



Mother Teresa Junior High School

More Than Just a High School

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Governing Board

Meeting Held in the School Library

Monday, October 6th, 2014 @4:00

Present: Parents: Mary Cataldo (chair), Johanne Dion, Chantal Pelletier (co-chair), Frank Tenneriello and Orazio

De Rosa **Teachers:** Richard Pellino, Valerio Gazzola, Irene Politis, Lia Maggiorino, Natalie Potier, Angelo Virone

Support Staff: Rose Huss **Professional:** Dominic Di Stefano

Student Representative: Michael Capuano

Absent: Robert Bomba (PC Rep.)

Principal: Dena Chronopoulos

Vice-Principal:

Guest : Natasha Lupin (parent)

1. **Call to order & verification of quorum:** The meeting was called to order at 4:03 by Mary Cataldo chair
2. **Addition to agenda-**no addition to agenda
3. **Acceptance and adoption of agenda**
Motion No. 107 moved by Irene Politis and seconded by Orazio De Rosa
All in favor
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Corrections under number No. 3. G.B. dates- Monday, November 10th was omitted and the weekdays were corrected to reflect the correct day of the week the meetings are to take place from December to May.
Motion No. 108 moved by Valerio Gazzola and seconded by Frank Tenneriello
Motion passed 1 abstention
5. **Business arising from the minutes**
 - **Entente de Ville:** ongoing discussion with Jerome Dion, director of M.R. more information as to status of the negotiations with Ville de Laval will be shared with G.B. members when they become more concrete, Ms. Chronopolous will keep the members posted as its developments.
 - **Rental:** a rental request from Viva Condos, October 15th in the MTJHS library Wednesday to take place after school.
Motion No. 109 moved by Irene Politis and seconded by Johanne Dion
All in favor
 - **Mother Teresa Chapel:** joint efforts between Ms. Chronopolous and Mr. Mason have taken place in regards to conserving the status of the chapel. A directors meeting is taking place this coming Monday and discussions will take place along with Jerome Dion. This project is being looked at with the hope that every effort will be made to respect and keep intact the integrity of the chapel. Results of the meeting will be shared with G.B. members as to long term plan for this project.
 - **Garbage:** the accumulation of garbage near the soccer field (fence) has been looked at and addressed since the last G.B. meeting, with positive results.

- **Cafeteria:** since the last meeting where the issue of the cafeteria lines and overcrowding was brought up. The lines seem to have decreased as well as wait time; in fact it was observed that between 12:15 and 12:40 the cafeteria is empty. Perhaps because of ECA that were introduced during lunchtime the students seem to disperse and not be in line as much. However, at the general assembly a reminder will be communicated to the students that access to the cafeteria is available during the duration of lunchtime, that all three stations are open, not to bunch up and clog the line with friends etc. this information will help encourage the students to use the cafeteria fully and make the most of their lunchtime.

6. Reports:

6.1 Chairpersons Report:

Mary Cataldo would like to acknowledge the Green Club that has worked all summer growing produce and the addition of a table and tree was also possible thanks to the Green Club. She would also like to acknowledge and thank those involved for supporting this initiative and giving of their time.

6.2 Principal's Report:

- SWLSB has just signed to promote and house new health center in Laval for Vocational Adult Education that will be offered to international students. This initiative and decision takes place at the school board level. This program will be housed at the Daniel Johnson building. With the budgetary cuts at the government level this is a positive long term plan to generate income for SWLSB and in turn help the schools. However, the logistics of how the space is going to be utilized has not been finalized although discussions have started. The program will be offered in the evening and on the week-end. The building was selected based on the existing unused space available and would be able to accommodate the program on first and second floor. Ms. Chronopolous suggests to the G.B. members to refer the council minutes available on the school board website for more information. Any and all new information will be brought back and shared with the G.B.

Policies/Programs

- **CPR: Update**

Our CPR training on September 19th went very well, and was much appreciated by all staff. This initiative is aligned with our ABAV plan to make sure all students are safe within our building. As a follow-up, we will be purchasing an extra defibrillator so that we have one located at the main office on the second floor and one will remain on the first floor, in the Phys. Ed. department.

- **Community Liaison Officer: Erik Geregthy**

To promote healthy lifestyle and positive relations with the community and the law-abiding Citizen MTJHS Social Programs: Girl Talk/Chilling Lounge/Life Skills/Beyond Words (Anger Management Group)

Our school is offering different social groups that all students from our school are able to take part in. These same programs are the same ones set up last November and will continue to be offered this year.

