



SHERBROOKE ACADEMY JUNIOR
Tentative Governing Board Minutes (to be approved by gb)
Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Held Online via Zoom

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

1. Welcome & Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved unanimously via a motion moved by A. Bruno & seconded by S. Caputo

3. Adoption of the Minutes From November 3, 2020

- The minutes from the November 3, 2020 governing board meeting were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by C. Malone & seconded by L. Feher

4. Adoption of the Minutes From November 24, 2020

- The minutes from the November 24, 2020 governing board meeting were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by D. Barbiero & seconded by D. Pereira

5. Public Question Period

- There are many concerns regarding the traffic congestion around Sherbrook Jr
- There is no easy solution to solve the traffic problem; safety is our main concern
- The decision to close the hill for drop off has created more traffic on Sherbrooke street

- We are not taking a chance by using the hill; busses going up the hill is already a challenge; when it snows busses can slip & slide
- There is parking available at the back of the school (Evergreen drive and Heights park)
- Please be assured that if a student is late they will never be punished
- Student safety is our main concern
- Staff is doing an amazing job at keeping the students safe & in their bubbles
- R. Moss has not received any complaints
- Drivers as well as walkers need to be extremely careful

6 New Business

6.1 School Open House

- This year it's going to be very different, no parents are allowed to enter the school
- The Sherbrooke Jr Open House will be a virtual event this year
- In the past, the governing board has always taken the initiative to promote our schools Open House
- On January 19, 2021 the LBPSB platform will be accessible; every LBPSB school will be visible on the platform
- The LBPSB Communication Department will be visiting the school tomorrow to work on creating a promotional footage of the school

6.2 Daycare Recruitment

- A sub committee has been created to brainstorm ideas on how to promote the daycare/school
- This committee will consist of: A. Bruno, D. Pereira & K. Gill
- K. Gill will reach out to J. Valenti (previous member of gb) for ideas
- K. Gill will send out an email regarding meeting dates for this committee

6.3 Fundraising Requests - Santa to a Senior MTL

- Pyjama day will be taking place on December 10 (school wide fundraiser)
- A small donation would be appreciated on this day; donations will benefit the Santa to a Senior MTL
- The K4 teachers will be making cards with their students & sending them to patients in the CHSLD
- The Santa to a Senior MTL fundraiser was approved unanimously via a motion moved by T. Brenie & seconded by K. Divolis

6.4 Daycare Approvals

- A friendly reminder that December 11 is not a government assigned ped day
- For the 3 government assigned ped days, daycare service will not be open for everyone; daycare & lunch program students will only have access to the daycare service on December 11
- Starting in January 2021, all LBPSB daycares will no longer be offering an 11 hour daycare service, a 8 hour daycare service will be offered instead
- The flat fee of \$6 for the December 11 ped day was approved unanimously, via a motion moved by T. Rudolph & seconded by S. Caputo

7. Reports

7.1 Home & School

- Please refer to the link below for the Home & School report
[H&S Report Dec 3 2020.pdf](#)

7.2 Sherbrooke Academy Senior Rep

- No report was given
- Next meeting will be taking place tomorrow evening

7.3 Commissioner's Report

- Please refer to the link below for the November Commissioner's Report
[Commissioner's report November 2020](#)

7.4 Regional Parent Committee

- Please refer to the link below for the December PC Summary Report
[PC Meeting Summary Report](#)

7.5 Principal Acknowledgements

- Home & School for the contribution in the piper

School News

- Nov 11: Piper
- Nov 19 & 20: Virtual Parents teachers interviews
- Nov 30: Region ped Day. Webinar from Dr AMIR GEORGES SABONGUI on how to manage the unmanageable
- Dec 1: Starting the installation of HEPA filters in each classroom
- Dec 2: Promotional video footage
- Dec 17 & 18: Online teaching
- Festival of lights activities starting on Dec 7: Elves on the shelf, sing along, holiday sweater on Dec 16

- Winter recess committee
- Guignolee: postponed either to the spring or to next year

