



Minutes for the January 27, 2025, Laurentian Elementary School Governing Board.

PRESENT: Tammy Noble, Mark Richer, Jessica Vallieres, Annie Lynn Garcia, Annik Morisseau, Danika Robitaille, Cathy Seale, Edithe Frenette, James Bliss, Jamie Kinney, Simon Masse

ABSENT with apologizes: Eric Spooner

ABSENT: Danika Drouin

1. Verification of quorum & presentation of GB Members

After quorum was established, Ms. Noble welcomes everyone and begins the meeting at 18H32.

Mr. James Bliss was welcomed as acting alternate

2. Additions to the agenda

7.7.2 Easter Egg Hunt

3. Approval of the agenda

159-20250127-46 It was moved by Annie Lynn Garcia and seconded by Mark Richer to approve the agenda

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes from the December 16, 2024 Governing Board Meeting

159-20250127-47 It was moved by Cathy Seale and seconded by Annie Lynn Garcia to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 Governing Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Question Period

There were no Questions

6. Business Arising

7. New Business

7.1. Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Policy (ABAV)

Our ABAV was approved by Teacher Council and will be posted bilingually on the LES website.

7.2. Subject Time Allocation

The drafted Subject Time Allocation for the 2025-2026 school year as proposed by Teacher:

Cycle 1 – Proposes to exchange French Art for French Drama

Cycle 2 – Everything will stay status Quo

Cycle 3 – Remove 60 minutes of French and add 60 minutes of Math. English Drama will be exchanged for French Drama

A discussion was had between members on why French is being diminished. It was stated that because of our Educational Plan we need to increase our mathematics concentration.

159-20250127-48 It was moved by Danika Robillard and seconded by Simon Masse to approve the Subject Time Allocation for the 2025-2026 school year.

CARRIED 1 OBJECTION

7.3. Rental of School Facilities

The gym would be rented out on February 8 for a family birthday party. The time would be from 12 PM to 6 PM at the cost of \$300,

159-20250127-49 It was moved by Annie Lynn Garcia and seconded by Mark Richer to approve the rental of the LES gym on February 8.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4. Budget Cuts

For Sir Wilfred Laurier School Board \$1,484,454

Reduction Target will need to be met by March 1, 2025

Reduction Target for LES is \$19,725.73

More details to follow at the next GB meeting.

7.5 Budget

Budget will all be changed once the cuts are finalized.

7.6 Educational Project

The teachers and being tasked to work together within their cycle to align their curriculum and make sure that the educational goals at each level are being met in a way that best benefits student learning from level to level.

7.7. Field Trips, Fundraisers and Special Events

All field trips have been put on hold until we have finalized which budgets will be affected by the budget cuts.

7.71 Graduation Ceremony 2025

The Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2025 will be held on June 19.

159-20250127-50 It was moved by Annie-Lynn Garcia and seconded by Danika Robitaille to approve the June 19th date for the Graduation Ceremony

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7.2 Easter Egg Hunt

The Binette Family would like to donate Plastic Easter Eggs, once again this year. The hope is to have over 3000 eggs to divide amongst all the students in a school wide Easter Egg Hunt in the school yard.

159-20250127-51 It was moved by Cathy Seale and seconded by Mark Richer to approve a school wide Easter Egg Hunt at LES

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Reports

8.1. Friends of Laurentian Elementary School (FOLES) Report

- Emilie's Candles made a profit of \$1956.51
- The Bake Sale and Raffle for Top Shots made a profit of \$643
- Matthews Garden Fundraiser
The price to the school has increased by \$0.25 this year. FOLES would like to keep the cost the same as last year \$3 to keep this simpler. FOLES would like to have the order forms returned by March 31, to give the Garden plenty of time to prepare for our orders. The delivery date is to be determined (around May 16th)
- Maple Products
The price to the school has not increased this year. The targeted date for this fundraiser is Easter weekend distribution to parents.
- LES Cookbook
FOLES is asking for permission to work on a No Fail Kids Cookbook. These would be recipes that you can make with your children. We would ask parents to submit recipes and students to submit art work. Pricing to be determined at a later date.

159-20250127-52 It was moved by Danika Robitaille and seconded by Edithe Frenette to approve the Maple Products Fundraiser, the Matthews Garden Fundraiser and the LES Cookbook Fundraiser

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2. Principal's Report

- Registration has begun and the office has had many new registrations
- RE-registration began today. There have already been 84 students re-registered
- Articulation for Grade 6 students going to LRHS is this week
- PreK and Kindergarten intake meetings will begin as we receive new students that may have special needs that they require to begin school
- Now that Subject Time allocation has been approved, we can now prepare for our staffing needs for the 2025-2026 school year
- New Partnership with la Ville de Lachute
The city has changed their hours of operation for skating at Parc Baron, to accommodate our first period students. They have confirmed that the rink will be prepped and ready to go by 8 AM. The city has also given our gym teacher a key to the Cabane so that we may leave our boots in security while we skate. Thank you to the Ville de Lachute

8.3. Teachers' Report

The points from the Teacher's Report were already discussed previously this evening

8.4. Daycare Report

Nothing to Report this month

8.5. SWLSB Parents Committee

- The last meeting was held on January 9
- Budget cuts for a total of \$2 million in all Quebec Schools
- Plans for the new elementary schools in St. Jerome and Blainville have been put on hold
- Their school board has implemented a hiring freeze
- Cuts for non-essential travel and spending
- Heritage Elementary has completed their construction
- Arundel received a \$7000 donation for their breakfast program
- Cassandra Belandary from Allo Prof was a guest speaker

9. Correspondence

Training for GB members in February. This information will be shared to all members.

10. Varia

The next Governing Board Meeting will be held on February 11, 2025 via Zoom, at 18H30. The link for all meetings can be found at the top of the evening's agenda.

11. Question Period

There were no questions.

12. Adjournment

The meeting came to an end at 19H20.

159-20250127-53 It was moved by Mark and seconded by Jessica to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY