



**Harold Napper School
Governing Board Minutes
Wednesday November 16, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Laila Prud'homme
- Julie Dawson
- Andrea Lagacé Desautels
- Krista Rahn
- Candice Valentine
- Sarib (Mani) Shaikh
- Sana Diwan
- Richard Rousseau
- Marjorie Beaulieu
- Connie Fernandes
- Francine Couture
- Steve Belanger
- Valerie Ford
- Marie-Josée Broudehoux
- Tina Del Vecchio
- Natasha Laliberté (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH REGRET

- Christina Fanara
- Karolyn Vear

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- Julie Guerin
- Nick Moraitis
- Meztly Abrego
- Santana Maimone

1. Call to order and welcome.

Harold Napper Governing Board Chair, Laila Prud'homme, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

IT WAS MOVED BY Richard Rousseau and **SECONDED BY** Connie Fernandes that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the minutes from October 19, 2022

IT WAS MOVED BY Sana Diwan and **SECONDED BY** Mani Shaikh that the minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the previous minutes

4.1. Introduction of new community representative

Tina Del Vecchio accepted to be the community representative for the Harold Napper Governing Board for the 2022-2023 school year.

Tina Del Vecchio has worked for Les Activités Préscolaires de Brossard for the past twenty-two years. She has been the president of CPA Brossard Skating club for thirteen years. Tina is also part of the Committee de Mobilité Durable here in Brossard.

A community representative is appointed to the governing board for a one-year term. Their roles are to represent the community.

5. New Business

5.1. Governing Board Training Sessions

A Governing Board training session have been scheduled for Nov 29, 2022, 7-10 p.m. If anyone wants to attend, they must reach out to Corrine. At this time no members are interested in attending the training session, however, documents were sent out to the Governing Board members to review and bring forth any questions.

5.2. Public Consultations

Two documents are currently in consultation: Policy on the Enrolment Criteria for Registration and the Policy on the Purchasing of Goods and Services. Deadline for comments is Deadline Dec 5, 2022.

5.3. Parent Drop Off Update

The city of Brossard has responded to Mervin and Wendy's request from last year. Ms. Ford has requested a face-to-face meeting to have a walk around and walk through of the school with the city. This recommendation has been approved. Furthermore, signalizations have been approved.

U turns in front of the school are a major concern. Cars are continuing to drive past the buses while they have their signals on. This is also a major concern.

Concern for limitations regarding student drop offs has been expressed. Discussion about possible solutions has occurred. Arising from the discussion was that a clear drop off point needs to be indicated.

A crossing guard should be on both sides of the street. According to Tina, members of the department of the Committee de Mobilité Durable says that there are not enough people crossing near the bike path to have a crossing guard there. The members of the Governing Board disagree.

The school and the town are still looking for a long-term and short-term solution for parent drop off.

A short-term solution was discussed, which is to use the skating arena parking lot across the street. This will allow for cars to turn around safely and allow for more cars to park closer to the school for drop off. The possibility of having a crossing guard there to help children to the school was had.

More to come on safe parent drop off.

5.4. Revised Budget

Valerie presented the Revised budget for the 2022-2023 School Year.

First plan is to spend the Measures and money allocated to the school. All monies are spent using guidelines that are provided to the school.

Measure monies will be shared with staff so they can plan activities and outings accordingly to be able to spend the monies given.

IT WAS MOVED BY Steve Belanger and **SECONDED BY** Sana Diwan that the revised budget be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5.5. HN 2021-2022 Educational Project Annual Report

Valerie presented the 2021-2022 Educational Project Annual Report for the 2022-2023 School Year.

Overview of the Educational Project has focussed on student language proficiency. Details have been provided in the Educational Report presented by Valerie.

One area of concern was the results of feeling safe at school. Only 53% of the Grades 4, 5, and 6 reported feeling safe at school.

We will circle back with an update around implemented ideas to help increase this number. We will revisit this in January/February to see what has been done.

IT WAS MOVED BY Natasha Laliberté and **SECONDED BY** Richard Rousseau that the 2021-2022 Educational project Annual Report be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5.6. 2022-2023 HN ABAV Plan

Valerie presented the 2022-2023 HN ABAV plan.

The plan is to be focusing on all the positive that is happening within the school.

