative Appointments at the school level are normally made in May.
- C. Dane will be the Summer School principal this year

6.4 Regional Parent Committee

- Regional subcommittees were introduced
- May 15 - 19 2023 SEED (Daycare Week - World of Discoveries)
- Cross Country Run was discussed
- Staffing was discussed
- Multiple free workshops are available for parents; more information can be found on the EPCA website
- ABAV Plans are being discussed; a subcommittee is in the works
- Compost is a big issue off island - pizza boxes

6.5 Principal

Acknowledgements

- Mr Gill & BHS students for a wonderful Jump Rope for Heart event
- Staff, parents & H&S for a successful Cross Country event

New Business

- Sensory Hallway has been installed in K hallway without electricity!
- Cross Country Run

- Jason Sikoak Inuk artist: art work is completed & will be installed outside Wednesday (Jason & Mr Mau), May 17, 2023
- Unveiling: June 7 2023 between 1 & 2 pm
- GB members are invited as well as Mr Moss, Mme Marilyne Boyer, H&S & the Executive Committee
- Volunteer Tea: May 31 2023 between 3 & 4:30 pm
- Notre Dame de Fatima: field trip on May 15 & 21 2023
- Variety Show Dates:
 - Monday, June 12th 10:30 - Performance for the school
 - Tuesday, June 13th 10:30 - Performance for families of students in the show only
- Ongoing Planification for Orientation (June 2): GbB to do a short presentation
- Ongoing professional development on outdoor education: some teachers went to visit a preschool in Hudson based on outdoor education
- PD day on June 26: Beverlie Dietze, PhD Editor, Researcher, Educator will lead workshops on outdoor education & how to embed our curriculum
- June 22 modified schedule: Daycare open until 4:00 pm

SHERBROOKE JR.	8:00	8:10	11:40	11:50
SHERBROOKE SR.	7:50	8:00	11:30	11:40

6.6 Teachers

K4

- We are starting to explore our dinosaur theme
- The K4s are preparing for the Mother's Day Tea Party held on May 12th at 1:10 pm

K5

- We are in prep mode for our annual Mother's Day activity that will be held on Friday May 12th at 1:15-2:15pm. The children will host pampering activities, serve mom a snack & beverage, & end with a Mommy & Me Friday Dance
- May is all about Insects and Spring. Painted Lady butterflies were ordered & paid for by the OsEntrepreneure grant money awarded

Grade 1

- We recently began robotics (Lego WeDo). This will continue for the next few weeks
- We are beginning to work on situational problems
- The students remain SO motivated & engaged during reading activities. We are working on comprehension
- Students are looking forward to the outings planned in May

Grade 2

- Grade 2 students have been working so hard on situational problems recently. They are challenging but it is going very well!
- We have continued to do writing activities based on children's literature. They are loving it & really enjoying hearing new stories
- Grade 2 students have also been working on personal projects. This has been a great way to motivate certain students
- Students are currently working on their last oral presentation of the school year!

Phys. Ed.

- Grade 2 students are actively playing mat ball. They are learning what to do to receive a ball & what to do once they have control of the ball. Game rules are modified so that everyone is included. They are encouraged to help one another. They are being evaluated for their performance & knowledge
- Grade 1 students are being evaluated for their offense & defense skills & knowledge during Guard The Castle 1 vs 1 mini games

Music

K4 - Students will be introduced to the quarter note (ta) & paired eighth notes (titi). Various activities will focus on the two new notes

K5 - We focused on the quarter note (ta) & paired eighth notes (titi) this last month. Students will continue to focus on those two notes in addition to learning about the quarter rest

Grade 1 - We finished our unit on "Music Around the World." Students will be working on a recycled instrument project

Grade 2 - We have been learning about different composers. Students will be working on a recycled instrument project

ELA

Grade 1 - We are continuing to practice our letter sounds, short vowel sounds & word families. We are focusing on capitalizing the first letter in a sentence & ending the sentence with a period. Students are going to work on writing very simple sentences

Grade 2 - Students will continue to work on word families, as well as short & long vowel sounds. We are learning about the "Magic E." Students are practicing reading simple word family paragraphs with basic sight words. We are practicing writing simple sentences & focusing on basic capitalization & punctuation

6.7 Daycare

- Hot lunches continue to be provided twice a week by Merenda - no plastic cutlery. The last day will be June 15th
- Thank you again to Home & school for pizza lunches & TCBY, it is enjoyed by all the students
- As the weather becomes nicer, we are staying outside longer & doing our activities outside
- The students enjoy playing at the park on nice days
- We had a ped day May 5 - Club FY. We had 64 students & were relocated to the SR school. The students loved seeing their siblings & the activities were well received

- Currently it is SEED (Daycare) Week (A world of discoveries). We will be having a parent/child day weather dependent. We will be offering breakfast for the staff, some small treats to show appreciation
- Lunch fees for 2023-2024 **MAY** be going up. The Ministry of Education has not confirmed yet
- June 2nd is our next ped day, we will be bowling at Laurentian Lanes

Approvals

- September 22nd 2023 Welcome Back Bash
- \$12.00 supervision + \$2.00 activity fee = \$14.00
- The Welcome Back Bash was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by K. Anderson & seconded by S. Alt

7. Varia

- No varia was mentioned

8. Correspondence

- No correspondence was mentioned

9. Next Meeting/Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm was approved unanimously; the date of the next governing board meeting is June 13 2023 @ 6:30 pm

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

Approved

Laurence Assouline, Principal

Approved

D. Pereira, Governing Board Chair