

Macdonald High School Governing Board Minutes of November 30, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:10 p.m.

2. REGRETS: - Melanie Dignard **ABSENT:** Jennifer Drakes

PRESENT: Katerine Danis, Jodie Lennon, Jad Deegan, Amanda TweedieSmith, Lisa Brown, Karen Jones, Lori MacDonald, Tracey McKee, Chelsea Thomson, Sylvie Campeau, Tamara Bush, Mike Besner, Kris de Forest, Shirley Kapitsky, Amanda Maither, Sean Ross, Gabriella Contrino, Melissa Ujvari-Lebel, Dominic Pavone, Lara Holmes

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by: Lori MacDonald

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26TH MINUTES:

Moved by: Lisa Brown

5. QUESTION PERIOD:-----

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from the Pearson Foundation

Letter for our annual allocation for the governing board

7. OLD BUSINESS:-----

8. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Deegan presented November Revised Budget.

Tamara Bush motions that the November revised budget for the 2016-2017 school year be accepted. Karen Jones seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.

Tamara Bush proposed a multicultural grant request (valued at \$500). The multicultural food court is held in May (running for 22years). Proceeds from the food court goes to offset the cost of graduation.

Mike Besner motions for the grant request. Lori MacDonald seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.

9. TRIPS & FACILITIES:

Mr. Chang:

Friday Dec 23rd – periods 1 & 2 pep rally and periods 3 & 4 organized chaos

Tamara Bush motions to accept the pep rally and organized chaos. Tracey McKee seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.

Jan 24th: Sports Leadership class to go curling at the Baie d'Urfe Curling Club during periods 2,3,4. Cost is \$11.50. Ratio 1:10, Car-pool and staff.

Lisa Brown motions for the curling trip. Sylvie Campeau seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.

Feb 13th: Winter Activity Day (tobogganing, cross-country skiing). Location to be determined. Travel by school bus.

Katerine Danis motions for permission to plan the activity day with info to be presented at the January meeting. Kris de Forest seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.

June 26-July 10: Humanitarian Trip to India. Same area as the 2015 trip (Faridabad, Delhi, India). Ratio 1:5, cost approx. \$1975 for the grade 11 students (roughly 20 students). Itinerary will consist of renovating a school, teaching some of the children and cultural activities. Staying at Tender Heart.

Sean Ross motions to accept the Humanitarian trip. Tracey McKee seconds the motion. 1 Abstention. Passed.

Lori MacDonald:

May 9: Mr. Crete's Music Concert (passed at Sept 28 meeting) \$10 tickets

Dec 13: Old Brewery in Montreal, travelling by bus and metro in the morning. Lori and volunteers to bring 8 students who do research on homelessness in Montreal. They will bring MAC SACKS.

West Island Women's Center (with facilitators from YMCA & A Joie) presenting a workshop on sexuality, bullying, etc. to chosen grade 9 students on 3 occasions, each session lasting 1 ½ hours during class time.

Katerine Danis motions for the Old Brewery trip and permission to plan the workshop. Kris de Forest seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.

Amanda Maither:

Dec 9: Montreal Canadian's Hockey Scholar Program. 28 students from the grade 8 enriched math group, chosen by random draw to see a practice in Brossard. Travel by bus from 9am-3:30pm. Ratio 1:8 No charge.

Mike Besner motions for the Canadian's hockey practice trip to Brossard. Tracey McKee seconds the motion. All in favor. Passed.

Mr. Deegan: bingo night change of date to Dec. 8th.

10. REPORTS:

Home & school: Lara Holmes reported that they received \$370 in gift cards from the Chapter's fundraiser. The Lamontagne fundraiser raised \$1374. During parent-teacher interviews, home and school will be hosting a used book sale and selling Dagwoods, pizza, popcorn and a bake sale.

PC Rep: --- report attached from Mike Besner

Commissioner: --- Dominic Pavone will forward report.

Treasurer: \$665 for GB budget

Students: The Anti-Bullying Retreat, which was initiated by the grade 9 students, was a great success. Grade 11 students attended the career fair at Riverdale. Snowflake Ball is Dec 2 from 7-11pm, cost is \$40. There will be a talent show on Dec 16 (25 acts) tickets are \$10, show starts at 7pm.

Teachers:

Tamara Bush: Halloween Pep Rally was amazing. The Remembrance Day Celebration was very respectful and solemn. Grad photo day went well. On Nov 21st the grade 7 & 8 students had a guest speaker (Eric Walters – author).

Principal:

Amanda TweedieSmith has asked the board to accept going over the time period for the meeting to finish by 9:30pm.

-Thank you to Karen Jones, Maria Cavaiuolo and the English department for bringing in Eric Walters.

-Thank you to Chris Chang and all the teachers who helped supervise Movie night.

-Thank you to Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Blackburn, Mrs. Rich and all the students who helped out for senior's tea. It was a great turnout and a wonderful event.

-Thank you to Andrea Fraser for organizing the LBPSB career fair.

-Thank you to Ms. Bush for a well-run grad photo day.

-Thank you to Mr. Duckworth and to everyone who helped organize a very touching Remembrance Day

ceremony.

- Congrats to our 3 championship teams; 2 in Volleyball and 1 in soccer. Thank you to all the fall sports coaches for their time and dedication.
- Thank you to Karelle Bouffard, Deidra Kennedy, Mark Auger, Mark Hamel, Ester Sainte-Marie, Amanda Maither, Michele Plourde, Chris Chang and everyone who helped out with the Anti-Bullying retreat.
- November 22nd report cards went home.
- November 25th was Teachers Convention.
- December 1st is the first term interview evening.
- The Snowflake ball is December 2nd.
- December 3rd many Mac students will be taking part in the Pincourt food drive.
- Talent Show is December 16th.
- December 23rd is the last day before the holiday break. Busses will be leaving at 1PM.
- December 8th we would like to have our first Bingo night.
- Also included with this report are copies of the 2015-16 June actual budget and the 2016-17 November revised budget.
- Also with this report, because of a complaint about a Sec V Ethics class: Clarification on the Macdonald High School curriculum, language of instruction and minutes per cycle breakdown was given to the members of the governing board. Information on the Macdonald High School language of instruction and minutes per cycle can always be found on our website.
- Attached with this report are the June MEES results.

11. VARIA:---

December meeting/social: to be held at Cunningham's at 7:00pm

12. ADJOURNMENT: 9:25pm

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2016