Pedagogy:

- **E.L.I (Engaged Learning Initiative Project)**

Our select group of teachers from the Math, English and FSL departments has received training to share with their colleagues in the means to help students be engaged in their learning within a differentiated, inclusive environment. Following the initiative training

session, a few more teachers were sent to a second workshop last week to be part of a Professional Learning Community involving all schools within our school board. Students will be benefitting from chrome books, manipulatives and books/novels from ESD as well as in-house training from Ms. Lynn Senecal, Coordinator from the Inclusive Schools Network (ISN)-QESB

- **IPL C: Creative Minds Upcoming Projects**

Our students have come up with an inclusive name this year to define them as learners: Creative Minds. The team will be working closely with ESD this year. Their approach will be more project-based learning opportunities. They will be receiving 10 new iPads to help support their learning through new applications that will be provided by the school.

- **Phase II Programs 2014-2015**

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Website: www.swlauriersb.qc.ca/schools/mtjhs We are presently meeting on a weekly basis with LJHS and ESD to discuss the many

possibilities for programs in Phase II of the Laval Schools. Human Resources will also be part of our discussions along with our teachers from both schools in the next coming weeks.

Our focus: To meet the requests of our community and students and provide for a Junior School that will be set apart from the private sector. We want our students to remain in our board and meet their needs as learners, artists and athletes.

- **First Communication: October 15th 2014**

Our first communication will be sent home with our students on October 15th. Parents are asked to review the Evaluations of Learning Document sent out prior to our Curriculum Night so that they are informed on the grading system, dates report cards will be sent home, and opportunities to meet with teachers on Parent-Teacher nights.

- **Special Needs: IEPs Update**

All parents have received information on IEPs through our August 20th Transition Day for new students. All MTJHS teachers have also received information through articulation meetings by our professionals/administration on students who have special needs before the school year started. We are the only high school piloting the new MEQ IEP format as of this year, training all teachers and professionals on its use. This new format allows for input from parents and students directly online. It also allows for an easier way to collect data and make it better representative of all classes a student may be receiving support in. Our IEP day is scheduled on October 10th, and will be followed by scheduled meetings with all parents who are interested in reviewing the final draft. All IEPs will be finalized and sent home on November 26th, the day our first-term report cards are issued.

Athletics

- **RSEQ joint initiative between MTJHS/LJHS:** Football, Ball Hockey, Track and Field and more!

RSEQ has given the go ahead to join schools when registering for all sports teams for this transitional year. The only request made is that, in registering both schools, there will be a submission of one name (either LJHS or MTJHS) to the league. We are also encouraging girls to participate more this year, and as such, girls have registered for hockey (mixed team), we have organized a girls' volleyball team, and the ladies will also have an opportunity to play rugby this year. The following sports teams will be registered in the upcoming school year.

1. Mixed Hockey Teams (2)
2. Girls Volleyball
3. Soccer (Boys and Girls)

4. Intramurals (MTJHS/LJHS)
5. New: Rugby (Boys and Girls)
6. Girls Handball Team
7. Floor Hockey
8. Basketball House League Tournament

Activities/Presentations:

- **Auditions: 'The Golden Touch' Operetta/Follies: MTJHS/LJHS' Has Talent**
Auditions for the Operetta will continue until October 2nd. The Follies auditions have come to an end. Both groups of students will be practicing over the next few months until it is time to showcase their talent. We are very happy to announce that the Talent Show is a first time initiative at our school that promises to celebrate the many different 'hidden' talents we don't always have an opportunity to see. Students will also be encouraged to audition for the upcoming STARFEST this year, so that our school is also represented

- **Digital Citizenship presentation: October 6th**
Mr. Erik Gherity, our community liaison, will be presenting a repeat presentation with new information on digital responsibility and the law to both Sec. Is and IIs in the auditorium.

- **OKTOBERFEST MTJHS/LJHS: October 8th**
On October 8th, during lunch, both MTJHS/LJHS will be distributing sausages in panini's in Block C by administration, Dominic, and student ambassadors. All proceeds will be going into the FUN FUND to help support kids that need extra food, clothing, supplies, support to help pay for school activities, etc.

