

## **Macdonald High School Governing Board Minutes of January 25, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – 7:10 p.m.

**2. REGRETS:** Jodie Lennon, Tamara Bush, Tracey McKee **ABSENT:** Katerine Danis

**PRESENT:** Jad Deegan, Amanda TweedieSmith, Lisa Brown, Karen Jones, Lori MacDonald, Chelsea Thomson, Sylvie Campeau, Mike Besner, Kris de Forest, Shirley Kapitsky, Amanda Maither, Sean Ross, Gabriella Contrino, Melissa Ujvari-Label, Dominic Pavone, Lara Holmes, Melanie Dignard, Jennifer Drakes

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Moved by:** Sean Ross

**4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AND DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:**

- Jennifer Drakes and Melanie Dignard should be added to attendees in the December minutes

**Moved by:** Lori MacDonald

**5. QUESTION PERIOD:-----**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

Amendment to Code of Conduct: Jad met with legal department at school board and they're going to add the name and address of the establishment in Ste. Anne's that students are forbidden to frequent The Cool Shop. Want to add the following verbiage: Students are not permitted to enter the Cool Shop located at 79, rue Sainte-Anne, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue during school hours, including lunch hour and recess. All students, regardless of age (even 18+), are required to follow the Code of Conduct.

**Lori MacDonald motions to accept. Lisa Brown seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.**

**Amanda Maither:** Tickets for the Canadians game for her math/science students are for February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. TRIPS & FACILITIES:**

**Lori MacDonald:** February 12<sup>th</sup> spaghetti lunch at Cunningham's. \$12 a ticket, proceeds are for Europe trip fundraising.

Ms. Guy wants to motion to have community outreach program for Alouettes to encourage kids to stay in school; a player will come in and speak to the students to kick off health week Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> during periods 1 and 2. Free of charge.

Ms. Blackburn of the Nature Club applied for Culture in Schools grant which she received and wants to take the nature club kids to the Biodome on March 3<sup>rd</sup>; 10 students (10:1 ratio) by bus and metro; majority of students in nature club are in the alternative schedule. Free of charge. Students will be back at the end of the day in time for the buses.

**Lisa Brown motions to accept the trips en bloc. Melanie Dignard seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.**

**Sylvie Campeau:** Franco fêtes; March 3<sup>rd</sup> during periods 5 (for cycle 1) and 6 (for cycle 2) an improv troupe will come.

**Chelsea Thomson:** All girls conference on April 7<sup>th</sup> at The Study (a school downtown) for 12 grade 7 girls who will be teacher recommended and will be leadership students; about women empowerment; carpooling to get there; \$55 per student includes snack, t-shirt and conference + workshops.

Semi-formal dance on Friday, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> open to all students; dinner included; dance until 11 pm; tickets \$17 and includes meal and dance; allowed to bring guests that are registered ahead of time; proceeds go to food and DJ; not for fundraising.

Dance April 13<sup>th</sup>; 7-11 pm \$7 a ticket and \$10 per guest; open to all grades; portion of proceeds go to buying rugby jerseys.

Humanitarian trip fundraising: Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5 pm bagging groceries at Provigo in Pierrefonds; collecting donations and tips; Feb 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 10 pm bowling at Salle des Quilles in Pont Mercier, \$20 per ticket including shoe rental; Feb 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-10 pm movie night at Dollar cinema on Decarie Square showing Grease, \$5 a ticket; \$4 goes to student selling ticket, \$1 to the cinema; Coffee house Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> (this is a date change); 30-hour famine changed to Mar 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Jennifer Drakes motions to accept en bloc. Kris de Forest seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.**

**Amanda Maither:** 1<sup>st</sup> place science fair winners will be taken to the regional fair on March 26-28<sup>th</sup> at Concordia; own transportation; max of 12 students; registration fees covered; 1-2 students from each grade.

**Melanie Dignard motions to accept. Sean Ross seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.**

**Shirley Kapitsky:** Mac will be a host school for Experiences Canada 150; Montreal is one of the participating cities; 10-15 students will be coming to the school and we will need 10-15 host families; there will be activities outside of the school every day, such as visiting historical places in the city and our hosting students can go with them; transportation will be by bus or parent drivers; April 9-14<sup>th</sup>; 2 supervisors for 15 students; no cost; Mac students could be chosen to go to the big event in Ottawa for the July 1<sup>st</sup> event with all expenses paid; Mac students can register online to go to Vancouver, Winnipeg or Halifax; judging takes place in February; open to all grade levels.

**Kris de Forest motions to accept. Sylvie Campeau seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.**

Jad Deegan: CRC robotics competition on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at Vanier; transportation by bus, no cost; 70 students with Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Hamel, Mr. Dornan and 4 parent volunteers; come back in the evening and Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> the parents transport the kids to the competition.

