



SHERBROOKE ACADEMY JUNIOR
Tentative Governing Board Minutes (to be approved by gb)
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Held Online via Zoom

- Parent Reps:** Amanda Bruno, Theresa Irving, Kim Gill, David Barbiero, Denise Pereira
- Staff Reps:** Tanya Rudolph, Cathy Malone, Katherine Divolis, S. Stets, Tracey Brenie
- Principal:** Laurence Assouline
- Community Rep:** Roger Moss
- Commissioner:** Marilyn Boyer

1. Welcome & Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved unanimously via a motion moved by seconded by T. Irving & seconded by T, Brenie

3. Adoption of the Minutes of October 5, 2020

- The minutes from the October 5, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by K. Divolis & seconded by D. Barbiero

4. Public Question Period

- No questions were received from the public
- If the public has any questions that they would like to have addressed at a governing board meeting, please email these questions ahead of time directly to the Governing Board Chairperson, K. Gill

5 New Business

5.1 Field Trip Approvals

- A blanket approval of \$16 was requested for the planning of in-house theme days
- T. Brenie asked that it be flexible to re-opening the fees for discussion if we are able to go on outings at some point in the school year
- The blanket approval & the flexibility was agreed upon by the governing board on a “need be” basis

5.2 Fundraising Approvals

Childrens Bazaar

- Taking place on December 11 2020 at Jr. & Sr. campus
- Focus is to have the children purchase gifts for their families
- Details to be determined, but to have a Santa's Elves Trolley come around to the different classes for the children to purchase gifts
- More info to come still working out details
- The Children's Bazaar was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by D. Barbiero & seconded by T. Brenie

Annual Food Drive

- Collections to start around November 30, 2020 at the Jr. & Sr. campus
- The annual food drive is to help support families in need in our community during the holiday season
- We will be asking the parents for donations to make baskets
- We would also like to add a potential family bingo zoom night (more information to come on this potential initiative)
- Target of fundraiser - students
- Expected amount to be raised, \$1000 (to purchase items that have not been donated)
- The Annual Food Drive was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by T. Rudolph & seconded by S. Caputo
- The potential Family Bingo Zoom Night was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by T. Brenie & seconded by A. Bruno

5.3 Service Contracts - get detailed info from Laurence

- Extra support : Rosetta Di Orio. 1 hour a day . Rose is replacing Justine Soles who became a full time Kindergarten teacher.

5.4 Update on School Classes & Staffing

- New K classes have opened
- Thank you to the Sherbrooke Academy Junior Kindergarten community for their collaboration during the creation of the Renard class
- Thank you to the Sherbrooke Academy Junior Kindergarten team for their support to create this new class

5.5 Sherbrooke Academy Jr. School Budget Approval

- The school budget was reviewed in detail
- The Sherbrooke Academy School Budget was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by K. Divolis & seconded by D. Barbiero

6. Reports

6.1 Home & School

- Please refer to the link below for the Home & School report
[Home & School - Nov 2020](#)

6.2 Sherbrooke Academy Senior Rep

- First meeting of this school year took place on October 7 2020; second meeting will be taking place on November 4 2020
- All field trips & rentals have been cancelled until December 2020 (more updates at the next governing board meeting)
- Coffee, Sportswear & Fundscrip have all been approved

6.3 Commissioner's Report

- No official report was presented, first meeting will be taking place on Monday November 9 2020
- COVID is a hot topic
- A proposal for the placement of the 3 additional PED days will be presented at the November 9th Council meeting; more information to follow

6.4 Regional Parent Committee

- Please refer to the link below for the Regional Parent Committee report
[Parent Committee Report - Oct 15 2020](#)

6.5 Principal

Acknowledgements

- SAJ kindergarten community for their collaboration during the creation of the Renard class
- SAJ K team for their support to create this new class
- SAJ staff for organizing fun Halloween activities

