

**Riverview Elementary School  
Governing Board Meeting #3  
Tuesday November 16, 2021**

Attendance

Present:

Ariana Winn (Chair)  
Sara Levis (parent member)  
Julia De Angelis (teacher)  
Cindy Cohen (Community member)  
Lucia Coretti (principal)  
Linda Dalterio (parent member)  
Melissa Bourcier (Daycare tech)  
Stefanie Gervasi (CLC Coordinator)  
Marcos Arteaga (substitute parent member)  
Briannnda Ash-Taylor (substitute parent member)

Regrets:

Tracey Brenie (parent member)  
Julius Archer (parent member)  
Scott Lambton (teacher)  
Sterling Downey (Community member)

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Ariana Winn (Chair)

1. Welcome & Land acknowledgement
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Ms. Coretti requested to add item 7c: Intercultural Advisory Committee Grant Application
  - b. Motion to approve the agenda: Julia De Angelis
  - c. 2nd: Marcos Arteaga
  - d. Motion carried
3. Approval of the minutes
  - a. October 5th, 2021 GB meeting (exceptional)
    - i. Motion to approve: Briannnda Ash-Taylor
    - ii. 2nd: Melissa Bourcier
    - iii. Motion carried
  - b. October 19th, 2021 GB meeting

- i. Motion to approve: Sara Levis
  - ii. 2nd: Melissa Bourcier
  - iii. Motion carried
- 4. Business Arising
  - a. Internal Rules amendments and adoption
    - i. Motion to approve: Julia De Angelis
    - ii. 2nd: Marcos Arteaga
    - iii. Motion carried
- 5. Public Question Period
  - a. None
- 6. Reports
  - a. Principal
    - i. Report on file
    - ii. New permit parking zone on Riverview in front of the school
      - 1. Staff have launched a petition opposing this zone, based on how difficult it already is, and will continue to be for staff to find parking. Many staff members come in from other regions, and it is not reasonable for them to use public transport to get to and from school.
      - 2. Ms. Coretti has already spoken to Sterling Downey about it. Linda Dalterio also mentioned that she has spoken to Sterling and to Marie-Andrée Mauger (new mayor of Verdun). Elected officials have explained that the permit zone was installed after citizens living on the street made an application for one. It could be revisited/revoked if enough citizens do not apply for the permits.
      - 3. Ariana Winn proposed that she write a letter on behalf of Riverview GB, supporting the staff's petition to remove the permit zone.
    - iii. Parent teacher meetings coming up on zoom (Nov. 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021)
    - iv. Interim reports (November 12<sup>th</sup>) will be more detailed; each subject will have more indicators of the child's progress in that subject.
  - b. Teacher
    - i. N/A
  - c. Support Staff
    - i. N/A
  - d. Daycare
    - i. Report on file
  - e. Community Learning Center (CLC)

- i. Report on file
  - ii. Ms. Coretti mentioned that CLC lunchtime activities need people to lead them, and they are currently seeking parent or community volunteers. Anyone interested should get in touch with Stefanie Gervasi, CLC Coordinator.
- f. Parent Participation Organization (PPO)
  - i. Results from Schools Take Root: \$238
  - ii. Results from In-dey-go: \$ 3,135.00
    - 1. PPO spent \$402 to purchase 20 cookie dough tubs (unsold overage has to be purchased, as supplier sells by the box, with 6 tubs of the same kind in a box), to donate to the Riverview Holiday baskets.
  - iii. Pumpkins and Halloween snacks for students donated by Maxi Verdun and Maxi Angrignon.
  - iv. PPO members and volunteers to return to the school to help out/organize activities in 2022.
  - v. PPO committee has endorsed the MusiCounts Band Aid grant application with an official letter of support.
- g. Grad (PPO Sub-Committee)
  - i. Sara Levis has started visiting businesses with some Grade 6 students to ask for donations for their fundraising initiatives.
  - ii. The goal is to raise 5000\$ for the sweatshirts, other gifts/costs and possibly a dinner.
- h. Commissioner
  - i. Report on file
- i. Board Sector Parents' Committee (PC)
  - i. Annual Report 2020-2021, Meeting Summary Reports (MSR) from June 2021 and 2021-2022 AGA on file
  - ii. Additional correspondence from EPCA and SNAC on file
  - iii. COVID-19 cases within the LBPSB schools are exceptionally low. Families, students and staff are doing an amazing job staying healthy and protecting each other from the risks of COVID-19.
  - iv. Linda Dalterio described some of the latest initiatives, particularly with the Intercultural Advisory Committee; grants applications for intercultural activities in schools are in progress, many schools have been participating in the Blanket Exercise which is to help the process of reconciliation with our Indigenous communities and ourselves and to help us understand our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance the exercise is meant to develop empathy.
  - v. Response to the Board Consultation regarding the Policy on Student Representation is being prepared by the PC and will be

focusing on a diversity and inclusivity within the structure as well as the importance of educating elementary level students in politics, election processes and the importance and recognition of the youth's and students' voices in their education and the decision making process.

