



SHERBROOKE ACADEMY JUNIOR
Tentative Governing Board Minutes (to be approved by gb)
Tuesday, February 2, 2021
Held Online via Zoom

- Parent Reps:** David Barbiero, Amanda Bruno, Stephanie Caputo, Denise Pereira
- Staff Reps:** Tracey Brenie, Lianna Feher, Cathy Malone, Tanya Rudolph, Justine Soles
- Principal:** Laurence Assouline
- Community Rep:** Absent
- Commissioner:** Marilynne Boyer

1. Welcome & Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm

2. Land Acknowledgement

- Land acknowledgement was recited

3 Adoption of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved unanimously via a motion moved by C. Malone & seconded by L. Feher

4 Adoption of the Minutes From January 12, 2021

- The minutes from the January 12, 2021 governing board meeting were approved unanimously, via a motion moved by T. Rudolph & seconded by D. Pereira

5. Public Question Period

- A question was asked regarding the gap in the parking lot fence/gate
- During daycare pick up, a student ended up playing on the snow pile in the parking lot
- It seemed that the student was unsupervised but he went through the hole in between the 2 gates when his parents were coming via the proper way

- The opening in the fence is a safety concern to parents
- According to the Fire Department, the gate is an emergency exit & has to be locked but also has to be accessible in case of an emergency
- The snow removal truck is going through those gates to clear the yard & the exits; it probably bumped into a pole, increasing the gap between the 2 doors
- The gate is an emergency exit only & is locked with a lock & chain which only caretakers, L. Assouline & the school secretary have access to the key
- L. Assouline will contact the school board Maintenance Manager to schedule for the gap in the fence to be repaired.
- L Assouline also addressed the fact that the staff is keeping the bubbles separated all day long
- When playing on school property (snow pile) under parents supervision, those bubbles are being mixed, going against what is being done in school, following Santé Publique guidelines

6 New Business

6.1 TCBY Grad Fundraiser

- A meeting was held with the grad committee as well as with L. Assouline & T. Brenie to discuss this topic; many concerns regarding this initiative were discussed
- Jr school is not comfortable with this initiative
- Reality is that a Jr school is not the same as a Sr school
- This initiative would cause a lot of pressure on the staff as well as the students of the Jr school
- For this school year this fundraiser has not been approved; we are currently looking into safer ways to fundraise for the grad committee at the Jr school

7. Reports

7.1 Home & School

- Please refer to the link below for the January Home & School Report
[Home & School Report - January 2021](#)

7.2 Sherbrooke Academy Senior Rep

- No report was submitted

7.3 Commissioner's Report

- Please refer to the link below for the January Commissioner's Report
[Commissioner's Report - January 2021](#)

7.4 Regional Parent Committee

- Please refer to the links below for the February PC Summary Report, SNAC Report as well as the Mental Health Flyer

[PC Meeting Summary Report - February 2021](#)

[SNAC Report - January 2021](#)

[Mental Health](#)

7.5 Principal

Acknowledgements

- Staff for their flexibility that allowed us to make skating happen
- Home & School for providing hot chocolate for skating activities

School News

- **Jan 19 Open House:** not the same than in person but better than nothing. We had more or less 30 visitors with excellent questions. We did a follow up with Facebook posts & created a virtual tour that is on our website
- **On Going Registration:** in person for new K4 or K5; via Mozaik for actual students
- **Skating:** taking place this week & next week. During phys ed- staff is helping tie the skates - Michelle Fauteux is helping organize activities
- **Carnaval Week:** Feb 22 - Feb 26: Caribbean theme
- Caribbean company will give a Caribbean dance workshop & will introduce a cultural background
- **Black History Month:** in class activities via child literature/artwork. Our spiritual animator will animate activities around inclusion & similarities

7.6 Teachers

K4

- K4 teachers set up a webinar for the K4 parents, presented by psychologists from the Centre of Excellence for Mental Health. The presentation was titled 'Parenting During the Pandemic: Helping our children adjust' It went very well & ended up being offered to all k4 parents across the board. Both teachers were very pleased with the presentators & the content of the presentation
- Themes to focus on: main one is diversity & inclusion (while also celebrating Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, 100th day of school, & Chinese New Year)
- K4 presentation will be shared

- The Zebras are taking part in Global School Play Day (a worldwide initiative to prompt the benefits of unstructured play for children)
- Both classes will go skating during the week of Feb 8th & then a second time on Feb 17th

K5

- We have been using our outdoors & have been snowshoeing with our groups
- We are continuing to enjoy the outdoor recess supplies that are provided for the children. They continue to be a huge success! All 4 classes will go skating during the week of February 8th
- Report cards & self-evaluations were sent home last Friday
- Themes focused on: Valentine's Day, 100th day of school, Chinese New Year, Diversity Inclusion, La famille

Grade1

- We are continuing our programme de lecture as best we can... the children are so excited to see their growth that they are even opting to practice the material in their spare time so that they can advance
- Activities for the upcoming 100th Day & for Valentine's Day are being planned
- The winter theme is ongoing:
 - We have finished learning & reciting a poem about winter & continue to sing the many songs we have learned about this magical season
 - Using an approach to writing modeled to us by the consultants last year, the children have written about the favourite moment of their winter holiday. (It is lovely when children don't want to stop writing!)
 - We have concluded a unit on data collection & graphing & are turning our attention to problem solving strategies
 - The students are looking forward to skating at the outdoor rink this week
 - Recess equipment specifically for use with snow is very much appreciated by the students (and teachers as well!)

Grade 2

- Reports & student self evaluations went home this week
- Students are brainstorming ideas to decorate their classroom doors for our carnival week Caribbean theme
- We are focusing a lot on situational problems for this final term
- Students are working on a choice based oral presentation project to be presented before March break

- We are studying & writing about animals as part of our signature program
- Students are creating Valentines cards for their classmates as we are not able to exchange any loot bags or cards sent from home
- Students will be working on editing their written work this term
- We will be starting a pilot project with our strong readers to create book walks using the Book Creator app

7.7 Daycare

Updates:

- Our January 25, ped day was successful (53 students registered) despite the cold weather, we played games outdoors, the K4 group went snowshoeing
- Unfortunately we were unable to go skating with the grade 1 & 2 students as we had planned it in the morning & it was simply too cold. In the afternoon it did warm up but city workers were on the ice, all children were playing outdoors throughout the day in smaller “time slots” to make sure no one was cold
- This led us to our Winter Wonderland Part 2 that is scheduled for Monday February 8th. We are continuing with outdoor activities (weather permitting) as it encourages “maskless moments” with the children since they don't need to wear masks outside
- We have asked parents to use the daycare pedagogical day services only if needed, we are continuing to try & limit the amount of students within each bubble during regular programming & ped day programs
- Staff professional development will take place on Monday February 15th & school & daycare services will be **CLOSED**. There will be workshops in the morning as well as in the afternoon with such topics of fostering positive classroom climate, self regulation in children, the role of attachment in relationships, child behaviors, & different strategies to try & implement with our groups of students
- Taxes will be available by the end of February on the mozaik portal

8. Varia

- No varia was mentioned

9. Correspondence

- No correspondence was received

10. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:31 pm & was passed unanimously; the next governing board meeting is scheduled for March 17 2021

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

Approved _____
Principal

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Governing Board Chair