

Governing Board- February 21, 2024

Call to order: A virtual governing board meeting was held at 6:04pm on February 21st, 2024. Presided over by Alex Butler as Chairperson. Megan Kuchinsky as Secretary

In Attendance: Sam Halpin, Hannah Patrick, Alanna McIntyre, Lynn Kears, Jenn Peddie, Megan Kuchinsky, Carissa Piercey, Julie Belisle, Michelle MacDonald, Marta Guay, Amanda Klein, Justin Ford, Céline Guérin

Motion: Alanna motions to approve the January minutes

Secunder: Julie

Agenda Item:

Operational budget & Grant Budget: Presented by Sam – For information

Notes:

- Added more support within the building
- Tutoring assistance began
- Extra supervision to cover remediation given by teachers to support their own students will begin shortly

Agenda Item:

“Litterless lunches”: Presented by Alex – For discussion

Notes:

- Amanda recommended an information session at the beginning of the school year to inform parents on what “Litterless lunches” means and ideas to how to go about preparing your child’s lunch to accommodate the “Litterless Lunch” plan.
- Carissa seconds the idea of providing education to the community at the beginning of the year
- Alanna noted a positive change in the classroom since implementing the program. Less garbage found on the floor or in the recycling bin.
- Lynn noted the cleanliness within the classrooms and in the hallways of the school since the plan began
- Sam: Notes that the “Litterless Lunches” Program and all the information associated was presented at the beginning of the year in the Welcome Back Guide. Moving forward, as a team it is important that we are taking a collective approach to the “Litterless Lunch” program. (community and school staff)
- Sam and Hannah will create a mock up infographic for the “Litterless Lunch” to present and discuss at the March meeting

Agenda Item:

Plan de Rattrappage: Presented by Hannah – For information

Notes:

- \$14 403 allocated to tutoring.
- 80 students' names were put forward
- 8 tutors provided the service to the students
- The tutoring is conducted before school, lunch hour, or after school

- Each student who was approved for tutoring is receiving 60 minutes per week (program runs for 18 weeks)
- \$33 308 allocated for remediation
- 14 teachers are providing remediation
- Remediation has started and will run until May 16th
- Remediation is provided during school hours as a push-in method (teachers support within the class)
- Remediation is being provided to students who are currently receiving resource support

Agenda Item:

Educational Project: Presented by Sam et al. - For information

Notes:

- Sam recommends giving governing board time to read through the document for discussion when they meet again on March 20th.
- Discussion points can be then brought back to the steering committee.
- Alex and Marta suggest that the document be left open to comments to allow members to indicate feedback earlier than the March 20th meeting
- If Governing board members have feedback regarding the Educational Plan, they are to send comments or questions to Sam, Hannah, Alex.
- Discussions were had regarding the idea of including reporting within the project plan to add a quantitative approach to the Educational Project
- One more Educational Project steering committee meeting will be held before the March 20th Governing Board meeting
- Deadline to submit the final copy of Educational Project is April 1, 2024

Agenda Item:

Kinder Field Trip – Presented by Hannah – For Approval

Notes:

- Kindergarten would like to go on a field trip to the Experimental Farm on June 18, 2024
- Cost will be approximately \$2500
- The money will come from the Inspirational Schools budget

Motion to Approve Kinder Trip: Marta

Secunder: Julie

Agenda Item:

Cycle Reports: Presented by Teachers – For Information

Notes:

- Cycle 2 ELA teachers recently spent the day at a marking center to evaluate the Grade 4 formative assessments. It was a wonderful opportunity to share knowledge and understand our student's progress
- Cycle 2 is also in the beginning phases of planning a skating outing for their students. More information to come
- Cycle 3: Grade six teachers are beginning to think about the fast-approaching end of the year. Plans for outings and graduation are beginning
- The “Alien Research” play preparations are going well and the students are working very hard. The play is the evening of February 29th 2024. Donations to the Drama club are welcome upon entry to watch the show
- Lynn would like to do two more cake raffles between now and June
- Grade six trip to Mont Cascade is planned for June 18th

Motion to approve Cake Raffles for the remainder of the year: Carissa

Secunder: Alanna

Motion to approve Mont Cascade Grad Trip on June 18th: Justin

Secunder: Marta

- Kindergarten: Teams has been working hard on preparing and planning for the loose parts play area on the junior campus. They have submitted their proposal to Home and School
- Hot off the press: Lord Aylmer is looking to pilot a project with two classes at the Junior Campus. Project includes a 90% outdoor education program. More information to come.

Agenda Item:

Daycare report: Presented by Julie – For Information

Notes:

- Daycare just completed two Great PD Days. they did a “Minute to Win it” activity and a “Build your own Board Game” activity
- The Group option will be starting soon in Daycare: Students can sign up and join and educator that will be running a specific club that interests them.

Agenda Item:

Home and School: Presented by Hannah and Carissa – For Information

Notes:

- Staff appreciation week is coming up
- Home and School has something planned for each day of the week. Sam and Hannah will be planning Friday!
- Freedom Friday was a huge success: Over \$600 was raised
- H&S is working with Kinder team on the outdoor education plan.
- **Check out the new Home and School website to see what happens with all the money raised!!**
<https://www.lordaylmerhs.ca/2023-24-10000-spend.html#/>

Agenda Item:

Parent Committee Report: Presented by Justin – For Information

Notes:

- Topic of conversation: climate in schools
- Both our schools are partially mechanically ventilated (where we want to be)
- Short term plan: on cool room within each building
- Medium term plan: Fans in each classroom
- Long term plan: air conditioning within the building
- More information about the parent committee meeting can be found on the WQSB website

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:43pm

Next Governing Board Meeting will be held March 20th @ 6pm (virtual)