



# Mother Teresa Junior High School

## *More Than Just a High School*

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### Governing Board

Meeting Held in the School Library

Monday, September 22, 2014 @4:00

**Present: Parents;** Mary Cataldo (chair), Johanne Dion, Chantal Pelletier (co-chair), Frank Tenneriello and Robert Bomba (PC Rep.) **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:** Orazio De Rosa and Annie Caruso (parents)  
**Principal:** Dena Chronopoulos  
**Vice-Principal:**  
**Guest :** Natasha Lupin (parent)

- 1. Call to order & verification of quorum:** The meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Mary Cataldo former chair. She welcomes everyone and asks the G.B. members for a brief introduction. Mary went on to thank staff/teachers & administrator for a successful start of the new school year. The transition went smoothly.  
*\*\*\* Some guidelines were outlined regarding the structure of future G.B. meetings;*  
\*Discussion at this table will be take place in a respectfully manner at all times  
\*Chair will determine if the conversation/issue is to be tabled if it exceeds the allotted time of 10-15 minutes per topic  
\*Please advise the Chair or Principal if you are not able to attend said meeting  
\* G.B. minutes will be provided to you prior to the meeting therefore, please take the time to read the minutes and come prepared if there are any corrections or modifications you can advise Chair or Principal via email or let secretary know at the meeting.  
\*Any in camera requests made and discussions that take place will be considered confidential and should not be repeated please respect the process  
\*Question period is only for public that attend meetings  
\*This is not the forum to discuss personal issues; the issues should be pertinent to discussion  
\* The internal rules will be distributed later in the evening
- 2. Elections:**
  - 2.1 Chairperson and Co-Chairperson**

**Motion No. 90** Roberto Bomba nominates *Mary Cataldo* as MTJHS chairperson seconded by Frank Teneriello **All in Favor (Acclamation)**

**Motion No. 91** Mary Cataldo nominates *Chantal Pelletier* as MTJHS co-chairperson seconded by Johanne Dion **All in Favor (Acclamation)**
  - 2.2 Treasurer/Secretary**

**\*\*no treasurer nominated**

**Motion No. 92** Domenic Di Stefano nominates *Angela Martorana* as recording secretary, seconded by Rose Huss **All in Favor**

## **2.3 Central Parent Committee Representative-*Robert Bomba***

## **2.4 Alternate Central Parent Committee Representative- *Frank Tenneriello***

### **3. Establishment of Future Governing Board meetings**

After discussion at the General Assembly and reiterated at G.B. meetings will be held at 4:00 P.M on first Tuesday or Wednesday of the month in the library. This was a decision that serves to facilitate the additional meeting of the \*Provisional Governing Board that would be taking place for the upcoming merger of the Junior High School for 2015/2016 calendar school year.

\*\*\*Dates and times of future G.B. meetings for 2014/2015;

Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

June TBD ( end of month after exams)

**Motion No. 93** motioned by Robert Bomba and seconded by Johanne Dion

**All in Favor**

### **4. Review and adoption of Governing Board internal Rules**

The document was distributed to the members of G.B. and members were instructed to read and bring forth any changes or modification they would like to see at our next meeting in October.

Conflict of Interest forms completed/signed collected at the end of meeting

### **5. Acceptance and Adoption of Agenda**

**Under New Business: Item 8 c)** Presentation of last year's Educational Project (MESA) and preparation of this year's project- **tabled to October G.B. meeting**

**Additions to Agenda- 8 e)** Mother Teresa Chapel, Under **Varia 10.** Cafeteria

**Adoption of the Agenda** with modification **Motion No. 94** Joanne Dion moves to adopt Agenda, seconded by Lia Maggiorino

### **6. Adoption of the Minutes from June Meeting:**

Not available, however it was end of year supper not much discussed except for one item. Tabled to October G.B.

### **7. Business arising from the minutes- none**

### **8. Reports:**

#### **8.1 Chairpersons Report:**

Mary Cataldo has no report but would like to convey that her goal is to work closely with the Administrator in a collaborative manner so to make this Governing Board as well informed and transparent so that results will be productive moving forward in a positive direction.

