

Dr. S. E. MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes

October 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Julie Tubman, Gillian Barry, Barb Haughton, Heather Duggan, Nancy Tubman, Nancy Arniotis, Mavis Palmer, Kerry Reasbeck. Doug Besharah, Darren McCready, Vaughn Bastien.

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution 08-MCDGB – 330

IT WAS MOVED by Darren McCready and seconded by Heather Duggan that the agenda be approved.

Carried

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2008

Resolution 08-MCDGB-331

IT WAS MOVED by Heather Duggan and seconded by Kerry Keasbeck that the minutes of September 11, 2008 be approved.

Carried

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2008

Resolution 08-MCDGB-332

IT WAS MOVED by Heather Duggan and seconded by Doug Besharah that the minutes of May 27, 2008 be approved.

Carried

3. Election

The duties of the Governing Board positions were reviewed.

Chairperson

Vaughn Bastien nominated Kerry Reasbeck. Kerry declined the nomination. Heather Duggan nominated Vaughn Bastien. Chairperson is Vaughn Bastien by acclamation.

Vice Chairperson

Heather Duggan nominated Doug Besharah. Vice Chairperson is Doug Besharah by acclamation.

Secretary/Treasurer

Heather Duggan nominated Julie Tubman. Secretary/Treasurer is Julie Tubman by acclamation.

Parent Delegate for Regional Parent Committee

Doug Besharah nominated Kerry Reasbeck. Kerry declined the nomination. Heather Duggan nominated Gillian Barry. Parent Delegate for Regional Parent Committee is Gillian Barry. Heather Duggan has volunteered to be the alternate.

4. Meeting Dates

November 11, 2008
December 2008 – call of the Chair
January 13, 2009
February 10, 2009
March 10, 2009
April 7, 2009
May 26, 2009
June 2009 – call of the Chair

Resolution 08- MCDGB – 333

IT WAS MOVED by Gillian Barry and seconded by Darren McCready that the above meeting dates be accepted.

Carried

5. Binders

The Governing Board Binders were handed out and everyone had a chance to look at them.

6. Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure were reviewed.

7. School Trips/ Rentals

Mrs. Campbell's grade 4 class would like to attend the Remembrance Day Service in Shawville.

Resolution 08 – MCDGB – 334

IT WAS MOVED by Gillian Barry and seconded by Heather for Mrs. Campbell's class to attend the Remembrance Day Service in Shawville.

Carried

Blueberry Ranch, Pembroke. The Kindergarten and grade 1 classes would like to visit the Blueberry Ranch in Pembroke on October 10, 2008 from 9:30 – 11:30, and return around 12:30.

Resolution 08 – MCDGB – 335

IT WAS MOVED by Heather Duggan and seconded by Kerry Reasbeck for the Kindergarten and grade 1 classes to visit the Blueberry Ranch in Pembroke on October 10, 2008. Carried

8. Science Frontier

Workshops are being brought into the school.

October – Half Pints

November – Geordie Productions

Science Frontier will come to the school at a cost of \$1650.00. They have a Crime Lab, Tuts Pyramids, Robots Olympics, Fly the Sky's the Limit.

Resolution 08 – MCDGB – 336

IT WAS MOVED by Kerry Reasbeck and seconded by Gillian Barry for the Governing Board to pay \$1.00 per child towards the Science Frontier.

Carried

9. Safe Schools

The staff of Dr. S. E. McDowell School is asking the Governing Board members to endorse Safe Schools. There are visitor and volunteer badges for all non-staff who are in the school as well as a sign in book.

Resolution 08 – MCDGB – 337

IT WAS MOVED by Heather Duggan and seconded by Doug Besharah for the Governing Board to endorse Safe Schools.

Carried

10. School – Organization

As of September 30 registration we have 279 students which means there will be 12 homerooms.

11. Reports

Principal

The teachers attended workshops at the Educator's Institute October 2nd and 3rd, 2008. Teachers have received four LES's for the Ethics and Religious Culture program.

An addition to services provided this year are Special Projects. These are short term projects initiated by teachers to promote strengths in the eight intelligences. It is an enrichment program.

Sports Trips – October 8 Football and October 30 Soccer.

Resolution 08 – MCDGB – 338

IT WAS MOVED by Doug Besharah and seconded by Heather Duggan for the Sports team to go to Football and Soccer.

Carried

Home and School

BBQ for Meet the Teacher went well

Catalogue Orders out and are to be back next Tuesday

Cabaret at the RA Hall November 8 7:30. Home and School get the proceeds from the evening

Book Fair – November Interviews

Pictures – November 15 and November 18 – 21

Resolution 08 – MCDGB – 339

IT WAS MOVED by Doug Besharah and seconded by Darren McCready for the Home and School to hold a Book Fair at the November Interviews and for the pictures to be taken at the school pending the Janitorial Staff.

Carried

Regional Parents' Committee

There was nothing to report at this time.

12. Other Business

There was nothing at this time.

13. Adjournment

Julie Tubman adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Next meeting November 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Vaughn Bastien, Chairperson

Nancy Arniotis, Principal

Julie Tubman, Secretary