

Chelsea Governing Board

Draft Minutes of 19 March 2009 Meeting

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Richard Bieri
Kristine Ronn
Johanne Lawson
Louise Larose
Christine Faveri - Regrets
Lauren Barbour
Benoit Monette
Louise Charette,
Laurie Garbutt - Regrets
Maia Pudifin - Regrets
Lise Favreau
Celine Brault - Regrets
Cindy Resendes
Kate Iob
Amanda McKeown – Regrets
Cindy Cyr (for Amanda McKeown)
Erin Joyce

Agenda

Approved

Minutes

Approved with minor change

Business arising

- Principal's Attributes – last year the teachers made a list of the criteria that was important to teachers and the parents of GB added to it.
 - Benoit to to distribute criteria for new principle to GB members
 - Françoise will review and send to out to GB for review.
- TRIBES workshop for parents – date to be announced in April for 45 minute workshop for parent to get a better understanding of TRIBES is used as a methodology for curriculum and behaviour management in the classroom.
- Principal of PWHS/Hadley visit - evening for parents to learn about Hadley and PWHS. This will be held the same night as TRIBES

1. Information items

- 3 April – WQSB Basketball event – for Cycle 3 students (open to all WQSB students)
- Schedule/staff next year: general information – if the enrolment stays on track for next year with a projected number of 276 – 280 students, Chelsea Elementary School should be able to keep 17 teachers.

2. Open forum

3. SEAC Report

There was no SEAC meeting in March but a SEAC meeting was held Feb 2nd.

Beth Burn gave a presentation on the new MELS Work-Oriented Training Pathway for 15 year old students. This Secondary Cycle Two pathway includes two programs: the three year Pre-Work Program for students who have not completed the elementary cycle three academic competencies and the one year Semi-skilled training program for students who have not completed the secondary cycle one academic competencies. Both programs prepare the students for the world of work and the successful students receive a MELS certificate.

As well, a subcommittee meeting was held in January for the development of a guidebook. There was a misunderstanding about what the guidebook is to include. The school board Chair of the committee felt a guidebook should only complement the C-17 Policy Governing Organization of Educational Services for Students with Special Needs, given the revised version that SEAC approved had some sections, that made the policy clearer for parents in understanding roles and responsibilities, taken out. However, some parents thought it was going to be a more comprehensive handbook or "road map" for parents to understand the process and services once their child is identified as being at risk or handicapped, This question will be addressed to SEAC at the next meeting for clarification.

The next SEAC meeting will be held on April 6 (15 Katimavik St., Gatineau, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) A presentation on staffing will be provided by Paul Lamoureux, Director of Finance

4. Community Representative & WQSB/PC Rep

Benoit attended the February 9th meeting discussed the dropout rates in the WQSB and explained that the rate is calculated using the number of children withdrawing for reason of moving, changing schools etc. They are trying to develop a truer picture.

At the March 16 Meeting Beth Bern Enrichment Programs were discussed and it was mentioned that FCPQ would be holding a training session for kids who have trouble studying at home.

5. Budget update

We have what we need, and as per the new rules for balancing the budget we are allowed to transfer money remaining from one line item to another.

6. School Success

Ralph Mason presented the Final Draft. There was some discussion around the content. It was agreed that community should be added to the forth bullet. It was also suggested in the diagram that math somehow appeared secondary.

The plan was accepted in principle and Ralph Mason is to make the changes as suggested by the table.

7. Entent: MRC and Chelsea

- Update – the Entent has been pronounced null
 - A meeting is to take place in the near future been the Director of Buildings for the WQSB (Colin O'Shea), the Municipality of Chelsea and Chelsea Elementary.

8. Day Care Report

- Jump Rope for Heart will be held April 15, 09
- The professional development for the A4 Staff will include anti-violence and anti-bulling – this will be mandatory training. In August the staff will undergo TRIBES training.

9. Cycle Reports

Cycle 1

Kindergarten will be having their students led conferences next month and a working on nursery rhymes and spring/Easter themes. Cycle 1.1 will be discussing sugar bushes and 2D and 3D shapes. Cycle 1.2 are working on the Rainforest, Arctic study (dog sled) and Jann Brett author study.

French Kinders are wrapping up winter themes and practising conversational skills with puppets. Cycle1.1 is working on Easter/spring themes and in April Cycle 1.2 will start French home readers.

Cycle 2

Adding and subtracting with greater numbers and multiplication and division. In Language arts they are working on an Invention Theme and for art they are studying Pop art sculptures.

Megan McMillan is giving extra math support as well as Anne Geldart.

Heritage activities are continuing

Cycle 3

Students are presenting class projects to other classes. The Epreve starts in mid April and the students are working on French language public speaking. Both classes have gone x-country skiing and a field trip to the NAC is planned for a Beethoven concert.

10. Varia

Ralph gave a demo of the new and improved Chelsea School website.

Ms. Cindy Resendes lead the GB through a TRIBES activity.