In the report, the school is addressing the issue of students feeling safe of school.

Key questions to discuss will be What is bullying? What does it mean?

The school's priority will focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The document focusses on prevention violence and bullying.

IT WAS MOVED BY Julie Dawson and **SECONDED BY** Marjorie Beaulieu that the 2022-2023 HN ABAV plan be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5.7. Sexuality and Health Education

Mme. Marie Josee Broudehoux presented the 2022-2023 HN Sexuality and Health Education plan.

The topics are assigned based on grade level by the Ministry of Education. The teachers have the freedom to decide at what time of the year they will teach it.

IT WAS MOVED BY Krista Rahn and **SECONDED BY** Natasha Laliberté that the Sexuality and Health Education plan be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

5.8. Criteria Principal Guidelines

Tabled to December Meeting

5.9. Field Trips

Mme. Broudehoux presented the upcoming field trips.

Culture en École Measure will be covering many outings. We also have the Artist Inspire Measure which will cover outings related to the arts.

Autochtones Measure will cover the visit of an Indigenous storyteller and Pow Wow drummer on December 2nd.

5.10. Governing Board Approval of PPO Expenses, etc... (Appendix A)

The following Email vote approvals were ratified:

1. 2022 Corn roast \$625.
2. Athletic Academy Inc \$3,500

IT WAS MOVED BY Julie Dawson and **SECONDED BY** Krista Rahn that these email approvals be ratified.

CARRIED

HN Fundraising Soirée (formerly known as Spaghetti Dinner). After a 2-year covid-induced hiatus the PPO would love to bring back this HN staple! This would be our main fundraising event of the year. Proposed Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023 or Saturday April 1, 2023.→ Value of the request: \$5,000.

IT WAS MOVED BY Connie Fernandes and **SECONDED BY** Candice Valentine that HN Fundraising Soirée for \$5000 be approved.

CARRIED

Holiday Fundraiser: Baking Spirits Bright. In partnership with Delectable Delights for a second year, the PPO will extend a holiday offer that includes delicious Christmas and Hanukkah cupcakes and cookies. HN and the PPO will not assume any financial risk as there is no order minimum. Proposed date: Monday, November 21 to Friday, December 2, 2022. Proposed order deadline: Friday

December 2, 2022. Delivery Dates: Friday, December 16th as well as Wednesday, December 21st.

IT WAS MOVED BY Andrea Lagacé Desautels and **SECONDED BY** Natasha Laliberté that Holiday Fundraiser event be approved.

CARRIED

Super Recyclers at HN. An eco-friendly initiative that will clean closets and raise money for our school! The goal of this event is to raise awareness and reduce over consumption, while raising money for PPO-funded events, activities, and classroom supplies. Proposed Date: Saturday, April 22, 2022 (Earth Day).

IT WAS MOVED BY Krista Rahn and **SECONDED BY** Marjorie Beaulieu that the Supe Recyclers fundraiser be approved.

CARRIED

Ms. Leigh: Acrylic paint and acrylic markers. As part of a legacy project, grade 6 students are painting steppingstones that will circle around the flagpole garden. → Value of the request: \$185 (Dollarama & Michaels).

IT WAS MOVED BY Steve Belanger and **SECONDED BY** Andrea Lagacé Desautels that Ms. Leigh's Acrylic paint and acrylic markers for \$185 be approved.

CARRIED

Ms. Tuner: Guitar and bass cables (a total of 12). These cables would be used for music class with Grade 6 students to learn bass and electric guitar. A student mentorship program has also been proposed. → Value of the request: \$296.64 (Steve's Music).

IT WAS MOVED BY Richard Rousseau and **SECONDED BY** Steve Belanger that Ms. Tuner's Guitar and bass cables for \$296.64 be approved.

CARRIED

Ms. Elissa: Wooden DIY ornaments to decorate for Christmas. → Value of the request: \$35 (Michaels).

IT WAS MOVED BY Richard Rousseau and **SECONDED BY** Mani Shaikh that Ms. Elissa's: Wooden DIY ornaments for \$35 be approved.

CARRIED

6. Reports:

6.1. Chairperson's and Parent Rep. Reports

Andrea presented the information shared during the PC Meeting November 7th, 2022. Next meeting is virtual.

