

**Pinewood Elementary School  
Governing Board Minutes  
2009-2010**

A regular meeting of the Pinewood Elementary Governing Board was held on November 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm at 412 Chemin des Anglais.

Member's Name	Present	Absent
André Gionet		
Brigit Laroque		
Dina Mariani		
Frank D'Onofrio		
Eric Bienvenue		
Luigia Graceffa		
Cathal Marlow		

Member's Name	Present	Absent
Beth Watson		
Linda Sabolo Mageau		
Angela Piacsek		
Fil Bonanno		
Marie Karamanoukian		
Merilinda Sandiford		

**Audience Members:** Michele Pizzola, Parent Commissioner and Diana Cimo

### **1. 0 Opening of Meeting**

André called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

### **2.0 Adoption/Addition of Proposed Agenda**

5. VII- December 2nd 10.V-Book Fair, VI-Vox Pop, VII-Dance-A Thon

18. Varia, I-Christmas Project, II-Patriotism

Beth motioned to adopt the agenda with additions. Motion seconded by Luigia. Motion carried. **155-20091110-01**

### **3.0 Adoption of Minutes**

Eric motioned to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2009 meeting. Motion seconded by Frank. 1 abstention. Motion carried unanimously. **155-20091110-02**

### **4.0 Question Period**

There were no questions.

### **5.0 Business Arising**

I. Election of Chairperson

Brigit resigned as chairperson; she is an employee of the board therefore cannot hold the position of chairperson on the GB.

Merilinda nominated Luigia. Luigia accepted. **155-20091110-03**

Merilinda nominated Frank as Vice-Chairperson. Frank accepted. **155-20091110-04**

## **6.0 New Business**

### **I. Approval of Field Trips and Activities**

Beth motioned that the kindergarten class attend a viewing of the Nutcracker at *Le Centre Pierre Pèladeau* on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the cost of \$23.00 per student. Motion seconded by Linda. Motion carried. **155-20091110-05**

### **II. Adoption of Educational Project**

Merilinda motioned to adopt the Educational Project as presented by André for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion seconded by Eric. 1 member abstained. Motion carried. **155-20091110-06**

### **III. Evaluation of Cafeteria Service**

Tabled to the next meeting.

### **IV. Subject-Time Allocation**

Discussion arose. André asked the members to look over documentation. The Subject-Time allocation will need to be adopted by December.

### **V. Approving the Approach for the Implementation of the Basic School Regulation**

André explained that PW follows the set up regulations of MELS quite closely.

Beth motioned to approve the approach to implementing of basic school regulations. Motion seconded by Dina. 1 member abstained. Motion carried. **155-20091110-07**

### **Vi. Consultation Enrichment & Adaptation of Program Studies**

Discussion arose about 3.0 in the document, inclusion. Eric asked how much it cost to include special need students into regular classroom. It was mentioned that MELS has tightened its procedures for assigning codes to students. PW teachers are focusing on intervening at the lower levels to try to alleviate the number of students needing support in the higher levels. The document will need to be adopted in January.

## **7.0 Tabled Items**

### **I. Homework and Wellness Program**

MELS has given the schools funds for the Homework Program. The teachers will have to signal which students are need of assistance. A report of last year's program was distributed. The budget for this year is \$13611.00. The program will run over 25 weeks and consists of four components: homework-packing program, homework assistance program, study skills workshops and parent workshops. Marie motioned to approve the Homework Assistance Program as presented by André for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion seconded by Merilinda. Motion carried. **155-20091110-08**

MELS has allocated \$1620.00 towards the Wellness Program. André presented the GB members with a proposition to use the Dynamix Group's *Cooperation and Play* program as well as *Recess Success*. After discussion, Marie motioned that the Wellness Program allocation be used to have the Dynamix Group come into our school and implement the *Recess Success* program with our Cycle 3 students. Motion seconded by Frank. Motion carried.

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## **8.0 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

## **9.0 Principal's Report**

### **I. Minutes of Meetings**

Minutes of meetings need to be sent to Marie-Claude Drouin.

### **II. Homework Policy**

The policy is included in the parent handbook.

### **III. Functions and Powers of Governing Board**

Dina was given the documentation.

### **IV. Babysitting Course**

André presented an offer from a Red Cross certified organization to give our students aged 12 years and older a first aid course.

### **V. Book Fair**

André presented the GB members the report from the book fair. The sales totaled \$5113.50. It was suggested that the parents who come to register their children to kindergarten should be invited to our fair in spring.

### **VI. Vox Pop**

There will be a university student coming to our school to interview parents, and find out why our parents have chosen to send their children to English school.

### **VII. Dance-A-Thon**

Christine, Emily and Candy are holding a Dance-A-Thon to raise money to buy instruments and gym equipment.

## **10.0 Question Period**

There were no questions.

## **11.0 Day Care Report**

Marie told the GB members that the field trip on October 9<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to the rain. The students went bowling instead. Children had fun. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, the students visited the Botanical Gardens. This field trip was a great success. November 20<sup>th</sup> will be a PJ day and bowling day. LA Design will be hosting a craft day for the day care students in November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **12.0 Parent Rep Report**

Cathal told the GB members that there was discussion about the accelerated learning program that is being offered at one of the Laval high schools. He also asked if André would extend an invitation to parents of special needs students to sit on the SEAC committee.

Marie motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Motion seconded by Eric. Motion carried.

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## **13.0 Community Rep Report**

André welcomed Constance Gallagher, and thanked her for accepting the invitation to sit on the PWGB for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Duval will be invited to sit as the GB's second community representative.

## **14.0 Teachers' Report**

- Floor hockey with Miss Christine every Tuesday at lunch
- Chess club with Mr. Angelo every Wednesday at lunch
- Knitting club every Fridays at lunch with Miss Elaine. Scarves will be donated.

## **15.0 P.P.O. Report**

- Next Pizza day will be November 26
- Chocolates not all accounted for yet
- Halloween BBQ went very well. P.P.O. would like to thank Marie for her help, and Miss Candy
- Preparations have begun for the MILK AND COOKIES WITH SANTA

## **16.0 Treasurer's Report**

There was nothing to report.

## **17.0 Varia**

### **I. Christmas Project**

Marie motioned that Marie collect \$1.00 per student to be able to reduce her cost for the Christmas project for E41. Motion seconded by Linda. Motion carried.

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## II. Patriotism

Discussion arose ob the benefits of having our students sing the national anthem at school, perhaps even on a daily basis. Cathal motioned that the singing of the Canadian national anthem be integrated in the students school day. Motion seconded by Marie. One member abstained. Motion carried. **155-20091110-12**

### **18.0 Meeting Dates**

The next meeting will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **19.0 Adjournment**

Eric motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm. **155-20091110-13**

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Principal's Signature

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Date

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Chairperson's Signature

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