

Governing Board Meeting - January 17, 2018

Meeting began at 6:02pm

In attendance:

- Bonnie Camus
- Morgan Rose
- Marnie Brown
- Tim Mitchell
- Sarah Hognestad
- Nicholas deWaard (Chair)
- Samantha Halpin
- Rebecca Genest
- Andrew Cornforth
- Tara Logue
- Arlene Brunke

Guests:

- Audrey Lacasse
- Jane Cornforth

Agenda items added:

- Gym rental
- Valentine's day dance
- Fundraising effort

Review of minutes from Nov. 29th, 2017 meeting:

- Movement to approve minutes - Bonnie Camus
- Seconded - Tim Mitchell
- All in favour - motion passed

Operational Budget:

- For information only

MEES Measures:

- Required: Governing Board to create a resolution stating that
 - "The Governing Board of Buckingham Elementary School confirms that the following allocations have been received:
 - Received allocation to hire grade 1 specific early literacy resource teacher (\$33,120)
 - Received allocation to hire a K5 special education technician (\$11,080)
 - Both allocations have been received, an additional staff person has been hired to complete both roles.
 - Received "aide au parents" allocation (\$1000) to help parents of K1 and grade 1 parents to provide healthy and educational services for their children.

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- Will be used to have a community event focused on living a healthy active lifestyle as a family
- Money to be used for purchasing food and resources to provide to parents to help at home
- Questions:
 - Is there reporting required for these allocations - yes
 - For the “Aide au parents” evening could we invite “Daily Bread” to join in for the education?
 - Yes - Daily Bread is coming in starting next week
 - Parent involvement in the healthy living evening
- Motion made by Samantha Halpin that Governing Board of BES confirms that the following measure allocations have been received for our school:
 - Measure 15024
 - Measure 15025
- Seconded by Andrew Cornforth
- All in favour - motion passed

Parent Participation Organization (PPO):

- Review of the parent communication announcing the creation of the PPO
- Agreement on date for having the open meeting for parents to express interest in PPO
 - Monday, January 29th, 2018, 6:00pm
- Questions:
 - Review process for selecting a participant
 - If there are more than 8 interested, it will be selected through a vote of people present at the open meeting
- Motion by Bonnie Camus to approve the parent information form pending the following modifications:
 - Change “interesting” typo
 - Add checkbox for if interested parent has a security background check
 - Change date of meeting to Monday, January 29th, 2018, 6:00pm
- Seconded by Andrew Cornforth
- Motion carried, 1 abstention

Anti-violence, Anti-bullying, Day of Pink, Inclusion Week:

- Tagline - “We stand up”
- Goal - to create a safe, accepting, and inclusive space for all students
 - Week of activities related to inclusion
 - Culmination will be a Day of Pink assembly
- Committee created for this week, parents will be sitting on this committee as well
- Questions:
 - Was there an assembly a few years ago where a speaker came in and talked about homosexuality in which lesbians were referenced?
 - Intention for inclusion week is not to bring someone in to speak specifically to LGBTQ issues

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- When will the committee meet?
 - If anyone is interested in being involved in the planning committee, please send an email to Samantha Halpin expressing interest
- Will an email go out explaining inclusion week to parents before the week happens?
 - Yes - memo will be sent out prior to the event, parents will be invited to Day of Pink

Principal's Report - Samantha Halpin:

