

Dorval Elementary School Governing Board Meeting



Meeting Minutes		
February 27, 2024	6:45PM	Via Zoom

Meeting called by	DES Principal, Heather-Anne Denton
Parent Members Alternate Members	Micheline Alexis, Christina Del Zingaro, Sanjay Rajakumar, Sara Valle, Jessica Dings
Staff Members	Stephanie Boulet, Brenda Barrera, Joanne Barette , Heather-Anne Denton (Principal), Carol Gauthier, Ashley Kennedy, Joan Fenner, Fe Manibog
Community Representatives	Chelsea Doret, Patrick Whitham

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Call official meeting to order (Quorum, Welcome) at 6:52pm.**
 - As the number of staff members exceeded the number of parents and community members in attendance, Miss Carol and Mme Stephanie abstained from voting during this meeting.

2. **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - Approved by Miss Fe, seconded by Mme Barrera.

3. **Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from January 24th, 2024.**
 - Adopted by Jessica, seconded by Miss Fenner.

4. **Public Question Period**
 - None.

5. **Reports**
 - a. **Principal Report (Ms Denton):**
 - i. Under the Ministerial Measures for “Rattrapage”, a full-time integration aide has been hired. Also looking to finalize the hiring of a 20% teacher to focus on literary skills for grades 3 to 6.
 - ii. Currently 44 kindergarten students for the 2024-25 school year. The total number of DES students as of February 27th is 384 students.
 - iii. The Transco Bus Strike affecting students on Bus 15 is ongoing, with extended supervision offered to those families affected.

 - c. **Teacher report (Mme Joanne):**
 - i. A huge thank you to H&S and the parent community for spoiling the staff during Staff Appreciation week.
 - ii. Grade 3 put on a play/concert; first in the morning for students and then in the evening for the parents. Both shows were a success and well-received.
 - iii. Mr. Jacob and some of the staff, along with grade 4, 5 & 6 students participated in an Omnikin tournament. It was a wonderful way for the

staff to interact with the students from different grade levels. Promoted camaraderie and enabled staff to interact in a friendly and fun way with the students. The tournament lasted a few months and ended in early February.

- iv. During Black History month, Patricia Aldred, the Spiritual Animator, presented and introduced different trailblazers to the classes. Also, this past week, Ms. Denton organized a Daily Hero contest whereby classes participated in deciphering who the daily hero was based on given hints.
- v. Grade 5 classes participated in two puberty classes and last week they had a bee-keeping information session.
- vi. Pink shirt day is tomorrow (February 28th) with related activities in the classrooms.
- vii. The Carnival starts Thursday with skating, followed by Bingo. On Friday, there will be a full day outside activities organized by the two physical education teachers.
 1. Jessica asked if the students would still be walking to the arena on Thursday given the forecasted cold temperatures. Mme Joanne explained that walking to the arena is still scheduled and that parents would be reminded to send their children with appropriate attire for the weather. The tobogganing has been cancelled (no snow) but a teacher will organize a gym class for those students not going skating.

c. SEED Program Report (Ms Fe)

- i. Income tax receipts are available out as of yesterday Feb 26. Parents of students that have graduated will receive those slips by mail.
- ii. The last two ped days were both successful; skating and the pancake/PJ party.

Requesting approval for April 22nd ped day activity which will be in-house with Cabaret Kids Performing Arts coming into the school. The activity will include exploring basic acting, movement, and stories. It will help the children better understand themselves and the world around them, as well as work to increase their confidence. The cost is: \$10 activity fee; \$15.75 supervision fee; for a total of \$25.75. Approved Jessica, seconded by Miss Ashley.

d. Support Staff (Ms. Carol)

- i. Huge thank you to H&S and the parent community for a great week. Truly spoiled. The staff lunch was especially terrific.

e. Home and School (Christina)

- i. Staff Appreciation well-received. Special thanks to those parents who contributed in any way.
- ii. Next focus will be Quiz Night, scheduled for May 10th (see #6).
- iii. Will begin to plan for end-of-year Carnival in April.
- iv. Next meeting will be a virtual meeting, March 18th.
- v. A future planning meeting for the next school year will take place, in-person, on March 25th.

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- f. **LBPSB Parent Committee (Jinny Conte)**
 - i. Unable to attend. Report will be provided at next meeting.

- g. **LBPSB District Commissioner (Patrick Whitham):**
 - i. Mr. Whitham provided a report from the last regular Council of Commissioners meeting held February 27, 2024.
 - 1. Sara asked if it was official that the March 18th ped day was being moved. Mr. Whitham confirmed that it was moved because of the eclipse. All parents and staff have now been notified of this change in the calendar.

- h. **Community Representative (Chelsea)**
 - i. L'Aventrue dont vous êtes le héros: Free Activity for ages 8 to 12, in French, March 4, 13:30 to 15:00. Advance registration required.
 - 1. To register: infoinscriptions.ville.dorval.qc.ca
 - 2. Registration Code: BIBJEUX01
 - ii. Quebec Animal Tracks: Free bilingual workshop for ages 5 to 12, March 6, 13:30 to 14:30. Advance registration required.
 - 1. To register: infoinscriptions.ville.dorval.qc.ca
 - 2. Registration Code: BIBATELIER01
 - iii. DIY Compass and Orienteering: Fee bilingual workshop for ages 10 to 14, March 7, 13:30 to 15:00. Advance registration is required.
 - 1. To register: infoinscriptions.ville.dorval.qc.ca
 - 2. Registration Code: BIBATELIER02
 - iv. Campfire Singalong with Shawny!: Free bilingual activity for ages 5 to 12, March 8, 13:30 to 14:30. Advance registration is required.
 - 1. To register: infoinscriptions.ville.dorval.qc.ca
 - 2. Registration Code: BIBACT01
 - v. Upcoming Project Proposals:
 - 1. Community Planting Project – Library staff and Garden Club members would meet the kindergarten classes at the library. Following information sessions with both groups, the classes will receive supplies to plant their own seeds at school. Phase 2 of the project would be to collect the plants and gift them.
 - 2. Knitting Your Roots – Different community groups and citizens in Dorval would knit or crochet small square to contribute to the large art project, to be wrapped around a tree behind the Dorval Library. Students would be taught to crochet.

6. New Business

- a. **Approval of Field Trips & Fundraising**
 - i. H&S looking to host a Quiz Night which is a fundraiser for parents/adults on May 10th. Food and beverages (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available for purchase. There will be a \$10 participation fee. The event will be held in the school gym. Approved by Miss Fenner, seconded by Jessica.

 - vi. Field trip for Grade 5 students (2 classes plus the grade 5 students from the combined 5/6 class) on April 5th to the Montreal Science Center.

There will be activities and exhibitions, a 3D movie about birds and a workshop. There is no cost because the cost will be covered under Sortie Culturel. Approval is being asked for the students to leave the school for this field trip. Approved by Mme Barrera and Miss Fe.

7. Varia

- No items raised.

8. Next Meeting: [March 27th, 2024, virtual.](#)

9. Adjournment at 7:24pm. Unanimous approval.