

Macdonald High School Governing Board Minutes of December 17, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:10 p.m.

2. REGRETS: Jennifer Drakes, Karen Jones, and Lori MacDonald

PRESENT: Katerine Danis, Sylvie Campeau, Kali Lignos, Jodie Lennon, Jad Deegan, Tracy Zordan, Amanda TweedieSmith, Chelsea Thomson, Lisa Brown, Corinne Cleary, Sean Ross, Susan Bartlett, Melanie Dignard, Tracey McKee (left at 7:55 pm), Tamara Bush, Dominic Pavone, Lara Holmes, Madison Riddoch, Jasmine Ayres

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by: Tracey McKee **Seconded by:** Lisa Brown

4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

Moved by: Melanie Dignard **Seconded by:** Sean Ross

With correction to the date of the next meeting, December 17, 2015 not December 16, 2015

All in favor.... passed

5. CORRESPONDENCE: ----

6. OLD BUSINESS:

-RATIFY EMAIL VOTE:

Motion: that we approve the Europe trip for Grade 11 students to be held during the March break of 2016 (exact dates and itinerary to come). Motioned by Amanda TweedieSmith, Seconded by Kali Lignos.

12 yes, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Tracy Zordan provided the new itinerary: the students will be visiting Italy. There are 6 students attending (1 chaperone and 1 parent) at a cost of approximately \$4000 each. They will be grouped with students from Gatineau. Travelling February 26 - March 6.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

TRIPS & FACILITIES

-Chelsea Thomson requested on behalf of the Humanitarian trip permission to go to the school board to obtain approval for insurance for the trip to the Dominican Republic. Approximately 30 students to travel June 27 – July 8 with 3 adults at a cost of \$1865. They will stay with families who have been screened and approved. They will work in a sugar field, do renovations and build houses. They will do some sightseeing and have a beach day.

Motion: for approval to present the project to the school board for insurance approval.

Moved by: Lisa Brown **Seconded by:** Tracey McKee

All in favor. Passed

-Madison Riddoch and Jasmine Ayres proposed a trip for the grade 9 junior leadership students to go downtown to feed the homeless. Dates are: Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27, Feb 3 and Feb 10. Parents will drive the students. 5 students each week from 5-7pm. They will be collecting food in school. The project will be in conjunction with the YMCA. After a discussion, it was mentioned that there are organizations such as “En Rock” in the West Island that can also be serviced.

Moved by: Kali Lignos **Seconded by:** Melanie Dignard

All in favor. Passed

8. REPORTS:

Home and School:

-There was another discussion on direct donations for home and school on the website. This topic is tabled to the next meeting in order to get some more information about the “Canada Helps Organization”.

-Home and School held a bake sale during the parent-teacher interviews and raised \$103.

C.P.C.:

-Westwood has made a movie on bullying.

-Major School Change was discussed

Commissioner:

-Major School Change – decline in enrollment has led to school closures, school mergers, changes in zoning, programs and transportation. For all information, go to the school board's website.

Treasurer:

-The account will be adjusted to reflect an invoice for \$150.

Teachers: Tracy Zordan

-Congratulations to the students who participated in the Science Fair

Principal:

-Thank you to the governing board, the home and school committee and the leadership students for a very cute Snow Flake Ball.

-Thank you to Cathy Sicotte, Katerine Danis and Michéle Grenier for organizing the huge honor roll breakfast. (294 kids)

-Many entrepreneurial grants have been submitted by teachers. We will wait to see which ones are accepted; hopefully all of them.

-All this week, there will be activities at lunch organized by the leadership students; ending with classroom activities periods 5 and 6 on Friday, December 18th.

-Parent/teacher interviews went well.

-Thank you to everyone who helped out for the food drive and the in school Christmas baskets.

-The major school change announcement happened on Monday, December 14th. Lakeside Academy is closing. There are no changes for Macdonald High School at this time. However, in the addendum, they did mention that there may be changes to our transportation zones in March. All other changes can be found on the L.B.P.S.B website.

-January 13th is the history supplemental exam.

-Formal Science and Math Exams for all Levels are scheduled for January 27th.

-January 25th to 29th are the Term Two restricted days.

-January 29th is the end of Term 2.

-With this report is a copy of our code of conduct to be reviewed in January.

-With this report is the inventory of the Macdonald High School capital projects.

Students:

-This past week was Spirit Week (Holiday Sweaters, Summer in December, Santa Helpers, Dress-Up Day, PJ Day) On Friday, periods 5 & 6 will consist of activities for the students. Staff vs students' basketball and volleyball games during the lunch period.

QUESTION PERIOD: ---

VARIA:

-Sean Ross discussed the grading criteria of physical education. Mr. Deegan shared that there will be a policy and procedure document prepared from the board. It is in the beginning stages. This issue, as it deals directly with education, is an educator and administration issue and not a governing board issue.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 27, 2015