

Governing Board Meeting – April 9, 2025

Call to meeting: An in person Governing Board meeting was held at 6:00pm on April 9, 2025, Presided over by Ciaran Dooley with Megan Kuchinsky as secretary.

In Attendance: Ciaran Dooley, Melissa Russell, Ellen Luker, Alicia Duperon, Natalie Howard, Alex Butler, Hannah Juneau, Lara Bednarz, Samantha Halpin, Hannah Patrick, Céline Guerin, Kathleen Byrne, Meg Deere, Cathy Goldsbrough, Colleen Cowan, Julie Belisle, Ashley Tetreault

Approval of Agenda: (Presented by Ciaran) For Approval

Motion to approve Agenda: Megan

Seconded: Colleen

All in favour

Call for Visitors/ Public Question Period: (Presented by Ciaran) For Information

Notes:

- No visitors

Approval of February Minutes (Presented by Ciaran) For Approval

Notes:

- Amendment to the notes for the Rental budget – the motion to approve will be changed to “Blanket approval of \$100.00 per staff member to go towards 25-26 Staff Social & PD activities
- Motion to adjourn changed from “January to February”

Motion to Approve February Minutes: Lara

Seconded: Alicia

All in Favour

Introduction of Kathleen (New Community Member) (Presented by Ciaran/Sam) For Information

Notes:

- Kathleen was introduced and welcomed to the Governing Board. She is filling the second community member position for the remainder of the 24-25 year
- Kathleen shared her experience as the lead of a non-profit organization and how she can support initiatives at Lord Aylmer

Operational/Grant Allocation/Rental Revenue (Presented by Hannah) For Discussion

Notes:

- Operational budgeted sitting at \$2400.00 for the remainder of the year.
- Photocopy is sitting at \$11,920.90 though School fees are still being collected
- Outstanding school fees for the 24-25 year amount to \$22,805. 76 – approximately 100 families with a balance owing.
- Overall global outstanding school fees (dating back to about the past three years) \$82,789.84

- A request was made to receive a breakdown for our allocated fundraising \$
- Daycare and Rental revenue can support further costs for 2025-26 school year
- Ashley spoke to the cost of the arena for the recent skating trips. The information she received was that the School Board must negotiate with the city regarding costs for renting city spaces. Cathy will reach out to the School Board regarding this matter
- Projects coming for 25-26 have been approved. New pavement and basketball courts at both campuses. New lockers and cubbies at the Sr campus, New desks at the Jr campus, Outdoor classroom and playscape at the Sr campus!
- It was requested that the \$240.00 budget line in revenue include a comment to explain the social committee fund that were reinserted into the rental budget to explain the cost of partners attending the annual Holiday party
- Discussions were had regarding pending upcoming government cuts to the education sector.- Little information has been provided thus far with the exception that cuts will be coming

L.A. Parent/Guardian Survey 2025(Presented by Hannah) For Discussion

Notes:

- LA parent/guardian survey was presented to GB for discussion
- It was requested that there be a question or two in the survey related to the Home and School association and fundraising initiatives
- GB discussed ways they can collect Data to ensure it represents how many people within different spectrums of the population is filling out the survey. For example: How many people per household, how many parents/guardians per student. This will allow for a more accurate analysis of how much of our community is represented in the survey
- Sam and Hannah will work on the existing survey and bring it back to GB for discussion in May

Subject Time Allocation 25-26: (Presented by Sam) For Approval

Notes:

- Subject time allocation was presented to the Governing Board for approval

Motion to Approve: Lara

Seconder: Céline

All in Favour

Code of Conduct 25-26 (Presented by Sam) For Approval

Notes:

- Some amendments were made to the document to ensure language consistency throughout the document
- A hyperlink was added for clarity on a statement made within the document
- The section regarding the visitor protocol was discussed for any volunteer attending the school for any reason. Strict sign-in procedures will be adhered to and it will be mandatory for all volunteers to wear numbered volunteer badges whenever in the building

- Other wording and structural changes were made to the document to ensure clarity

The Code of Conduct motion for Approval with the above amendments will be moved to the May GB meeting

Community Walking Permission Form 25/26 (Presented by Hannah) For Approval

Notes:

- Nothing has changed since 24/25 form with the exception of dates
- Accessible language will be included (walking/mobility aids instead of just walking)

Motion to Approve: Alicia

Seconded: Ellen

All in Favour

AV-AB Plan Data on Incidents of Violence/Bullying (Presented By Hannah) For information

Notes:

- The Data on incidents of bullying /violence was presented and discussed among GB members

Educational Project – Update on Objective: (Presented by Hannah) For Information

Notes:

- The updated educational project was presented and discussed among GB members
- Update on the student voice committee and the recent survey they administered to the student population was shared

Teacher Cycle Report: (Presented by Varia) For Information

Notes:

- Teacher spoke to the exciting events and trips coming up at L.A. – Some of these include kindergarten trips to Funtopia, Zootherapy, whole School opportunity to participate in Elections Canada, Cycle three trips to history and science museum

.Daycare Report: (Presented by Julie) For Information

Notes:

- Nothing new to share

Home & School Report(Presented by Hannah/Ashley) For Information

Notes:

- Discussions were had regarding future fundraising initiatives
- Dates of field trips will be provided to Home & School in advance to be able to coordinate pizza days

Parent Committee Report:(Presented by Alex) For Information

Notes:

- Alex spoke to discussions that were had during the parent committee. The following was discussed:
- Possible parent survey being sent out to the community
- The upcoming creation of a parent symposium

- Lunch programs
- Menstrual products being provided within elementary and high school bathrooms

Varia..

Notes:

- Drop off and pick up at the SR campus was discussed:
- The back of the school yard (back end of the bus lane) at the SR campus is NOT an official pick up and drop off zone, though many parents have witnessed cars driving fast through this area while students are coming to school in the am or leaving in the pm.
- Our Community Police Officer will be contacted regarding this issue

Motion to adjourn the April 2025 meeting: Julie

Secunder: Meg

All in Favour

The Governing Board meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.