



**Minutes
Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 16th, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Nicole Carrière (Principal)	Theresa Gagnon	Jasmine Chouinard
Nathanaël Lortie (Chairperson)	Émily Adam-Gauthier	Marc Ghilarducci
Catherine Bouchard (Vice-Chairperson)	Nathalie Ouellette	Matt Johnson
Dave Fowlis (Community Member)	Nicole Riley	Norm Marsh
		April Spingle
		John Therrian

Regrets: Vivienne Galanis, Frank McGregor

Secretary Duties: Matt Johnson

1. Call to Order: Call to Order: Nathanaël Lortie calls the meeting to order with quorum at 7:00pm.
2. Approval of Minutes of Nov. 26th
Catherine Bouchard moves the approval of the November 26th 2018 Governing Board minutes.

Carried unanimously.
3. Approval of Agenda
April Spingle moves the approval of the agenda.

Carried unanimously.
4. Question Period – No Questions
5. Business Arising – No Business Arising
6. New Business
 - 6.1 Sex Education
Nicole Carrière speaks to the roles and responsibilities portion of the document titled Sexuality Education. She explains that the ministry has done a good job laying out the new curriculum. This new curriculum was created in partnership between the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. Each grade level will have one to five hours of instruction per year. Nicole Carrière speaks to the second document titled Themes and Learning Competencies, specifically the sexual assault item, and highlights the fact that there are statistics that show that young,

elementary age people are being sexually assaulted. The Principal informs the Governing Board that the curriculum does not cover unnecessary detail but does explain that children need to tell someone if they feel uncomfortable. Nicole Carrière explains that the school has purchased a kit that enables and guides teachers through the application of this new curriculum. She explains that once the administration and teaching staff is ready the approval of the use of the kit would be brought to Governing Board for discussion. The only two situations where students may be exempt from this new instruction would be with a written letter saying that the child has experienced a psychological traumatic experience that relates to the content; or if the instruction infringes on a child's right as highlighted in the Quebec Charter of Rights and Freedoms

7. Approvals

7.1 Nathalie Ouellette moves the approval of a grade six outing to the Lennoxville Vocational Education Centre on Wednesday, January 23 2019. No cost to students.

Carried unanimously.

7.2 Nicole Riley moves the approval of a grade six outing to the Expo-Science at the University of Sherbrooke on Friday, March 22 2019. No cost to students.

Carried unanimously.

8. Reports

8.1 Principal: Nicole Carrière explains that the survey has been completed and generally teachers like the idea of having a detention room. The next step is to go through the current incident report and determine what qualifies as a detention. Safe School committee will put together a proposal that will come back to the staff and Governing Board for discussion.

Nicole Carrière reports that the Educational Project Committee will look over data collected from teachers on the survey all teachers completed in December 2018. Once the results have been examined, the Principal will select members from teaching staff, support staff, and other stakeholders to put together the school's three pillars.

Nicole Carrière proposes the idea of the school participating in Global School Play Day. An electronic-free day for students where they govern themselves during board games, field games, etc. The Principal explains that she has seen this day in action at Parkview Elementary and the staff was pleasantly surprised at how well the day went. Nicole Riley poses the question: how come this type of self-governing play by students isn't incorporated more regularly into day-to-day life at Sherbrooke Elementary School. The Principal answers that this is the official Global School Play Day and participating that could be the start.

8.2 Teacher

Marc Ghilarducci reports that Sherbrooke Elementary School students in cycle three were invited to participate in a basketball tournament where the girls team played two games and the boys team played two games. A good experience was had by all.

Marc Ghilarducci reports that the school has purchased snow shoes for cycle two and cycle three phys. ed. classes. Teachers were defeated in Teachers vs. Students hockey. Class outings for skating and sliding to Howard's Park begins this week.

8.3 Central Parent Committee – No representative present.

8.4 PPO

Nicole Riley and the PPO are requesting approval for \$3400.00 that include expenses such as Teacher Appreciation Week (\$100.00), St. Patrick's Day Decorations and Treats (\$500.00), and Spring Carnival (\$2800.00). John Therrien moves the approval of spending.

Carried unanimously.

The Governing Board discusses a possible outdoor classroom. Financing for this setting could be paid for from the Playground Fund. The consensus from the Governing Board is that they would like to see this outdoor classroom be built.

Finally, there is a round-table discussion on the amount of fundraised money used for end of year trips at all grades. The Principal, teachers, and parents of the Governing Board are firm in saying that any amount of money that can help to pay for the trip is greatly appreciated.

8.5 Commissioner – Frank McGregor is absent.

9. Correspondence – No correspondence.

10. Question Period – No questions.

11. Date of Next Meeting: February 20th, 2019

12. Adjournment – The meeting is adjourned at 7:57pm.