- **ECAs 2014-2015**
 1. Floor hockey
 2. Ice hockey
 3. Girls/Boys Soccer
 4. Green Team/Club
 5. Music Club
 6. Musical Production (Broadway Play)
 7. Games room activities
 8. Girls/Boys rugby
 9. Girls volleyball
 10. Strategy games club
 11. Knitting club
 12. 'Les Brigades Culinaires'
 13. Newspaper Writing Club (mentoring journalism)
 14. Art club/Mural painting
 15. Crochet club

6.3 PPO: Johanne Dion, chairperson

First PPO meeting was held last week, working hand in hand with Laval Jr. Menchie's Frozen Yogurt fundraiser will be sold at lunch time. The profits from the sales will alternate days. Email was sent out letting parents know about the fundraiser to gauge possible orders. Set up behind the games room. Collaboration is necessary as we navigate through this transitional year with the upcoming merger. This will facilitate the groundwork for future fundraisers and give an opportunity for the PPO (MTJHS & Laval Jr.) to work together towards a common goal of consolidating common fundraisers and with the additional sentiment of bringing the two schools together moving forward.

6.4 CPC Delegate Report-Robert Bomba- delegate was not present at G.B. no report available

6.5 Student Representative-Michael Capuano

- Oct. 9th dress down day funds collected will go to Leukemia foundation.

- Oct. 17th dance that will take place for MTJHS and will be joined by LJHS the dance will start at 7:00 and end at 10:00.
- Halloween dress up day, as in previous years there will be a cat walk displaying best costume. However, no masks or weapons will be allowed that day. Parents have been advised.

7. Business arising from minutes:

7.1 G.B. Internal Rules 2014-2015- document was read by members no additions or changes were brought to document.

Motion No. 109: moved by Orazio De Rosa and seconded by Johanne Dion

All in Favor

7.2 ABVA Plan 2014-2015-document was read by members no additions or changes were brought document.

Motion No. 110: moved by Irene Politis and seconded by Nathalie Potier

All in favor

7.3 Adoption of the Educational Plan-

The educational plan has not been submitted formally as of yet. However, there will be a focus on Math, Science and History additional information to follow.

7.4 Cafeteria Update-refer to #5 under business arising

7.5 Mother Teresa Chapel –refer to #5 under business arising

8. New business

8.1 Appointment representative of the community

After a brief introduction by candidate Natasha Lupin she was nominated by Lia Maggiorino and seconded by Chantal Pelletier.

Motion No. 111: moved by Nathalie Potier and seconded by Rose Huss

All in Favor

Natasha Lupin, new community representative is invited by chair to join and sit with the members of MTJHS G.B.

8.2 Field trips/fundraising

- Monday, November 24th- Granby Zoo-ALP/regular students 96 –cost \$30.00
- Thursday November 27th, Colossus-Mocking Jay movie- whole school- cost \$ 5.50 or \$11:00 with combo. Back for lunchtime.
- **Thursday, November 27th, Bois de Boulogne Soccer tournament- feeder schools**** there was a conflict with the movie outing. A request was made if the date could be changed. Mr. Valerio Gazzola did not foresee any issues to changing it **to November 26th** to accommodate the movie date. Therefore the tournament will take place November 26th.
- Creative Minds: numerous activities, work study program, carte blanche IPLC , consent forms signed as activities arise, authorization of activities will be dealt with as they arise and submitted for approval.
- February 17th, Blue and Gold, second period teachers advised . Both MTJHS and Laval Jr. will be attend the showing.
- Bake sales will take place on the following dates during recess: Oct. 15th , 24th , 29th, and Nov. 5th. This is a math and French initiative; selling and communicating in French, cross curriculum hands on activity
- November 1st- MTJHS Bazaar Laval Jr. will be taking part as well, rental \$30.00 per table, letter has been drafted, 50 tables available, first come first serve , the items for sell will be specified, open to staff and parents. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to “Free the Children” charity.
Motion No.112: this motion is for all of the above mentioned field trips as well as fundraisers taking place as specified. Moved by Rose Huss and seconded by Orazio De Rosa
All in Favor

- **Salon de Livres de Montréal:** Wednesday, November 19th cost \$7.65 deducted from ALP fees
Students will be traveling by public transportation at their expense. Departure at 7:45 A.M. and return 4:00P.M.
Motion No. 113: moved by Chantal Pelletier and seconded by Rose Huss
All in Favor

8.3 New Rentals –Resolution***refer to #5 under business arising Motion No. 109

9. **Correspondence**-none

10. **Question period**

Mike Pizzola, commissioner, attending the meeting as public asked how the transition was going for the school in general regarding the restructuring. Ms.Chronopolous assured him that all was going well, there is always anxiety when anything like this takes place on behalf of teachers, parents or students but all in all it was been pretty smooth and credits her team for the support necessary with such a huge task on hand.

11. **Varia**

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12. **Date and time of next meeting:** Monday, November 10th , 2014@ 4:00 in the Library

Adjournment @ 5:08 moved by Rose Huss and Seconded Domenic Di Stefano

Motion No. 114: All in favor