6.2. Administration Report

Halloween: Thanks to the PPO for pumpkin/door decorating contests and all of those treat bags. We were able to reward 4 classes.

Remembrance Day: Remembrance Day was held in the gym for grade 3-6 students. The ceremony involved student presentations. We welcomed Veteran Col. Ken Lavergne and Chaplain Padre Rici Be (who happens to be a HN parent). Our distinguished guests were kind enough to visit all the K and cycle 1 classes.

Kindness Club: The club meets regularly and presents messages over the PA system to encourage and inspire acts of kindness.

3Rs Assembly: Scheduled 3 R assembly on Nov. 15th and Nov. 18th. Students have responded positively to the assemblies and recognition of their peers.

CRHS Outreach Visits: CRHS Outreach mentors visit and organize activities for approximately 30 grade 5 and 6 students. Ms. Calderisi is our liaison person for this program.

Presentations:

Aiesha Robinson – Born to Rise – self acceptance and anti-bullying gr. 4-6

Longueuil Police – cycle 3 Cyberbullying, Social media security

Epique – Kind Kids – 8 workshops have been scheduled for K5 – cycle 1 (English classes).

Awaiting feedback about offering the session Les enfants gentils.

Graduation Committee: The grade 6 teachers are planning the graduation events and have request parent participation. Survey sent to parents about taking part in graduation activities. The events being requested is a Movie Night, Fundraiser to support the purchase of graduation hoodies to be worn throughout the school year, Grad Day decorating.

CRHS Senior Play: Cycle 3 Students attended the CRHS senior play today.

COVID-19 Rapid Tests: The Ministry informed the schools that we no longer need to submit the number of rapid tests done at our school

Submitted a request for a Meeting with the city of Brossard. Requested a meeting to follow up on requests made by Mr. Hunter: Four main points:

1. We requested that the city place “no U-turn” signs in front of the school. We were told by the city that they only put these at intersections and not in the middle of the street as it poses complications of enforcement.
2. We requested that they create raised cross walks to make them more visible for cars and to help reduce speed. The city felt this was not ideal despite them knowing several communities do this because they were concerned for emergency vehicles.
3. We asked if they would be open to working with our school board when the

renovations begin to our building to modify Baffin street to improve circulation and the safety of our students by creating a débarcadère (special fenced off bus drop-off zone). They said they were always open to discussions, but they would not assume any costs and they questioned whether it was possible due to the city lights and the mature trees in front of our building

4. Finally, we asked them to modify the no parking signs in front of our school to include no parking specific times (school bus times). The city officials thought that request was reasonable and will take it into consideration

Dental Hygienist: Visits from the dental hygienists went very well with grade 2 students. In 3 days we were able to apply 22 dental sealants, for a total of 91 sealed teeth 😊!

Harold Napper School Library: Our school library is open and classes are scheduled on a weekly basis. Magali has provided an orientation our volunteers.

Tutoring: Plans are under way to offering to students after school.

6.3. PPO Report

PPO budget was shared prior to the meeting.

6.4. Daycare Report

None

6.5. Teacher's Report

Report cards are done!
Parent teacher interviews will be next week.

6.6. Support Staff Report

Steve Belanger had 3 stagiaires, this experience went well.
These are students from Champlain College who are in school to be préposés or behavior technicians.

6.7. Other Reports

None

7. Correspondence

From Chinese School of Brossard for winter camp. Their winter camp is in response to parents who need somewhere for their children to have an educational winter break because many parents work and do not know what to do with them during the break. It is a multi-language camp - English, French and Mandarin and Maths to enhance their skills. In the afternoon they will be having other activities like swimming, making snowman (if sufficient snow) skating , cooking and science experiments. In addition they also offer

tutorials for children who need help to reinforce their skills too. They would like HN to publicize them.

Tabled

8. Varia

None

9. Public Question Period – 10 minutes max.

Meztly Abrego - confirming fundraising at the HN Soirée. More information to come

10. Closing of the meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY Krista Rahn and **SECONDED BY** Sana Diwan that the meeting be adjourned at 9:02 PM.

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by:

Laila Prud'homme
Chair

Candice Valentine
Secretary

Next meeting: December 14, 2022