- Project Promesse:
 - Samantha did an interview about what we have done to promote AVAB and healthy lifestyles. Discussed Day of Pink, Culture & Climate survey. No names, nor name of school will be shared. We received \$100 from this, and we will put this into our AVAB campaign.
- Christmas Spirit:
 - Very successful, helped out 12 families to ensure they had a Christmas experience. With all fundraising, we raised enough for the food baskets and we have \$720 remaining.
 - In a previous meeting, we agreed that the remainder would be allocated to breakfast program and snack programs.
- Questions:
 - Could there be a basket in the office that people could donate things throughout the school year?
 - Families continue to be in need throughout the year.
 - Some families are not able to contribute at Christmas for religious reasons.
 - Could we do a drive for things for families in need at a different time of year?
 - Thanksgiving was proposed for the 2018-19 school year
 - Families who are in need would be without during the Christmas season
 - Could we do a clothing drive?
 - There was a school community in Quebec City in conjunction with Value Village where there was a clothing drive and VV purchased the remainder that was not given away.
- Solution:
 - Samantha to put out a memo with some reminders for the next few months where we will be collecting clothing or toys and have a day where families can come in and get things that they need. We will look into partnering with a consignment store for the remaining things.
- Motion made by Samantha Halpin to propose that we have a clothing and toy drive, as run by the PPO and approved by Governing Board.
 - Seconded by Tara Logue
 - All in favour - motion carried
- Healthy Lifestyle Grant:

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- To increase our daily physical activity (DPA) in the school to at least an hour per day
- Morgan Rose is the leader on it
- We are waiting on activity materials
- Lunchtime Fitness Club will be expanded to increase DPA
- Morgan will be released to help teachers plan DPA into their routines

Teacher's Report - Tim Mitchell

- See attached memo
- Spirit Day - Luau Day
 - Community-building event
 - Parent communication re: winter olympics and spirit day to go out ASAP

Marketing Campaign - Update:

- Bagging groceries at Maxi or IGA - to be organized by PPO
- Update - Samantha invites prospective parents into the school and gives them a tour
 - We have many new families as a result
 - Sam is offering to do this for all prospective families if they are interested but we need to get the word out and schedule meetings
- How can we get the word out?
 - Bagging groceries
 - Car Wash done by students - graduation fundraiser
 - Local fire station donated a rinsing tent (To look into this)
 - Buckingham online presence:
 - Buckingham Elementary School Facebook page?
 - Concerned that it will continue to be a positive space
 - Often these are run by parents
 - Buckingham Community Portal
 - Vente et achat Gatineau - post public events on these spaces
 - Postcards - Samantha to look into this
 - More presence at community events
 - Canada Day parade float
 - All events are posted on the library window for the summer
 - Banners and tent customization to increase visibility at community events
- Questions:
 - Will kids from Greater Gatineau be coming to BES? No, they just got an expansion to accommodate all their students.
- Communication to go out to PPO proposing all these things

Gym Rental:

- A group is interested in renting the gym for \$35 per hour for the next 6 Wednesdays, which would be a \$210 addition to our budget
- Motion to approve - Nick DeWaard
- Seconded - Marnie Brown

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- All in favour - motion carried

Valentine's Day Dance:

- Christmas dance was very successful community-building event
- A parent approached and asked if we could hold a Valentine's Day Dance
- Proposed to have a theme changed to "Friendship Dance" to ensure all families will be able to participate
- Questions:
 - Could we buy a popcorn machine?
 - \$100 for a machine
- Motion made by Samantha Halpin to host a "Friendship Dance" on February 9th, 2018 pending approval from proposing parent.
 - Seconded - Nicholas DeWaard
 - All in favour - motion carried
- Proposed having a "Candy-gram" around this time as well to fundraise, to be brought by Marnie Brown to the Graduation Committee for approval
 - Will be brought to PPO
- Motion made by Samantha Halpin to have a "Candy-gram" sale at a time that works with the PPO's organizing schedule
 - Seconded - Tara Logue
 - All in favour - motion carried

Fundraising Initiative:

- Students have asked to fundraise money for cancer research
- They would like to sell drinks and juice and hot chocolate in the cafeteria at lunch time
- Concern raised about safety of giving hot chocolate to young students
 - Will be supervised by Morgan and the temperature will be low
- Motion made by Morgan Rose to have the student-run drink sale for cancer research
 - Seconded - Bonnie Camus
 - All in favour - motion carried

Motion to adjourn - Nicholas DeWaard

Seconded - Tim Mitchell

All in favour - meeting adjourned