

Macdonald High School Governing Board Minutes of September 27, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:03

PRESENT: Jad Deegan, Lori MacDonald, Marisa Calogero, Claudette Benoit, Lara Holmes, Sylvie Campeau, Katerine Danis, Dean Graddon, Tamara Bush, Dan Maag, Karen Jones, Sarah Simon, Kristoffer deForest, Amanda Maither, Wendy Turner, Mike Besner, Jodie Lennon, Andrew Capus

ABSENT: Jennifer Drakes

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved by consensus with some minor changes

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6TH MINUTES & SEPTEMBER 14TH MINUTES:

Approved by consensus with changes to the spelling of Kristoffer deForest's name, Andrew Capus and adding Tamara Bush as the teacher rep (not Lisa Brown)

4. REPORTS:

A. STAFF:

Tamara Bush: Staff vs. student soccer game – staff lost. Terry Fox Run was well organized. 3 students are at the Canadian Leadership Conference in Waterloo with Ms. Shea.

Dan Maag: Discussion on technology in the schools. Looking to convert old laptops to Chrome books...donations needed

B. STUDENTS: Next meeting

C. PRINCIPAL:

The grade 8 students to be allowed to go to St George's church for pizza lunch on Wednesdays. Karen Jones motions for the trip. Sylvie Campeau seconds. Passed by consensus.

-I would ask for a blanket permission for the school year that would allow teachers to leave school grounds with their individual classes and use the Abbott /McGill Campus/facilities and the city of Saint-Anne's facilities when the proper authorities have been contacted and staff council has previously approved the activity.

-For example:

-The sports facilities at JAC

-The JAC science labs

-The McGill Garden

-The Sainte-Anne's Library

Lori MacDonald motions. Kris seconds. Passed by consensus.

-Thank you to Chris Chang, Jaime Guy, the grade 10 leadership students and all the staff who participated and supervised one of the best Terry Fox Run's.

-Thank you to all of the educators and parents for your cooperation during curriculum evening.

-We have a new Special needs technician, Jomelle Agustin.

-We have five new teachers for the 2017-18 school year Anne Sophie Averbach, Matthew Wilson, Paige Fairlie, Jonathan Rist and Kevin Saunders.

-Saturday, until next Friday, 3 grade 11 students will be in Waterloo Ontario for the Canadian National Leadership Conference.

-Thursday is the grade 9 vaccinations.

-Friday is Convocation.

-Friday is the official count day.

-October 3rd is the next Home and School meeting.

-October 4th is grad Photo.

-October 13th the interim reports will be on Fusion.

-October 12th & 13th is Mac Camp.

-October 17th is the next Early Dismissal.

-October 18th Michael Fullan is visiting.

-October 19th is Open House.

- October 21st is the Zombie apocalypse!
- November 4th is the grade 6 entrance exam from 8:30-11.
- November 2-3-6-7 and 8 are restricted days.
- November 8th is end of term.
- November 30th is parent teacher interviews.
- We would like to send out an email to parents asking them to send us old laptops so that we can convert them into chrome books.

D. COMMISSIONER:

E. PC (MIKE BESNER): First meeting September 28th

F. TREASURER (KRIS deFOREST):

G. HOME AND SCHOOL (LARA HOLMES): H&S bought 3 fans for the teachers. They made \$170 at the bake sale. Will be hosting a cookie dough fundraiser before Thanksgiving. Looking to do an Epicure Fundraiser

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

In terms of the Grad pictures: will the girls be able to have a picture with their diploma and not just with the flowers? Ms. Bush will inquire.

Can the Pearson Education Foundation help with grants for the technology project? Mr. Maag will inquire.

Perhaps a promo video on the Mac website about what Mac has to offer will reduce the number of attendees at the Open House.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

1: Trips and facilities:

Europe trip – Sec 5 – Athens/Florence/Rome – Mar 1-10 (during break, only 3 days missed of school) – approx. \$4400 – between 6-12 students (after 11 students there are 2 teachers – school policy). Karen Jones motions for the trip. Sylvie Campeau seconds the motion. Approved by consensus.

Lori MacDonald: Class workshops for grade 7 ethnic classes on drug & alcohol use by Maison Jean Lapointe – Oct 10-11-12 – no cost

Permission to plan for the grade 10 & 11 ethnic and psychology classes from Friends for Mental Health – stigma on mental health

Lori MacDonald motions. Wendy Turner seconds. Approved by consensus.

Permission to plan for selected students from grades 9, 10, 11 an interactive workshop with Ajoie, YMCA, and Women’s center. Dates TBD.

Bowling with special needs students twice a month at Valois Bowling, 3 adults & 10 students, \$7.00

Blanket permission for resource to work with selected group on life skills. 4 students & 2 adults

Peer tutoring in grade 11

Approved by consensus.

Sylvie Campeau: For the Guadalupe trip, they are asking to extend the invitation to the grade 11 students . A car wash fundraiser is planned at Edgewater for Oct 14 (other fundraiser cancelled).

While the students from Guadalupe are here, they plan to do:

April 20: A visit to BHS by city bus then Cabane a sucre \$35

April 23: A trip to Ottawa (7am-evening) Voyageur bus \$150 (museum parliament lunch)

April 24: Day in Montreal by city bus and metro \$20

April 25: Science Center and Atrium 1:10 \$40

Permission to plan Grand Defi Pierre Lavoie on May 12-13 for grades 7-11. Running from QC City to Montreal (adults on bikes followed by a bus). Training twice a week as of Nov.

Sylvie Campeau motions. Katerine Danis seconds. Approved by consensus.

Tamara Bush: Oct 25: Senior Tea in the library during periods 3&4

Bingo Night in gym 1 on Nov 16 (7-9pm) proceeds to Athletic depart.
LBPSB Career & Education Fair on Nov 14 at Riverdale for grade 11 & WOTP by school bus, 150 students 1:15
Grad apple picking Oct 17, \$32, ratio 1:14, early dismissal day, back by 4:30-5:00
Grads Laser Quest on Oct 21, downtown travel by bus, from 4pm-8pm cost \$30 ratio 1:14
Tamara Bush motions for trips. Kris seconds. Approved by consensus.

Dan Maag: Matt Wilson would like to take enriched grade 10 science class to Vanier's Field Station in Lachute for a presentation on Oct 5, 1:14. No cost.

Dan Maag motions for the trip. Lori MacDonald seconds. Approved by consensus.

Mr. Chang: Spirit Week...

Oct 24: Movie night (7-9pm) Free, movie TBD, approx. 5 teachers, guests welcome

Oct 27: Dance (7-11pm) \$5 in advance, \$7 at door and for guests

Oct 31: Pep Rally in gym 1 during periods 3 & 4

Oct 31: lunch bake sale (proceeds for students life to cover costs)

Nov 14: Leadership activities at Edgewater after early dismissal. 10 students by car.

Lollipop sales on Mondays sponsored by 3 students who attended Leadership Conference.

Dan Maag motions for the activities/trips. Tamara Bush seconds. Approved by consensus.

2. Vice-Chair 2017-2018: A member will be selected the night of a meeting should the Chair not be present

3: Internal Rules 2017-2018: P. 57 – term of office modified; remove the blurb about St Thomas, substituting a voting member (Mike Besner will verify at the Board)

8. VARIA:

9. ADJOURNMENT: Andrew Capus motions to adjourn at 8:15pm

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2017