- vi. COVID-19 elementary level vaccination (5-11 year olds) roll-out. When Pfizer's vaccine will be approved (estimate is end of November) the CIUSSS/CLSC will be running a large-scale vaccination clinic for the LBPSB Verdun schools similar to a flu vaccine campaign. The CLSC and the 2 other entities providing vaccinations for the western schools.
- vii. BILL-40, Act to amend mainly the Education Act with regard to school organization and governance, is still in court deliberating the human rights of the bill.
- viii. BILL-96, An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec, is meant to tighten up how, where, when, and what french language is used in every sector of Quebec society. The LBPSB holds strong on the position that their students are interested, taught and succeed in graduating with French fluency and that students are effectively taught about the importance of the language and the culture of Quebec that they are a part of. However, the BILL identifies the removal of many English speaker services if the user is not deemed a 'historic anglo', not having gone to English school in Quebec, thus not being able to receive important services in the English language, posing an extreme risk for health, safety and societal support. The main point of argument is that there should not be a narrow class of people who can only receive special services in English, rather the services should be available to all those who are more comfortable receiving important services in the one of the 2 official Canadian languages they choose. There are no official statistics identifying that the French language is in decline in Quebec, the question remains whether this reasoning and statement backing BILL-96 from the province is actually true, valid and properly substantiated, not just hearsay from the media and some public opinion. The PC is looking into the BILL and will be writing a letter to the province in regards to our discontent and disapproval of the bill and its segregative nature.
- ix. Board Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC) 2020-2021 Annual Report, MSR from October 2021 meeting on file.
- j. Community Representatives
  - i. Report on file.
- k. Governing Board Chair

i. N/A

7. New Business

a. Riverview GB meeting dates revisited

i. Ariana Winn proposed the following schedule of meetings going forward:

1. December 14, 2021
2. January 11, 2022
3. February 8, 2022
4. March 22, 2022
5. April 12, 2022
6. May 17, 2022
7. June 14, 2022

ii. Motion to approve: Linda Dalterio

iii. 2nd: Julia De Angelis

iv. Motion carried

b. GB Training session online: Nov. 18, 7pm

i. Anyone interested in attending should contact Ariana Winn

c. Intercultural Advisory Committee Grant Application

i. \$500 grant

ii. Riverview's spiritual animator Sarah is in the process of making arrangements for animation during Black History Month, and is going to be bringing The Montreal Steppers (African step-dancing) into the school for a workshop with Grades 3-6 students.

iii. Motion to approve: Linda Dalterio

iv. 2nd: Briannnda Ash-Taylor

v. Motion carried

8. Field trips

a. N/A

9. Fundraising

a. Grad committee fundraising initiatives:

i. PJ day: Kids will be allowed to pay a fee of \$2 to wear their pyjamas to school on a designated day during the lead-up to the Christmas holidays.

1. Motion to approve: Briannnda Ash-Taylor
2. 2nd: Sara Levis

3. Motion carried
- ii. TCBY sales: Not discussed, as Ms. Coretti noticed it had already been approved at our October 19, 2021 meeting.

#### 10. Varia

- a. Concerns raised by a parent member regarding news reports of kids imitating violent show at other schools.
  - i. Ms. Coretti mentioned that games like Red Light / Green Light have unfortunately been played in the Riverview school yard with the Squid Game twist, and kids using violent hand gestures. Instances of this were immediately stopped by staff, and kids have been reminded that per the ABAV policy and Code of Conduct there is to be no pretend play involving violent gestures. The situation has not developed further at Riverview.
  - ii. Ms. Coretti stated that the school is doing all they can to address the root causes of this, but they cannot control what goes on in the home.
  - iii. Ms. Coretti explained that she is seeing a lack of empathy at school. They are going to have the Amen Iseghohi's organization come in, train several staff members, and work with kids in cycle 2 through their This 360 program, which focuses on anti-bullying, and positive role models and positivity.
  - iv. Linda Dalterio asked Stefanie Gervasi if the CLC and Riverview can look into hosting a workshop to help educate parents on monitoring their children and exercising parental control over what they watch or are exposed to.
  - v. Marcos Arteaga mentioned that parents may benefit from learning how to use parental controls and the importance of children understanding what they have access to and how it can affect them - consequences.
  - vi. Stefanie Gervasi agreed to look into holding a workshop or series of workshops for Riverview, Beurling, and Verdun Elementary on the dangers of social media, the repercussions of kids being exposed to adult content, and how to use parental controls on devices, apps, and sites.
  - vii. Cindy Cohen said that Dawson BGC would be happy to collaborate on this as well.

#### 11. Correspondence

- a. N/A

#### 12. Next meeting date

- a. December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

13. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm