



**Minutes  
Governing Board Meeting  
Wednesday, Oct. 24th, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

Nicole Carrière (Principal)	Theresa Gagnon	Jasmine Chouinard	April Spingle
Nathanaël Lortie (Chairperson)	Émily Adam-Gauthier	Doloris Conway	John Therrian
Catherine Bouchard (Vice-Chairperson)	Nathalie Ouellette	Marc Ghilarducci	
Dave Fowlis	Bobbie-Jo Plante	Matt Johnson	
Frank McGregor	Nicole Riley	Norm Marsh	

Regrets: Vivienne Galanis

1. Call to Order: Nathanaël Lortie calls the meeting to order with quorum at 7:05pm.
2. Approval of Minutes of Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Theresa Gagnon moves to postpone the approval of September 19<sup>th</sup> minutes to the following Governing Board meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Carried unanimously.
3. Approval of Agenda: Nathalie Ouellette moves the approval of the agenda.

Carried unanimously.
4. Review of Rules of Internal Procedures: Nathanaël Lortie speaks to last year's Rules of Internal Procedure. Nicole Riley speaks to last year's process where an email was sent out by the chairperson so quorum could be confirmed in advance. Similarly, this year's process will follow the same procedure as last year. The chairperson will confirm members in advance so alternates can be contacted in case of foreseen absences.
5. Question Period: Catherine Bouchard asks the Principal if she has received any feedback on the new "outdoor recess through rain" policy. Nicole Carrière says that there have been three parent complaints. The decision is made based on what the supervisors see and say. She says that the kids need to be outside. In more serious rainfalls, the kids could be sent out for one of two recesses. So far it has happened twice that the rain has fallen particularly hard. In both of these cases the temperature was over 25 degrees Celsius. The Principal says that in the case of a cold rain the school would take the temperature into consideration. Nicole Carrière says that generally speaking, the kids are loving it.

On another note, Nathanaël Lortie proposes the idea of having a school dress code. He says that this is happening around Montreal but could see it happening in Sherbrooke. Students wearing the SES logo would increase school pride. Marc Ghilarducci mentions the idea of having a phys. Ed uniform. April Spingle speaks to a similar idea proposed in the past where students were asked to wear student colours. Theresa Gagnon speaks to her experience dressing her children in school colours in Montreal. She found it difficult to find school colours.

## 6. Business Arising

6.1 – Declaration of Members: Nicole Carriere speaks to the Declaration of Conflict of Interest. All voting members must complete this form.

6.2 - Fundraising: Nicole Carrière speaks to the role of the PPO. They are not a fundraising body. The Principal says that the school should be running their own fundraising projects. If the PPO has projects that they would like to pursue then they can hold fundraisers to engage in such projects. PPO Representative Nicole Carrière confirms with the Principal that it is not the Governing Board that decides how PPO fundraising monies are spent. Nicole Riley seeks further clarification that everything that the PPO raises for any projects that the PPO wishes to pursue must be approved by Governing Board. Nicole Carrière confirms this procedure. Finally, Nicole Riley adds that with all of the PPO fundraisers that were approved last year it might be wise to see if there should be less fundraisers so there are not too many PPO and school fundraisers. The Principal agrees and says that when the school and PPO decide on a fundraiser they will always consider the timing.

## 7. New Business

7.1 Approvals: Nathalie Ouellette moves the approval of the Options outing to Milby Golf Club on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 8:30 to 11:30 as a part of the cycle three options program.

Carried unanimously.

Grade four is seeking approval to bring students to the Hut as a part of lesson on remembering veterans. Bobbie-Jo Plante moves the approval of this outing.

Carried unanimously

Nicole Carrière speaks to two items on the consumable fee list. The first item is that Kindergarten will be increasing the cost of their consumable fees to help pay for art supplies. Nicole Riley moves the approval of the increase on the Kindergarten consumable list fees.

Carried unanimously.

The second item is a novel for students in grade six French. The Principal says that she would like to charge parents as students would be writing in it and taking it home. The increase in cost for the grade six consumable list would be \$11.99 per child. Nathalie Ouellette moves the approval of the updated grade six consumable list.