## 8.2 Principal's Report: included in package- highlights provided for some items

### Policies/Programs

#### **-Safety and Security**

- **ABAV Plan –revised 2014-2015 -**  
Included in your package please read and comeback with recommendations-tabled to October G.B.
- **Presentations to Sec. I and II-** October 6<sup>th</sup>-Digital awareness & Legalities ( Presenter: Officer Erik Gherity-Police Liaison)
- 40 % extra guidance counseling allocation for MTJHS
- CPR training- All staff certification in First Aid (Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>)  
Valid for 2/3 years
- Volunteer for sports team, reach out into community for Interested community members that would be willing to give of their time to promote sports in the school in any capacity
- Healthy Living initiative with school community
- October 20<sup>th</sup> presentation to support parents/children as young adolescents

### Pedagogy:

- **ELI Pilot Project (Engaged Learning Initiative)** promoting literacy and inclusion (Chrome books/supplies)
- Programs for 2015/2016 school calendar year will be discussed at the PGB table and information brought back to G.B. looking to improving existing programs, beneficial in the long term
- Tutorials will be made available to students at allotted times, availability distributed to students, support to students always a priority
- A Planning Room has been put in place for extra homework and/or organizational support in the means of offering extra support for those in need
- Young Entrepreneurial Grant- Leadership Program- monies raised thus far \$817.72-
- VCN unit projected to be reprogramed next month; this will be utilized as a tool for cross curriculum between departments

### Athletics:

- **\$3000.00 GRANT-** promoting Futsal with CSL-MTJHS Soccer Tournament
- **RCEQ agreement for the following;** Football, Volleyball, Ice Hockey, Basketball, Track and Field and Intramurals for the 4 Laval high schools participation will definitely be promoted

### Activities/Presentations;

- Terry Fox Walk-September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- Dance-MTJHS/LJHS- October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Talent Show 2014-2015
- SWSLB Operetta-opened to everyone, opportunity to be in the spot light

## 7.2 PC – Parent Delegate Report:

No report, first meeting for PC is Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

### 7.3 PPO : Johanne Dion, chairperson

Was very happy with the success of Comedy Night held last year, is looking into new ideas for fundraising. Johanne suggests sale of yogurt from Menchie's at lunch time, they are located at Centropolis and makes the location very convenient it is also a gluten free and dairy free product. The profits per standard size portion would be \$1.65. Administration to sit with chair of PPO and have further discussions and comeback to G.B.

### 7.4 Student Representative-Michael Capuano

- Preparations are underway for the Terry Fox walk on taking place Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>
- Student body is looking forward to the Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> dance that will take place for MTJHS and will be joined by LJHS. This is a wonderful way to start sharing experiences as we move closer to the merging of schools

