



**Harold Napper School
Governing Board Minutes
Wednesday March 15, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Laila Prud'homme
- Christina Fanara
- Julie Dawson
- Andrea Lagacé Desautels
- Candice Valentine
- Krista Rahn
- Sana Diwan
- Richard Rousseau
- Karolyn Vear
- Marjorie Beaulieu
- Francine Couture
- Steve Belanger
- Valerie Forde
- Marie-Josée Broudehoux
- Natasha Laliberte

MEMBERS ABSENT WITH REGRET

- Sarib (Mani) Shaikh
- Connie Fernandes

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- Julie Guerin ?

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** Krista Rahn and **SECONDED BY** Richard Rousseau that the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the minutes from Feb. 15, 2023

- **IT WAS MOVED BY** Karolyn Vear and **SECONDED BY** Marjorie Beaulieu that the February minutes be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the previous minutes

4.1. Cafeteria Services

An email went out to the community for interested parties who would like to take over Christina's Cafeteria Service. Administration will be meeting with the four interested parties to start the decision process. Christina will be involved in the process.

We will touch base again next month.

4.2. “Our School” Survey Follow Up

In the fall we looked at the results of the school survey. Administration went into the grade 5 classes, as there is where they saw the most concerning results. An in-house survey was given to the grade 5 students to get a closer look at what makes the students feel unsafe.

Lunch activities started, which encouraged a lot of self belonging.

Richard Naidoo, with the administration, will be continuing the online surveys for the students.

Administration will be entering the classes and explaining to the students why they are doing the survey and talking about some of the questions with the students. Also showing the students that their answers matter.

Administration and teachers will be creating focus groups with the students to analyse the results of the survey.

The school is also trying to create an open-ended question with regards to why there is a great deal of anxiety. This open-ended question will allow for the students to have their voices heard and encourage them to make their voices heard.

Thoughts of possibly sending a letter home informing parents about the upcoming survey. This could encourage a conversation at home.

5. New Business

5.1. Consultation | Policy on the Evaluation of the Performance of the Director General and Policy on the Composition of Governing Boards

Documents were sent. No comments at this time.

5.2. Research Project - Concordia University

For this survey, participation from Grade 3 teachers was requested. Two grade 3 teachers were interested in participating. The researchers will be coming in and meeting with the teachers first. Once teachers will be on board, a letter will be sent home to the parents asking permission for their child to participate. Only the children who have permission to participate will be involved in the research. They will be focussing on the use of visuals for Math, specifically fractions. Students will meet with the researcher one at a time and will be filmed as they work through different math equations. The researchers will be meeting with the students in the office, adjacent to Ms. Ford’s office.

IT WAS MOVED BY Sana Diwan and **SECONDED BY** Steve Belanger that the Concordia University Research Project take place at Harold Napper.

CARRIED

5.3. “Visits with Milo”

Ms. Connie Fernandes will be bringing in her dog, Milo, as pet therapy to help students work through anxious behaviours.

Two classes met with Milo. He was very well received. The students were very excited to meet him.

Milo is very calm and quiet. He meets all the criteria for a therapy dog.

No child will be put in an uncomfortable position. Children are not required to meet with him.

Ideally, Milo will have his own area where students can come visit him.

5.4. Contract with Green Apple photography

Admin met with this company. Their prices were competitive. They offer a lot of services.

Questions were raised about the various poses suggested by the company.

IT WAS MOVED BY Andrea Lagacé Desautels and **SECONDED BY** Karolyn Vear that Green Apple Photograph be approved for next year.

CARRIED

5.5. Field trips

An updated field trip list was presented via email. Mme Marie-Josée Broudehous provided more details about the upcoming field trips.

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

IT WAS MOVED BY Christina Fanara and **SECONDED BY** Richard Rousseau that the amount of 350.00\$ go towards the Chick Hatching project.

CARRIED

Ice Cream for Breakfast Fundraiser

Coaticook ice-cream will be donating ice cream for a Make a Wish foundation fundraiser. Students will be asked to donate 2\$ to be able to have ice cream for breakfast. 100% of the money raised will go directly to Make a Wish. A link will be provided to parents if they would like to make a larger donation. Any amounts over 20\$ will received a tax receipt.

IT WAS MOVED BY Steve Belanger and **SECONDED BY** Julie Dawson that the Ice cream for breakfast for make a wish foundation be approved

CARRIED

6. Reports:

6.1. Chairperson’s and Parent Rep. Reports

A Parent Rep. report was shared via email before the meeting. Both Krista Rahn and Andrea Lagacé Desautels spoke towards the notes.

6.2. Administration Report

An administration report was presented by via email.

Highlights:

Two of our grade 6 classes will be visiting city hall with Ms Doreen Assad.

Harold Napper students will be performing at the upcoming council meeting.

Staffing meeting has started. It is a changing process. The numbers are going up.

Reading week will be starting.

19 cooking workshops will be coming up.

Cycle 3 will be visiting Centennial for their Jr. Play

Blanket activity

Exams are coming up

Flags are at half mass as of March 12th to remember the start for the 2020 pandemic and those we lost during the pandemic.

Movie night was a huge success. 3600.00\$ was made.

Class Neige, grade 6 field trip was a success.

6.3. PPO Report

Harold Napper's Soiree Fundraiser is coming up April 1st.

Still actively looking for donations for the silent auction

6.4. Daycare Report

A report was sent via email before the meeting

6.5. Teacher's Report

K4 and K5 went to the Longueuil Theatre

Mme Elissa wants to thank the PPO and GB for the kindness tree

A student in Mme Piche's class invented a chess game of 4 players!

A thank you to the sketch club parent volunteers.

A big thank you to the library volunteers.

6.6. Support Staff Report

Starting March 20th, Mr. Steve Belanger will have a stagiaire for 6 weeks.

A workshop was presented on how to use TEAMS

6.7. Other Reports

None

7. Correspondence

The SSEF account balance is at approx. 6000\$

A thank you to Mr. Steve who painted the staff room to make it fresh.

Mr. Steve was invited to be a guest speaker at the RAC program at Champlain college.

8. Varia

Nothing to present

9. Public Question Period – 10 minutes max.

None

10. Closing of the meeting

IT WAS MOVED BY Francine Couture and **SECONDED BY** Julie Dawson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:41 pm.

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted by:

Laila Prud'homme
Chair

Candice Valentine
Secretary

Next meeting: April 19, 2023