7.6 Teachers

K Report

- A big thank you on behalf of all the staff to Home & School for the wonderful cookies & coffee
- K4 teachers: The K4 teachers will be making cards with their students & sending them to patients in the CHSLD
- In addition, the children are learning about different celebrations, kindness & Helpfulness. The students will be also be making cards to send with the Lapin group to the seniors homes. They will be hosting a family caroling evening on the 10th as part of the parental component. Pillsbury holiday cookies will be sent home with each child to bake with their families & enjoy during the caroling. (Please note that parents haven't received the email yet, it will go out this week)
- K5: Students will be learning about kindness, the gift of giving, sharing & caring through the December holidays
- There are lots of fun & exciting activities planned for the month
- Pyjama day will be taking place on December 10 (school wide fundraiser) & holiday sweater day will be taking place on December 16 (fundraiser) as well as an outdoor sing along
- The elves (Lulu & Candy Cane) will be making appearances & leaving notes to the students the week of December 7

Ms. Fabbro (Music Teacher) Report

- Ms. Fabbro is teaching & filming the K4 & K5 one song & a different one to Cycle 1. A mini musical gift for the parents & classes for the holidays (since there is no concert this year)
- In addition, Ms. Fabbro who also does Resource with our K students, has been doing the phonological awareness program with the students

Grade 1 Report

- We are finishing the third theme in math. Focus will turn to the development of problem solving strategies (although modeled since September, a more systematic approach to situational problems will be developed)
- Weekly formative assessments in reading & math continue
- The November interviews - conducted on Zoom - went well
- We are preparing for the upcoming holidays

- In spite of the postponement (due to restrictions because of Covid) of our annual “Guignolée”, the students will be learning the three main songs traditionally sung during the caroling fundraiser
- We have begun the successful implementation of our reading programme. Stations (ateliers) allow teachers to concentrate on one small group of students at a time, while the others engage in literacy activities
- The students are enjoying the math games learned in class to consolidate the concept being developed. The games are also posted in our virtual classrooms
- The Lalilo phonics app has been introduced to the students. It has been very well received & the children look forward to using it. It has also been added to our virtual classrooms so the children can access it at home

Grade 2 Report

- Virtual reading volunteer program is going well. It will be starting shortly in Mme B 2's grade 2 class
- Students are brainstorming ideas to decorate their classroom doors for the holidays
- Final evaluations before the holiday break will be taking place next week
- Students are practicing their holiday songs for the outdoor sing-a-long
- Students are excited about their writing unit on “ les petits moments”
- We had a workshop in October & since then the students have been enthusiastic about writing their own stories

7.7 Daycare Updates

- We have a brand new doorbell right near the daycare / gym door for parents who opt not to use the HopHop App. This doorbell also helps with our ped days for late arrivals & early pickups
- The HopHop App free trial is coming to an end & the cost is \$26.00 per family
- K4-grade 2 is now a 1:10 ratio for daycare services after school in all schools (as much as possible) to be able to manage classroom bubbles
- We have two replacement staff who help us out in the afternoons & during ped days if needed from the Senior school named Rachel & Sheila & they are both fantastic
- We sent out a reminder email to parents who are choosing to park in the back of our school during pick up at daycare. There have been concerns voiced by some staff & parents about some cars going way too fast, not stopping at the stop sign & overall not driving safely.

- We will continue to ask parents to please slow down & should it continue the parking lot may become off limits & only parking in the front & walk around to the daycare door

Ped Days

- **November 20th:** Our Super Hero day went along with the National Child's Day. We celebrated by playing various games & activities, colored superhero badges, played theme music, danced & made apple sauce that each child took home with them. We had 39 students in attendance
- **November 30th:** We had our Holiday Cookie decorating in the morning, where children were given a gingerbread man cookie & provided with a paint brush & edible paint palette to decorate their cookie. The children had a great day, playing outside in the morning, decorating their cookies & then watching a movie in the afternoon. We had 56 students in attendance
- **December 11th:** Our upcoming ped day will be another day of celebrating holiday cheer by making holiday crafts, baking & playing outside. We anticipate around 40-45 students for this ped day

After School Program

- Our after school snack program has been a positive addition to our afternoon programming with snacks such as; carrots, apple slices, nutri grain bars, oatmeal cookies, grapes, carrot muffins, goldfish, etc
- We start off by having a snack, head outdoors for a bit of fresh air & then we continue into our program areas with games & activities each day
- At the end of the day (near 5:00 pm) the students all come to the gym (usually less than 20) & each group has their own section where they can color & play board games quietly inside their own bubbles

8. Varia

- No varia was mentioned

9. Correspondence

- No correspondence was received

10. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:05 pm & was passed unanimously; the next governing board meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021

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

Approved

Principal

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Governing Board Chair