



Minutes for the November 18, 2024, Laurentian Elementary School Governing Board.

PRESENT: Tammy Noble, Mark Richer, Jessica Vallieres, Annie Lynn Garcia, Annik Morisseau, Cathy Seale, Tracy Price, Eric Spooner, Melanie Parker, Jamie Kinney, Danika Drouin, Simon Masse

ABSENT: Danika Robitaille, Julie Collins,

1. Verification of quorum

After quorum was established, Ms. Noble welcomes everyone and begins the meeting at 18H34.

2. Additions to the agenda

3. Approval of the agenda

159-20241118-24 It was moved by Eric Spooren and seconded by Cathy Seale to approve the agenda with the above-mentioned deleted item.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes from the October 28, 2024 Governing Board

159-20241118-25 It was moved by Annie Lynn Garcia and seconded by Cathy Seale to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2024 Governing Board Meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Questions

No questions were asked

6. Business Arising

Nothing to report

7. New Business

7.1. Governing Board Training

Governing Board Training will be held, via zoom, on February 5, 2025 at 7 PM.

Topics to be discussed are school budget, finances and school fees.

If interested please RSVP by February 3, 2025

7.2 Deeds of Establishment

The Deed of Establishment only represents Laurentian Elementary School (455 Rue Court).

159-20241118-26 It was moved by Eric Spooren and seconded by Mark Richer to accept the Deed of Establishment for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

159-20241118-27 It was moved by Annie-Lynn Garcia and seconded by Cathy Seale to accept the Projected 3-year Plan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Rental of School Facilities

7.3.1 Cadets

The Cadets will begin using the space on Tuesday November 26, 2024. They will only be moving their stuff into their space in January 2025.

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7.5 Budget

No new Budget updates since last month.

7.6 Educational Project

Teachers will now begin to align curriculum to address the first two objectives.

- Increase literature score
- Close the gap between students on an IEP and students who are not on an IEP (in Mathematics)

Services offered from the CISSS have been received. This will help the third objective.

7.7 Field Trips, Fundraisers and Special Events

7.7.1 Grade 5 Trip to Quebec

The Grade 5 team would like to take a day trip to Quebec City to explore and experience the culture of Quebec on May 5, 2025.

They would take a guided tour visiting important landmarks and places of historical significance.

They would travel by school bus (Campeau).

The cost for the tour would be around \$1500 and the cost for busing would be \$1800. For a total cost of \$3300. The amount for parental contribution is to be determined.

This trip could align with the curriculum, but it isn't being planned as a compliment to any curriculum.

Concerns from Governing Board:

- The drive to and from Quebec City is very long compared to the amount of time being spent in Quebec City visiting.
- No washroom on the bus
- Resources and Funds could be better spent elsewhere

159-20241118-27 It was moved by Eric Spooren and seconded by Mark Richer to approve the May 2 Grade 5 trip to Quebec City.

REJECTED - 1 ABSTAIN 0 VOTES

7.7.2 Christmas Baskets

Christmas Baskets will be provided, once again this year, to LES Families that are in need. A form is being sent out to all families to complete should they be in need of a Christmas Basket. Baskets will be picked up during the week before the Holidays.

7.7.3 Christmas Spectacular

The annual Christmas Spectacular will be held in the morning of Wednesday December 18. Invitations will be sent out to parents in closer to the date.

Each Homeroom will be asked to prepare a performance (song, poem, play, dance etc.) to present to their families.

We would also like to ask Families to come dressed in their "Fancy Clothes".

159-20241118-28 It was moved by Cathy Seale and seconded by Annie-Lynn Garcia to approve the LES Annual Christmas Spectacular on December 18, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7.4 Festive Sweater Day

Our Festive Swear Day will be held on December 17. We encourage everyone to come in wearing their most festive Sweater.

7.7.5 Pajama Day

December 20 will be our traditional last day (before the Holidays) Pajama Day. We encourage everyone to come in wearing their comfiest PJ's.

7.7.6 Holly's Holiday Lunch

December 19, Ms. Holly will be serving a Traditional Christmas Meal (turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, dessert and a drink) in the cafeteria.

