



Members of GSS GOVERNING BOARD are hereby convened to a regular meeting on **February 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. by ZOOM**

MINUTES

Present

Lianne Poirier	GB Chair
Valerie Forde	Principal
Kim Rae	Support Staff
Angelique Lerocque	Support Staff
Ingrid D'Andrade	Daycare
Shuchi Verma	Parent
Sabina Fava	Parent
Marlon Kustec	Parent
Debra Taylor	Teacher
Catherine Donovan (Parent Rep Alt)	Parent
Julie Humphrey	Teacher
Louise Castonguay	Parent

Regrets

Ahsan Haque (PARENT REP)	Parent
Daniella Galarce	Parent
Sarah Di Milo	Teacher
Nathalie Boisclair	Teacher
Natalie DonFrancesco	Parent
Lindsay Morgan	Community Rep.

(1) CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:40

(2) VERIFICATION OF QUORUM: Reached.

(3) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: *Proposed by Marlon K., seconded by Kimberly R. All in favor.*

(4) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: January 13, 2021

- *Proposed by Sara D., seconded by Julie H. All in favor.*

(5) REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

a) **Parent Committee Delegate:** n/a

b) **PPO Representative:** Staff Appreciation Events were well received: Working on fundraising, fun days, and activity days.

c) **Daycare Representative:** Preparing for next 2 PED days in March. Things are going smoothly.

- d) **Teacher Representatives:** Report cards have gone out. March break is coming. School yard is full of ice so the kids have been playing outside less. Gravel has been put down as well as salt, the temperature is not accommodating.
- e) **Principal's Report:** Confirmation that the CO2 readers have been installed in the classrooms. We had an Author presentation for Black History Month. Many online workshops have been presented to the kids. Children will be able to be mask free in their classes as of March 7th, 2022. We have many student teachers in place.

(7) OLD BUSINESS: Mini Soccer Field – P.O. – SYN X Experts en Surfaces: As per the grant received at the beginning of the year, this project is moving forward. Quotes have been done and SYN X has been selected. To be installed in one of our yards. Approximately 51 000\$ project. Installation of a playground in the Kindergarten yard in the spring. Punching bag structures will be installed as well.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Collectinfo – mesures – resolution required:** Wellness Fund shared with the Daycare and cooking workshops. (7154\$). They are also used to provide snacks and lunches for children. Supporting Learning (Tutors) working with the students in both French and English (15 000\$ approx.). Children's Literature for the library. Furniture to be purchased for a young corner. Exemption asked for the Cultural Funds as we can't travel, we are having people with online activities as well as in house activities. Vibrant, Animated and Secure school yard, looking to build a fence around the new turf field. 46 565.11 \$ total for all protected measure.
Proposed by Sabrina F., seconded by Ingrid D. All in favor.
- b) **School's Educational Project:** We would like to improve ELA / FSL by inputting additional resources. A new resource teacher was just hired as an SLP position was never hired. The funds were redirected to hire a resource teacher. To help with reducing anxiety and stress with the children, we are bringing in resources to help. A speaker (Aisha Robinson) who has been faced with quite a bit of adversity herself will be coming to GSS to speak with Grades 4-6. Kind kids for Kindergarten through Grade 2. Sense of belonging and the school culture (diversity, inclusiveness, intentional actions). We are building a leadership by students (student council) to help voice the students and have them develop leadership and belonging in the school.
- c) **School Organization – Staffing for 2022-2023:** 19 classes so far, the registrations process in ongoing and it will vary.
- d) **Welcome to Kindergarten Family Orientation: June 16, 2022**
- e) **HPV Vaccinations – March 15, 2022:** Five volunteers needed. We will reach out to parents.

- f) **Donation from HOME Depot:** We are building a LEGO wall in the school with the donation from HOME Depot.

(8) VARIA:

- d) Parent Rep Alternative: Catherine Donovan to be the parent representative alternative.
Proposed by Sabina F., seconded by Kimberly R. All in favor.

(9) Public Questions: n/a

(10) CORRESPONDENCE: Criteria to select a principal was sent by email.

(11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING: March meeting tabled to April 7, 2022

(12) ADJOURNMENT: 7:26

L. Poirier, Chair Person

V. Forde, Principal