

Springdale Elementary Governing Board  
Wednesday, November 7, 2018

Present:

Parent Representatives

S. Brodeur

H. Korovilos

N. McAlear - Chairperson

A. Lee (alternate)

S. Uzzaman

Commissioner

N. Beaton

Staff Representatives

K. Donovan - Secretary

K. Heather

C. Adams

R. Zinman

Also Present

D. Martire - Principal

1. Quorum - we have quorum
2. Adoption of agenda
  - a. Additions/corrections to the agenda include:
    - I. 6.5 budget school
    - II. 6.6 budget daycare
3. Approval of minutes dated October 2: Correction to Brian Ewenson's name.  
Motion to approve Helen seconded by Robin
4. Business arising: trouble recording GB training live, so there is information available to read on the website
5. Reports:

5.1 Principal's Report: Home and School is proving to be enthusiastic and full of great ideas to support the school, staff and students. They are open to any ideas and/or requests teachers may have. Our school librarian Molly, has been promoted fulltime to a high school and a replacement is being sought. We also have a number of volunteers who Molly will train before she leaves. Technology is slowly evolving. The idea is to have a mini lab in each classroom of teachers who have asked. These will be placed in an easy to share and charge unit. Regional PD Day by all accounts was a great success and will follow through

with staff and surrounding schools. Using the resources and expertise we have in our own schools has proven to be valuable. Interim Reports have been shared with parents however only 28% of the reports have been viewed. These reports are well written and it is evident that the teachers spent a great deal of time preparing each report to appropriately reflect the students' success. Halloween activities underway. Teachers have been provided a modest budget to contribute to the assembly. Motion to accept Helen seconded by Robin.

5.2 Teacher's Report: Megan is writing up a proposal for Culture in Schools - staff from the Science Center will come to school to present. Geared towards special needs students, maybe Rainbow Room? They are booked for this year but maybe for next year. Grade 6 did Candy Grams and sold \$390 worth, with an \$80 profit. Halloween activities were wonderful, including a fun assembly. Students decorated pumpkins for the police officers and for literacy. PJ day was successful. Grade 6 Chapters fundraiser raised \$875. School photos went well in October. November 14 there will be a musical presentation. Nov. 7 and 21 students are recording a song with Kathleen Turcotte to send up to the space station. Teacher's convention is on Friday and Chris Handfield is keynote speaker on Thursday night. Big space theme. Ms. Zinman wanted to share information on the Mighty Hawk's Special Needs Soccer Program in St. Lazare, which costs only \$50 a year and includes uniform, entry to Special Olympics, etc. Thank you to Home and School for money for teachers and Convention. Motion to accept Sheeba and seconded by Helen.

5.3 Daycare Report: We have received some feedback on lunch program. Parents are noticing the increase in fees. Reasons for the increase are that our ratios are low - 1 supervisor to 15 students vs. other schools that usually have 1 to 30. We also have one of the longest lunch hours at 1 hour and 15 minutes. An idea for next year is that lunch hours could be coordinated with Sunshine and we could share staff as schools are often struggling to find lunch monitors. Champions for Life is up and running and going well. Kindergarten and grade 1 might be relocated to one of the rooms we were saving for the French board. Doorbell doesn't ring in the classrooms - might look into rewiring or wireless doorbell. Parking lot safety is still an issue. Very dark out in the parking lot, especially now with daylight savings. Upcoming PD days are November 9, (daycare is closed), November 29 and also 30. November 29 a CPR course will be offered, but will not affect daycare services for parents. Motion to accept Kayleigh and Robin.

5.4 Home and School Report: Oct. 23 Chapters Fundraiser raised \$875. \$190 collected for PJ day. There will be a bake sale same day as Holiday Party, Dec 13. Cookies with Santa on Dec. 21. School is gifting new books to the students on this day and Home & School will provide cookies. Motion to accept Helen and Robin.

5.5 Commissioner's Report: see attached file. Additionally, Riverdale High School is collecting snow suit donations in all sizes. Motion to accept Sheeba and Candice.

5.6 Region 2 Parent Rep Report: see attached file. Motion to accept Robin and Steven

## 6. New Business:

6.1 GB Allocations 2018-19: \$290 allotted to Springdale for GB allocations. Use it or lose it - it will not carry forward to next year. Motion to accept Steven and Robin.

### 6.2 School Activities:

1. Clothing drive done by recycler company is booked for end of May. They place a bin at the front of the school that students and staff fill with clothing donations. The bin is weighed and the company will write us a cheque. One day event. Accepted.
2. School to buy 100 t-shirts and make them available for sale through Steven's connection. Not a fundraiser/no profit. The goal is to make clothing accessible and support school dress code. One colour with 'Springdale' written across the front. Under \$6 a shirt. Accepted
3. Bach to Beatles musical that Kathleen is bringing into school Nov 17. \$290 to the school coming from grant money. Accepted
4. Rocks and Rings. In Jan/Feb, the gym will be set up for curling activities in honour of Laura Thomas, one of our IAs. She is on the Quebec provincial team and is going to nationals in 2 weeks. The cost is either paying someone to come in and present or covering a sub for Laura so that she can do it. A cost that the school will incur. Approved.
5. Home and School has a chess club planned for lunch hour and after school. \$80 for 10 weeks. It is a fundraiser as some of the money comes back to the school. Set to begin on February 13, 2019. There is a conflict with the Science Center field trip. Revisit chess club after we can gauge student interest. Approved.

6. Chocolate sale Laura Secord run under Home and School. The cost is \$90 a box. Will run just before Easter. Approved
7. Festival de la voix school outing led by Kathleen Turcotte. The cost is the school bus, roughly \$400 and is scheduled for March 26. Kathleen has applied for a Culture in Schools grant to cover the cost. Approved.
8. Song recording to send to Space Station - all the 5s and 6s contributed to writing a song. 15 students were picked to sing the song, and 10 students from Riverview. Teacher from Riverview and Kathleen wrote the music. Asking for permission, on Nov 21 to bring 15 Springdale students to a recording studio in Pointe-Claire to record the song. \$1800 is the entire cost. This includes teacher release, recording studio, musicians, bus. Grants have been applied for to cover the cost. Approved.
9. Science activities - grade 5 and 6, 41 students to visit Science Center on Feb 13. Falls under Culture in Schools grant and the balance paid for by government fund for field trips. No cost to students. Approved
10. Mad science mini program offering to come in and do lunchtime activities and after school. 4 weeks starting Nov 26 at a cost of \$79. Nothing to do with us - parents register directly with them. Offering it again Jan 21 for 8 weeks at \$119. Not approved.
11. Pointe a calliere Nov 20, grade 4. Approved. Cost to students?
12. Artist to come in and work with cycle 1. Will run 7 workshops between Feb and June. Orchestrated by Anne Martin at no cost to the students. Grant money and ministry money.
13. Science center day - Anne Chandonnet to bring 35, 3rd grade students on March 27. Free to students using grant money and ministry money. Approved.
14. Holiday breakfast on Dec 21. A hot breakfast will be provided to all students, including 2 pancakes, 1 sausage, one orange juice, syrup and utensils. Prepared by Chartwells at \$2.75 per student. Comes ready to serve. School board takes care of delivery. Cost is just under \$600. Home and school to check if they have funds and if not, school money will pay for it. Approved.

6.3 Field Trips: discussed in 6.2

6.4 Service Contracts: Chess Club needs a service contract. Approved.

6.5 School budget: approved

6.6 Daycare budget: approved

## 7. Miscellaneous:

- a. The chair proposes to discuss parking lot ideas at a future meeting. If you have ideas to share, come with a written proposal

b. GBs want to get together to submit letters to the CAQ explaining our disagreement with the ban on religious garb in the workplace. We are told that each school is preparing a letter to send, however a parent letter was prepared by the school board parent committee. We can find out if all schools can sign off on the existing letter.

8. Correspondence: see file name *Newsletter Oct 2018*

9. Dates of upcoming GB Meeting: Jan 9. Dinner.

10. Public questions: none

11. Adjournment: 8:19pm