Carried unanimously.

7.2 Educational Project: Nicole Carrière explains that the government has their own commitment to success plan with their own orientations. Then each school board has their commitment to success plan. During the initial meeting all stakeholders were present: caretakers, secretaries, principals from both sectors, and more. What came out of this meeting was the school board's own commitment to success plan. The biggest difference is that no longer is each school working around the five pillars of success plan. This year, each school will be individually pinpointing their goals through the lens of the school board and government's commitment to success plan. The Principal says that we have the whole school year to do this as Sherbrooke Elementary's plan is due in July 2019. She sees that our school will focus on three items to work towards. In December, there should be a template provided by the government to help in the design and launch of the Educational Project.

## 8. Reports

8.1 Principal: Nicole Carrière speaks to last year's budget. After the school's fourth quarter for the 2017/2018 school year, the school came out with a surplus of \$145,000. We ended the year with a deficit of approximately \$14,00 leaving the school's surplus at \$131,000. Secondly, the Principal speaks to the government's education on sexuality. She says that there is some flexibility when it comes down to who is teaching what of the curriculum at school. This year is a trial year; the new curriculum won't be implemented in classrooms this year. Thirdly, Nicole Carrière speaks to a conference she, the vice-principal and three teachers attended called "All Things Assessment." She speaks to the Quebec Education Program and its competencies and how the culture in education is still results oriented. The Principal would like to see students looking at feedback and not comparing each other with a percentage. Comments and observations can be more valuable than numbers. The Principal would like to see students be able to talk about their learning. Finally, on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2018 there will be a recognition evening at the school board for Isabelle Goulet and Dana Gillam. Well done!

8.2 Teacher: Marc Ghilarducci speaks to last Saturday's inaugural SES Cross Country Run. Over \$500.00 was raised! There is ongoing discussion in the phys. Ed discussion as to how that money will be spent. The Galt cross-country run had 23 runners finish in the top ten. A total of fifty-eight students from grades 3-4-5-6 attended the run. Next, Marc Ghilarducci speaks to the "Take Me Outside Challenge" that took place today. Teachers planned lessons that they could do outside. Mrs. Eryou prepared a scavenger hunt. Marc Ghilarducci thinks we should do it more often. Finally, the Halloween Parade will take place at 1:45pm on Halloween. All students will receive glow in the dark bracelets from PPO fundraising projects. The Remembrance Day assembly will take on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am.

8.3 Central Parent Committee: Catherine Bouchard says that there are three new parents on the committee. There is a workshop on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Alexander Galt High School for Governing Board training. They particularly would like chairpersons and principals to attend.

8.4 PPO: Nicole Riley says that the new fundraising procedure will be a lot more straight forward for her and other PPO volunteers. Nicole Riley speaks to the new PPO Treasury Process and Financial Update highlighted in the PPO Report (see attached). Nicole Riley is requesting \$200.00 for spending on SES clothing to be sold at the Xmas Bazaar. The PPO is also requesting \$350.00 to

be spent on cupcakes for students and teachers at the annual cafeteria Christmas Dinner. Nathanaël Lortie proposes that the PPO verifies what items need to be ordered so that they can enter a different price bracket for bulk purchasing.

Jasmine Chouinard moves the approval of \$550.00 spending on cupcakes and SES clothing (email pending following clothing numbers).

Carried unanimously.

8.5 SEAC: No representative present.

8.6 Commissioner: Frank McGregor introduces himself to the Governing Board and welcomes Nicole Carrière to Sherbrooke Elementary School. The commissioner welcomes veteran parents and new parents to the Governing Board. He tries to attend as many board meetings as possible. Frank McGregor says he is here to support all of us at the board level. If we need his support don't hesitate to call him.

9. Correspondence

10. Question Period

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

12. Adjournment: Matt Johnson adjourns the meeting at 8:30pm.

These minutes were approved by the members of the Governing Board on \_\_\_\_\_ (dd/mm/yyyy)