The cost charged to students will be \$6 instead of the usual \$5.50

20 Meals have been graciously donated by the Masse Family.

159-20241118-29 It was moved by Cathy Seale and seconded by Annie-Lynn Garcia to approve Ms. Holly's Christmas Meal at the cost of \$6 on December 19, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7.7 Daycare Early Closure

Daycare would like to close at 5PM on December 13, instead of the usual 6PM. The closure is to allow the Daycare staff the opportunity to attend our Staff Christmas Party.

159-20241118-30 It was moved by Annie-Lynn Garcia and seconded by Annik Morisseau to approve the 5PM closure of Daycare on December 13, 2024.

CARRIED – 1 ABSTAIN

7.7.8 LRHS Christmas Sing-Along

Mr. Stagg, the music teacher at LRHS, will be visiting LES with some students to perform a Holiday Sing-Along on the morning of December 12. Students will assemble in the gym and are encouraged to sing and dance along with the music.

159-20241118-31 It was moved by Jessica Vallieres and seconded Cathy Seale to approve the visit of Mr. Stagg and his students to come and do a sing-along on December 12, 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7.9 Kindergarten Holiday Plans

The Kindergarten students will be taking part in several Holiday events.

- Week of November 18 – They will be writing letters to Santa with help from some older students
- Week of November 25 – They will walk to the post office with their teachers to mail their letters to Santa
- December 11 – They will welcome parents and grandparents to come in and decorate gingerbread houses

8. Reports

8.1 Friends of Laurentian Elementary School (FOLES) Report

BINGO Night has been cancelled

Ongoing fundraisers:

- FlipGive
- Colle à Moi

Upcoming fundraisers:

- Bake Sale after the Christmas Spectacular
- Emilie's Candles – right before the Christmas Break
- LES Craft Fair – a table will be set up. Draw for prizes

The Goal for fundraising this year is for the funds to go towards our end of the year Fun Day. Also, other activities should there be any other needs.

159-20241118-32 It was moved by **Simon Masse** and seconded **Mark Richer** to approve the Bake Sale, Emilie's Candle Fundraiser and the table at the LES Craft Fair

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next FOLES Meetings (all meetings are held via Teams at 6:30PM):

- December 2
- January 13
- February 3
- March 17
- April 7
- May 5
- June 2

8.2 Principal's Report

Report Cards went out today (November 18)

Parent Teacher Interviews are on Thursday November 21 from 4 PM to 7 PM

- Teachers will reach out directly to parents they wish to meet with.
- If families would like to meet the teacher, they can make appointments directly with their child's teacher
- Potential New Hires

LES is trying to hire 2 Special Education Technician's and 1 Resource Teacher to help support SEL and literacy needs of our students.

- We would cover the cost with the remaining "Minimum Service to Schools" budget and our "Reading Writing and Math" budget.

8.3. Teachers' Report

Grade 4 had an overnight field trip to Arundel on November 14 and 15. During their stay they learned orienteering skills, bonded as a group and put to work some of their knowledge they had been learning in science class.

A very respectful ceremony was held at LES on November 11 for Remembrance Day. Numerous veterans were in attendance along with a few parents. Students presented very heartfelt poems, songs and thoughts. LES Students made us VERY PROUD.

Photo retakes and Grad pictures took place this month.

8.4. Daycare Report

The Staff and Students in Daycare are AWESOME!

November 22 is a PED DAY. A pottery activity is planned. We have a lady coming in to run the activity and teach the students techniques.

Daycare information will be updated on the school website. It is still a work in progress.

8.5. SWLSB Parents Committee

As meetings are held on Thursdays, the October meeting was not attended.

Danica will no longer be able to be the representative.

Mark Richer will take over the position as representative and attend the meetings, whenever possible.

An e-vote will be taken should one be required because of the change in representatives.

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

10. Varia

The next Governing Board Meeting will be held on December 16th 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 19H33 Erick and Annick

159-20241118-33 It was moved by Eric Spooner and seconded by Annik Morisseau to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY