

Lord Aylmer School



Governing Board Minutes – March 2024

Call to meeting: A virtual Governing Board meeting was held at 6 :01pm on March 20,2024 with Alex Butler as Chairperson and Megan Kuchinsky as secretary.

In Attendance: Alex Butler, Carissa Piercey, Marta Guay, Amanda Klein, Sam Halpin, Hannah Patrick, Colleen Cowan, Alanna McIntyre, Jenn Peddie, Lynn Kearns, Michelle MacDonald, Julie Belisle

Call for Visitors/Public Question Period: None

February Minutes:

Motion: Alanna motions to approve February Minutes

Second: Julie

Operational Budget/ Grant Allocation& Distribution – Presented by Sam- For Information
Notes:

- Sam gave an overview of the operational budget, and clarification for recent spending increases

*The Governing Board was made aware of the Operational Budget and Grant Allocation & Distribution Budget

What does Canada mean to me? Project/ O’Canada &Land Acknowledgment:

Notes:

- A discussion was had regarding the morning announcements at Lord Aylmer, the Land Acknowledgment and the removal of O’Canada from its morning agenda
- Upon the return to school in August, LA staff discussed having a meaningful way for students to connect to their country and what this may look like
- This led to the introduction of the Land Acknowledgment, and the idea of the “What does Canada mean to me?” project
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, the “What does Canada mean to me?” project has not yet come to fruition, though it is still in the plan.
- Ideas were discussed as to how to help the students connect to the Land Acknowledgment in a meaningful way.
- Both administrators crafted the Land Acknowledgment alongside the Indigenous Pedagogical Consultant
- Sam will send the Land Acknowledgment that is read over the announcements to the GB members
- Discussions were had regarding how and when communications are sent to the community regarding day to day routines

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Litterless Lunch Infographic: Presented by Hannah – For Discussion

Notes:

- Hannah presented the draft infographic for discussion
- Members had the opportunity to share comments, questions or concerns regarding the infographic
- Amanda has offered to amend the document based on discussions had in Governing Board
- As it stands Mazzola lunch packaging will continue to be sent home with the students.
- Sam and Hannah have spoken to Mazzola inquiring about reusable packaging. Still awaiting a response from Mazzola.

Violence/Bullying Infographic: Presented by Hannah – For information

Notes:

- A clear concise memo was created to inform students and community as to what constitutes an act of violence and what constitutes bullying.
- Neither violence nor bullying is accepted and is dealt with according to our code of conduct, however, the memo is intended to contextualize what constitutes bullying.
- A discussion was had regarding the document.

Plan de Rattrapage – Update: - Presented by Hannah – Information

Notes:

- Plan de Rattrapage is status quo
- More information will be available once data is collected and analyzed

Used Book Sale Fundraiser: - Presented by Hannah – For Approval

Notes:

- The Library Committee would like to hold a used book sale, with all the overflow/dated library books
- It will be held on Thursday March 28th
- Books will \$1 each
- All money will go back into the library fund
- Book sale is offered to Sr Campus students

Motion to approve used book fundraiser: Marta

Secunder: Julie

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Educational Project:

Notes:

- The Educational Project draft has been presented to Governing board for discussion and to implement final edits
- Final Day to submit the approved project is April 1, 2024
- Sam can send the Ed. Project to Stuart Aiken this evening with GB approval

Motion to adopt the Educational Project: Colleen

Second: Justin

Motion to approve Sam sending the Educational Project to Stuart Aikin: Carissa

Second: Megan

Teacher Cycle Report: Presented by Lynn – For Information

Notes:

- 2 DI teams going to the tournament on Friday at Darcy Symmes High School
- Cycle 2 just finished two outings to the arena for skating trips
- 3 student teachers are wrapping up their stages in cycle 3
- International Day of Pink is coming up. Activities for students and staff will be held throughout the week of April 9th-12th

Daycare Report: Presented by Julie – For Information

Notes:

- Following PD Day on April 5th at Jr. Campus
- A club will be coming from Montreal to carry out activities with the students.

Home & School Report: Presented by Hannah and Carissa – For information

Notes:

- End of year BBQ is coming up and dates are being discussed
- Spring Dance will be held May 3rd
- Outdoor play space for the kindergarten program continues to be in the works
- Scholastic book fair coming up
- April 10th will be the next Bingo Night

Parent Committee Report:

Notes:

- Nothing to report – as the meeting is on Monday March 25th

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The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

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