**Melanie Dignard motions to accept. Chelsea Thomson seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.**

## 10. REPORTS:

**Home & school:** Lara Holmes reported that they raised \$260 on parent-teacher interview night from food sales and used book sales and \$400 from their Mon Passeport booklet sales. They still have 17 boxes of books left so will be selling them during the Athletics craft sale in April. Next bake sale is during the next parent-teacher night on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will be holding their annual teacher appreciation luncheon on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Their next fundraiser is selling English Bay cookie dough and the order forms will be distributed with the report cards in February.

**PC Rep:** Mike Besner said that there was a meeting last Thursday and a speaker from Economics Foundation came in; has a book called "Money on Youth" and is willing to come in and incorporate financial literacy into the curriculum at any grade level. Next meeting is Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Commissioner:** Dominic Pavone spoke about the December meeting resolutions; there were some admin staffing changes; resignation of the Assistant Director of Equipment Services; discussion about commissioner remuneration; budget consultation launched for 2017-18; parent commissioners as of January get to vote now.

**Treasurer:** \$665 in holding.

**Students:** planning February spirit week (w/o Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>); dress up days, movie night, staff-student hockey game; exams and speeches are next week.

**Teachers:**

**Lisa Brown:** mid-year exams are Feb. 2 for science and math; Lori MacDonald's "Mac sacks" were delivered before Xmas; 3 kids handed out 30 bags and were very proud; public speaking is on now; Feb 6<sup>th</sup> is storytelling finals, 6-7 kids from grades 7 and 8 will be taking part; kindness week is Feb 6-9<sup>th</sup>; Feb 21<sup>st</sup> report cards go home; Feb 16<sup>th</sup> is the health and wellness fair; hockey game Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Principal:**

- Thank you to the Science Department for organizing a fabulous Senior Science Fair week.
- Thank you to Macdonald's Home and School Association for the book and bake sale during parent teacher evening.
- Thank you to Mrs. MacDonald for her Mac Sacs that were presented to the homeless people at the Old Brewery Mission.
- Thank you to all staff members, parents, past grads and students who helped drive the students for the food drive.
- Thank you to Lisa Hoffman and everyone who helped out for the Snow Flake Ball.
- Thank you to Jaime Guy, Chris Chang and Lisa Hoffman for an exciting Bingo night.
- Thank you to Sonia Huggins for organizing the Nutcracker field trip.
- Thank you to Chris Chang and Jaime Guy for organizing an entertaining talent show.
- Thank you to Dan Maag for his presentation and to the classroom teachers for their cooperation during the Director General's visit.
- Thank you to Mme Campeau for organizing our first BHS vs. Mac Genie en Herbes competition.
- Thank to everyone who helped with the setup for the honor roll breakfast.
- Thank you to Chris Chang for organizing one of the best pep rallies yet and fun activities. Thank you to all of the educators who participated in the sports games and helped supervise.
- Thank you to Andrea Fraser for the college information evening the week before the holidays.
- Thank you to Mike Stewart for all the hard work with the history supplemental exam.
- Thank you to Jaime Guy and the teachers who supervised the Florida trip.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup> are the Term Two restricted days.
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Math/Science Exam Day and the end of Term 2.
- February 9<sup>th</sup> Dion Joseph and some grade 6 students from P.E.T.E.S will be visiting the school periods 3 and 4.
- February 10<sup>th</sup> our students will be participating in the LBPSB Junior Leadership Conference at Westpark School
- February 13<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> is health and spirit week. Many activities and theme days are being planned including the Health and Wellness fair on the 16<sup>th</sup> and the staff student hockey game on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The week of Feb 13-17<sup>th</sup> L.B.P.S.B is promoting Montreal hooked on school days. Staff will be given a green and white ribbon to wear. The ribbons represent and recognize all the things that students and educators do to keep kids in school and continue to persevere.
- February 15<sup>th</sup>, a group of Superintendents/Directors General from across the country, including Michael Chechile will once again be visiting us from 11 am - 12:45 pm. They are part of a group called C21 Canada, national network advocating for 21<sup>st</sup> Century approaches to education and innovation.
- February 21<sup>st</sup> report cards go home.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the second term parent teacher interview.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 11<sup>th</sup> is the Europe trip.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> is March Break.
- Post-secondary application meetings for the Grade 11s with guidance are starting soon.
- March 24<sup>th</sup> is the Public Speaking Semi-Finals.
- With this report are the options for the 2017-18 school year. The only change for Sec 4 is the math; offering a TNS math for technical and science stream students; Sec 3 the new options are advanced music class (grades 8-9), computer and digital world (grade 9), sports fitness (grade 9), yoga and bien-être (grade 9); Sec 5 sports fitness is not being offered, offering Spanish class. A correction on the music option form for Sec 2 to \$55 instead of \$50 to add up to \$110.

-With this report is the school's annual report. Capital expenditure report handed out; main focus is locker replacement.

**VARIA:** Teacher appreciation week on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> at recess, Governing Board will host a Keurig "coffee bar" with various hot drinks (coffee, tea, hot chocolate) and pastries/fruit/treats etc.; allocated \$350 for this.

**Melanie Dignard motions to accept. Jennifer Drakes seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.**

**2. ADJOURNMENT:** 8:34 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** February 22, 2017