



Harold Napper School Governing Board Meeting Wednesday January 17th, 2024

Members present:

- Laila Prud'homme
- Natasha Laliberté
- Catherine Greven
- Andrea Lagacé Desautels
- Asma Qureshi
- Valerie Forde
- Krista Rahn
- Candice Valentine
- Nick Moraitis
- Steve Belanger
- Leigh Bulmer
- Brigitte Piche
- Steve Venne
- Francine Couture
- Connie Fernandes
- Michael Pestemalgcil

Members Absent with regret:

- Stacy Pinho
- Marie-Josée Broudehoux
- Tina del Vechio

Agenda

1. Call to order and welcome.

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

2. Adoption of the agenda

Motioned by Connie Fernandes and seconded by Krista Rahn for the agenda to be approved.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the minutes from June 14, 2023

Motioned By Krista Rahn and seconded by Nick Moraitis for approval of the meeting minutes from November 16th, 2023.

CARRIED

4. Business arising from the previous minutes

None

5. New Business

5.1. Governing board members update

Dimitra Christou and Sana Diwan had to step down from the board. Micheal Pestemalgicil and Leigh Bulmer have replaced the positions.

5.2. Educational Project 2023-2027 (standing item)

Presented by Valerie Forde.

- Conversation among school team and feedback from community. This is an issue throughout the province of Quebec. The English program seems to be struggling. Target in 2027 is to increase language proficiency. It's still in the exploration phase but would start with KG,
- Teachers meeting with French consultant.
- A team is working with mr. Stadnyk for a promotional video.

5.3. Desirable Criteria in the Selection of a Principal

In Camera. Presented by Laila Prud'homme. No changes requested.

Motioned by Andrea Lagacé Desautels and seconded by Natasha Laliberté.

CARRIED

5.4. Subject Time Allocation (2024-2025)

Presented by Valerie Forde.

- KG is an exception to this as per Ministry and not included on this report but has been added at school's discretion. KG is not a prescribed program because the curriculum is play based.
- No changes requested this year in either stream.

Motion to approve English Steam STA by Steve Venne and seconded by Micheal Pestemalgicil

CARRIED

Motion to approved Immersion stream STA by Nick Moraitis and seconded by Natasha Laliberté

CARRIED

5.5. Ministry's request for a Remedial Back to school plan

Presented by Valerie Forde

- The ministry is also giving schools funding for tutoring. Teachers are sending names of students who would benefit from tutoring. Teachers will be hired for tutoring after school.

5.6. Potential change to date of Term 2 report cards

Presented by Valerie Forde

- The commissioners have agreed to have the term finish on the 1st of March. Due to the days lost, the term has been extended and report cards will be issued on the 22nd of March. This will allow teachers to have parent teacher meetings between the 18th and 28th of March.

5.7. Change of the weighing of the grade 6 exams

Presented by Valerie Forde

- Ministry exams will count for 10%.

5.8. Promotion of the English Kindergarten program with an emphasis on French Second Language and Robotics

Discussed in point 5.2

5.9. Feedback for 2024-25 School Calendar & 2025-26 Skeleton calendar

- The board is asking for open feedback from each group so they can have a picture of what is needed.
- School staff council would accommodate ped days in May and June.
- Harold Napper GB would like to move the ped day scheduled for Wednesday 6th of November 2024 to a Monday or Friday to reduce the disruption cause by a mid-week ped day to parents and students.

5.10. Field trips

Presented by Valerie Forde

- New field trip in February for grades 5 and 6. Cross country skiing in Boucherville.
- In school play
- In house activity for KG classes.
- Friday some workshops with miss Turner.
- Montreal steppers will be coming on the 26th of January to present to the whole school.
- Received one time grant by Artists Inspire.
- Applied for grant to bring more indigenous culture in school and approved. Trying to confirm a throat singer.
- Babysitter class is starting.

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

1. Ratification of the following email votes to be added to the minutes.
 - 2023-2024 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan (ABAV)
 - HN Cares: HN Christmas Baskets Annual request to help families in need. Value of the original request: \$500. UPDATED NEEDS: An additional amount of: \$1,000
 - Student Enrichment: Babysitting & CPR classes for 6th graders Provide an opportunity to interested students to participate in these high value, Red Cross certified training sessions. Value of the request: \$1,815
 - Nomination of Catherine as the authorized representative with the Régie des alcools.

Motioned to approve by Krista Rahn and seconded by Nick Moraitis

CARRIED

2. Anne Isabelle Matte: Purchase new long-lasting toys to replace some of her classroom collection that is no longer usable by the students. Value of the request: \$200

Motion to approve by Francine Couture and seconded by Connie Fernandes.

CARRIED

6. Reports:

6.1. Chairperson's and Parent Rep. Reports

Presented by Catherine Greven.

- December 4th meeting:
 - o Discussion about what unqualified teachers means in regards to hiring in schools. They have the education in teaching but don't have a brevet under the ministry to qualify them to teach.
 - o They want to do health and wellness workshops for parents teachers and students. The topics that are being considered are stress & anxiety, screen time and vaping. They asked us to pick the topic we would prefer. Agreed on stress & anxiety as the topic submitted HN GB.
 - o They're looking into a school board wide messenger or app so during times of emergency, everyone gets the same notification. Kind of like what the EMSB has.
 - o There are bursaries approved for grade 6 grads.
- January 8th meeting
 - o Special guest will be giving a workshop focused for parents and teachers on stress and anxiety.
 - o Transportation. Finally had first meeting and looking at rolling out a bus pass for students. Tania from transportation will be coming in to meet with each school. Each bus driver will have an iPad and child will tap in to make sure they are on the right bus. And that will also allow parents to keep track of the route.
 - o There's a national survey for parents well being and how they were impacted during the strike. Deadline to submit is January 30th. Valerie will look into sending it out to parents on the mailing list.

6.2. Administration Report

Presented by Valerie Forde

- We were having a hard time finding volunteers to run activities. Had a parent propose a company called Educ-Action. This company offers music, dance, science, math and coding. Looking into science and art programs like similar to what was done in the past.
- In the spring, looking into bringing in École de Soccer. It will be an after-school program aimed at the younger grades because the school teams are for the higher grades.

6.3. PPO Report

None

6.4. Daycare Report

None

6.5. Teacher's Report

Presented by Brigitte Piche

- There was a fieldtrip in December for the 5th graders at the Montreal Science Center, which included the exhibitions and imax.
- Ms. Jutras booked, for several grades, BD workshops with Tristan Demers (Gargouilles)

Presented by Steve Venne.

- In collaboration with Valerie and Marie-Josée, Mr. Steve has been working on a project for the public.
- It will be Harold Napper merchandise for reasonable prices. The board agreed that the intention will not be to fundraise but to build a sense of belonging.

Motion to extend meeting by 10 minutes by Francine Couture and seconded by Catherine Greven.

CARRIED

6.6. Support Staff Report

None

6.7. Other Reports

None

7. Correspondence

None

8. Varia

None

9. Public Question Period – 10 minutes max.

None

10. Closing of the meeting

Motioned by Leigh Bulmer and seconded by Krista Rahn that the meeting be adjourned at 9:10pm

CARRIED