

Dorval Elementary School Governing Board Meeting



Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024

6:45 PM

DES Staff Room

Meeting called by	DES Principal, Heather-Anne Denton
Parent Members Alternate Members	Jinny Conte, Patrick Dubeau, Guy Vezina, Micheline Alexis, Erin Mullins, Jessica Dings, Madeleine Steinmetz-Wood, Jason Webb, Sanjay Rajakumar
Staff Members	Heather-Anne Denton (Principal), Stephanie Boulet, Joanne Barette, Brenda Collazos-Alva, Corine Stibor, Melanie Bougie-Richer (teachers), Carol Gauthier (support staff), Fe Manibog (SEED)
Community Representatives	Chelsea Doret

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call official meeting to order (Quorum, Welcome) at 6:49 pm.
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - Approved by Fe Manibog, seconded by Jessica Dings
3. Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2024
 - Approved by Joanne Barette, seconded by Stephanie Boulet
4. Business arising
 - A. The appointment of LBPSB parent committee representative and alternative
 - It was requested that one parent representative and one alternate representative attend the LBPSB monthly meeting and report back to Governing Board members. Jessica Dings was appointed as representative, and Jinny Conte and Madeleine Steinmetz-Wood were appointed as alternate representatives.
 - The motion was approved by Joanne Barette, seconded by Brenda Collazos-Alva.
5. Public Question Period
 - No questions raised.
6. Reports
 - a. Principal Report (Ms. Denton):
 - i. On Friday, September 27, the resource team presented their plan for the annual distribution of support within the school. This includes integration aid support in the classroom and where the hours of support will be

distributed. The plan was approved by the staff and the vote was sent to the board.

- ii. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day took place on September 30. A general assembly was held outside. The students and staff wore their orange shirts to mark the day. A thanksgiving address was given, a flag was raised, and a reflection activity took place in the school yard.
- iii. The school applied for a grant which will enable for the purchase of capital equipment, more specifically, sports and leisure equipment. Snowshoes will be purchased as well as movement decals which will be placed in the Cycle 1 hallways to encourage the students to move as they are walking from one area to the next. This initiative is in-line with the school's educational project which has a focus on providing the students with more movement and health breaks throughout the day.
- iv. Educ.Action will be starting in early November. Students will have the opportunity to take activities such as pop art, mad science, basketball and reptiles' club.
- v. The school will be renting out the gym to a local organization on Sundays from now until Christmas.

b. Teachers report (Brenda Collas-Alva)

- i. The school library has been officially opened since mid September and every Tuesday, on a rotation schedule, the students have the opportunity to visit the library.
- ii. On September 24, the grade 6 students attended the alternate frisbee tournament.
- iii. On September 30, the school held a ceremony in honor of National Truth and Reconciliation Day.
- iv. The student leadership program has begun. Students in grades 5 and 6 are being recruited to participate and there has been a great interest in the program so far.
- v. On October 9, the grade 5 students attended the handball tournament.
- vi. The grade 1 students attended an art mediation activity at the Sarto-Desnoyers Community Center where they drew monsters in collaboration with their classmates.
- vii. Picture Day took place on October 10.
- viii. The Terry Fox Run took place on October 15.

c. SEED report (Fe Manibog)

- i. The Ped Day on September 27 was a great success where students had an outing to Neptune Park.
- ii. The official count for the SEED program is 203 students which includes those who use the daycare services before and after school. There are 186 students who attend the lunch program.
- iii. The next ped day is scheduled for November 15 which will be an in-house service. The students will be participating in the Olympic Odd Ball Games. The following ped day will be taking place on November 20 where the students will be participating in a bowling activity at the Laurentian Lanes.

iv. The daycare statement of account will be sent out towards the middle of October.

d. Support Staff report (Carole Gauthier)

i. Ms. Carole reported that Pablo Antunes de Silveira is now the new handicap attendant.

e. Community Representative report (Chelsea Doret)

- i. The Halloween Expo at the Cultural Center will be a ghost town this year. The kindergarten and grade one students will be invited to story time and will be the first students to experience it.
- ii. The art mediation project "Exquisite Corps" activity took place in early October for the grade one and grade two students which was enjoyed by all.
- iii. Storytime at the Dorval Library will be taking place next week where Kindergarten and grade one students are invited to attend.
- iv. On Saturday, October 19, the live pumpkin carving will be taking place at the Dorval Cultural Center. There will also be a kiosk there with Educazoo.
- v. Family Day will be taking place on October 26.
- vi. For the holidays, there will be another art mediation activity for grades four to six which will be taking place in mid November.
- vii. The grade one students will also be invited to an upcoming intergenerational activity.
- viii. There will be a Christmas exhibition in which some of the classes will be participating.

h. Home & School report (Jinny Conte)

- i. The last Home and School meeting took place on September 24. Discussions were had about the Welcome Back BBQ and increasing the amount of food for next year.
- ii. The commemorative plaque for the shade sails is complete. It will be mounted in the coming weeks.
- iii. The pizza lunch fundraiser has been another success this year. Some orders are still being added.
- iv. The coffee carts for the teachers will be taking place again this year.
- v. The Halloween magic pumpkin initiative will be held again for the kindergarten students.
- vi. The Fall Fair will be taking place on November 9.

7. New Business

a. Approval of Field Trips & Fundraising

- i. Joanne Barette reported that some classes in the junior cycle will be going to Dorval Cenotaph for Remembrance Day. The outing falls within a 2 km radius from the school, which has been previously approved. More information to follow.
- ii. The grade six students will be participating in two full days of activities instead of an overnight outing this year. The first day will take place in November which will include a day trip to Ottawa. The cost per student is \$149.00 including the transportation and entry fees.

- iii. The second outing will take place in May and will include a day in Old Montreal. The activities will include a trip to SOS Labyrinthe, lunch and an outing to Voiles en Voiles. The cost of the trip will be \$115 per student.
- iv. The STEM Lego Engineering event will be held at the school board again this year. Mr. Traversy will be taking students from grades four and five. He will be asking for three parent volunteers to assist with carpooling. There is no cost involved. The event be taking place on December 2.
- v. The annual outing to the Pointe-Claire Canoe Club for grades three to six will be taking place on June 4, 5, 6, 16 and 17. The cost is \$17 per student.
- vi. All proposed field trips and initiatives were approved by Fe Manibog, seconded by Carole Gauthier.

8. Varia

- Guy Vezina asked for clarification regarding the gym rental. Ms. Denton replied that if an outside organization would like to book the space, they must go through the school board and the approval comes from the school level.

9. Next Meeting:

- November 27, 2024 at 6:45 p.m. (hybrid)

10. Adjournment at 7:24 pm.

- The motion to adopt the adjournment of the meeting was approved by Guy Vezina and Fe Manibog. Unanimously approved.