## 9. New Business

### 9 a) Field Trips/Fundraising

- **September 16<sup>th</sup>-Abraska- Altiparc-ALP Sec. II**  
7:45 return to MTJHS at 3:00- yellow bus, cost \$40.00  
**Motion No. 95** moved by Irene Politis, seconded by Johanne Dion  
**All in Favor**
- **September 30<sup>th</sup>/End of May Brigades Culinaires**  
16 to 20 students, 25 sessions, once a week. .cost per student \$50.00  
**Motion No. 96** moved by Chantal Pelletier, seconded by Johanne Dion  
**All in Favor**
- **October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Cieau-Parc de la Riviere des Milles Iles-ALP Sec II**  
Departure 7 :30 A.M. to 3 :30 P.M. city transportation, cost of \$30.00 per student,  
**Motion No. 97** moved by Irene Politis, seconded y Nathalie Potier  
**All in Favor**
- **October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Jardin Botanique Biodome**  
Sec. I students, 7:30 A.M. to 2:00 yellow bus, cost per student \$30.00  
**Motion No. 98** moved by Johanne Dion, seconded Nathalie Potier  
**All in Favor**
- **November 3<sup>rd</sup>,2014 Radio Canada** television workshop and guided tour  
French Enriched Sec II, 7:45 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., yellow bus, \$30.00  
**Motion No. 99** moved by Irene Politis, seconded by Chantal Pelletier  
**All in Favor**
- **November 14<sup>th</sup> Montreal Guided Tour:** Discover Montreal Through Math, French and English (cross-curricular) Focus Sec. II (FR. EN. MATH)  
7:35 A.M returning 5:00 P.M. cost per student is \$10.00, transport (public \$7.00) and lunch covered by the students  
**Motion No. 100** moved by Lia Maggiorino, seconded by Nathlie Potier  
**All in Favor**
- **December 10<sup>th</sup>,Centaur Theatre "Chloe's Choice"**, ALP Sec. II leave school at 8:00 A.M. arrive at theatre at 9:30 followed by lunch in Old Montreal ,return for the 2:00 P.M. school buses, cost to student will be \$11.
- **January 19<sup>th</sup> Trois Rivieres-** Sec. II French Enriched, Cultural Visit and familiarize the students with Quebec Culture through theatre etc. 7:30 A.M. to 17:30 P.M  
Cost to student \$55.00  
**Motion No. 101** moved by Johanne Dion, seconded by Nathalie Potier

**All in Favor**

- **February 11<sup>th</sup>, Theatre de la Dame de Coeur**, French Sec. II ALP (optional)I and enriched, giant puppets workshop , yellow bus, cost per student \$35.

**Motion No. 102** moved by Irene Politis, seconded by Rose Huss

**All in Favor**

- **February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Arundel Science Centre**, French Science Sec. I and II (35 Students) , departure 7:30 A.M. Tuesday and leaving Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. cost is \$95.00 per student

**Motion No. 103** moved by Frank Tenneriello, seconded by Irene Politis

**All in Favor**

- **March 10<sup>th</sup>, Radio Canada** , television workshop and guided tour, French Sec. II APL 7:45 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., yellow buses, \$30.00

**Motion No. 104** moved by Nathalie Potier, seconded by Rose Huss

**All in Favor**

- 9 b) **Presentation of last year's Annual Report**-provided in the evening's package
- 9 c) **Presentation of last year's Educational Project (MESA) and preparation of this year's project.** This item was removed from agenda and tabled to the October agenda
- 9 d) **Presentation of ABAV plan-revised and updated in June**-Included in package, please read the document ready to discuss and pass at our next October G.B. meeting
- 9 e) **Mother Teresa Chapel –added to agenda by Domenic DiStefano**, would like to follow up last year's ongoing conversation regarding the status of the chapel and if any steps have been taken to preserve the landmark. Ms. Chronopoulos has this item as next month's project to be addressed. There are a few things on the table before an update can be given. Meeting with Mr. Dion, MR director as well as discussion regarding the entente de ville. Once these discussion have taken place she will come to the G.B. with a clearer update, and share information at that time

**10. Correspondence**-none

**11. Varia**

- Cafeteria- Johanne Dion  
Concerns were brought forth by Johanne regarding the cafeteria being "overcrowded" and the lines being long, intern making the lunchtime stressful and difficult for the students to have a proper lunch hour. However, it was brought to her attention by various members that, seeing this is the start of the year this is an usual occurrence, as things settle down, and more activities introduced the kids tend to disperse and it tends to rectify itself. The Sec. I students being new to the schedule, sometimes travel in groups and when ordering are surrounded by friends and the conclusion is that the lines are overcrowded. However, the administrator will follow up in the next month and report as it evolves during the school year.

- 12. Date and time of next meeting Tuesday , October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014@ 4:00 in the Library  
Reminder that the forms for the "Conflict of Interest" be completed and signed prior to leaving the meeting.

Adjournment @ 5:27 moved by Nathlie Potier and Seconded Domenic DiStefano

**Motion No. 105 All in favor**