School News

- Oct 22: Terry Fox. We raised \$5040, Home & School donated apples
- Oct 26: K Pumpkins activities, Home & School bought the pumpkins
- Oct 29: Halloween activities were a success, door decoration/school decoration/parade/Monster Mash
- Oct 30: Zoom Workshop with Sonia Lupien, Neuropsychologist & Scientific Director of the Centre for Studies on Human Stress. She demystified the popular definition of stress for us & gave simple & effective methods of stress management
- Nov 11: Remembrance Day celebration: piper 's coming (thank you Home & School)
- Nov 19 & 20: Parent teacher interviews
- Jan 22: First report card (there will be no report card in November)

6.6 Teachers

- Please refer to the link below for the grade 2 teachers report
[Grade 2 Teachers Report](#)

K4 Report

- Our theme will be Nursery Rhymes & we will also be doing the Teddy Bear week with the sleepover on the week of the 9th as we discussed. We will also both be "writing" to veterans for Remembrance Day
- We will be doing our parent interviews on the 19th & 20th as well which is guided by the K4 "This is Me" Communication of Learning document (child-directed)

K5 Report

- A huge thank you once again to Home & School for providing each K5 child with a pumpkin & also delivering them to school. This permitted the teachers to organize an exciting pumpkin scavenger hunt in the forest & this makes them so happy. Thank you also to Home & School for the decorative elements for the pumpkins
- It has been a month now since the opening of a fourth K5 group & this new allocation has been amazing for all kindergarten learners. It has also given us the chance to welcome new kindergarten teacher Justine Soles to our K team. A huge thank you to our principal Mme Assouline who is a great leader with a humanistic approach & we really appreciate her support in regards to the opening of this fourth group

- We are also working on our teddy bear theme along with the k4 groups. Children are bringing in a teddy bear & are engaging in fun learning activities such as sorting them, classifying them, measuring them, comparing them, having a picnic & a fun sleepover only for the teddies
- Last two weeks of November will focus on the colour theme

Grade 1 Report

- The month of September was spent bridging the gap between K & grade 1. SEL remains very important in our daily lessons. We incorporate breathing techniques & movement opportunities also
- Weekly formative assessments on words of the week & math concepts of the week have become routine. We are incorporating a lot of games to help students acquire new knowledge
- Use of SeeSaw for delivery of our virtual classrooms in which parents & students alike can see both what is happening in school as well as this week's homework is successful
- Review of letter sounds & boites de sons continues in preparation for some form (to be determined) of the reading programme
- Halloween activities were very successful & enjoyed by all. We are now looking at preparing the students for Remembrance Day & our new themes of Inventions & Construction

6.6 Daycare

Updates:

- We were able to declare 77 students who use the daycare services regularly to the government
- We started receiving new students after the week of September 30th and unfortunately we cannot declare them as full time daycare students (even if they are) because they started after the declaration date

Training & Workshops:

- The school board is offering our student supervisors 3 workshops of 1 hour each via zoom about
 - Understanding your clientele (students)
 - Teamwork & responsibilities at lunch
 - Responsibility towards your students

Ped Days:

- Our Halloween ped day had 63 students in attendance, there was slime making, crafts and some groups baked as well. It was a very energetic morning and a laid-back afternoon for all the children
- Many of our ped days this year will be creative and thematic “in-house” theme days for all of our students
- Our next upcoming ped day will be November 20, 2020

After School Program:

- Our after school snack program started back on Monday Nov. 3, 2020 and this helps to ensure that all students have a snack. We encourage them to save their snacks left in their bag for a bit later in the afternoon for our late student pick ups
- Programming has now started with each group in their own bubble; we start with snack, go outside (weather permitting) and then our educators plan an activity (arts & crafts, active games, free station play), we will begin cooking/baking & science experiments shortly
- We continue to encourage all parents to use the HopHop App as we do not have a doorbell and we will not be leaving the two gym doors open during the cold winter months

7. Varia

- No varia was mentioned

8. Correspondence

- No correspondence was received

9. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:56 pm & was passed unanimously; the next governing board meeting is scheduled for Dec 1 2020

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

Approved

Principal

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Governing Board Chair