



DANTE SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes of Meeting #2 Monday, October 6, 2014

PRESENT: James Fuoco, Alba Fiorino, Cynthia De Santis, Laura D'Arienzo, Carolina Del Papa, Chantal Dussault, Nina Tortorici, Lucy Preteroti, Maria Bilyj, Maria Santino, Giovanna Campoli, Josie Nardelli, Isabella Pasqualini, Maria Monaco, Angie Crispino, Pina Ippolito, Edith Cecilia Varga, Daniela Lattanzio

REGRETS: Lucy Beneventi, Lucy Preteroti

GUEST: Mrs. Rosa Fuoco (no relation to James Fuoco)

2.1 No Public Question Period was held. Patricia Lattanzio was present from the public.

2.2 Additions to the Agenda

2.6 - Approval of minutes from June 2nd, 2014

2.3 Approval of the Agenda

Motion to Accept: Chantal Dussault, seconded by Alba Fiorino, approved by all.

2.4 Approval of minutes from June 16, 2014

Corrections: - Chantal Dussault was absent from the June 16 meeting.

Motion to Accept: Josie Nardelli, seconded by Pina Ippolito, approved by all.

2.5 Approval of minutes from September 11, 2014

Corrections: -1.1 Alba Fiorino accepted to be the Delegate for Dante at the Regional Committee.

Lucy Preteroti accepted to be the Alternate for Dante at the Regional Committee.

- Isabella Pasqualini and Chantal Dussault were absent September 11, 2014.

- Correction to the spelling of "Garabaldi Park" to "Garibaldi Park".

Motion to Accept: Maria Bilyj, seconded by Cynthia De Santis, approved by all.

2.6 Approval of minutes from June 2nd, 2014: Tabled to November 2014 meeting.

ITEMS FOR DECISION:

2.7 Waiver Form for short walks in the neighborhood

The “Local Field Trip Waiver Form 2014-2015” submitted by Principal Daniela Lattanzio was reviewed and accepted by all.

2.8 Changes to GB meeting dates and times

Monday, November 10, 2014 @ 7:00 PM changed to Thursday, November 13, 2014 @ 7:15 PM
Monday, January 12, 2015 @ 7:00 PM changed to Thursday, January 15, 2015 @ 7:15 PM.
Dates after January 12, 2015 may still be subject to change.

2.9 Rules of Internal Management (GB Manual Section 5; pg 5.7-5.8)

The “Rules of Internal Management” taken from the Governing Board Manual Section 5; pg 5.7-5.8 were reviewed and applied to the Dante School Governing Board Internal Procedures.

Regarding item 6. Meetings, on page 5.8 of the Governing Board Manual, Regular GB meetings are to take place monthly from 7:15 PM to 9:00 PM and may be extended by 10 (or 15, etc.) minutes by resolution.

Regarding item 8. Public Question Period, on page 5.8 of the Governing Board Manual, it was agreed that any parent wanting to ask questions during the Public Question Period may do so as long as they submit their question in writing first 48 hours prior to the next GB meeting.

2.10 Daycare Outings on PED Days

A list of proposed outings was submitted for review.

- 2014-09-26 In school “Apple Theme”
 - 2014-10-10 Le Verger Labonte, 2291 Blvd. Perrot, Notre-Dame-de Ille-Perrot -\$15.50 tax.incl.
 - 2014-11-03 In school
 - 2014-11-20 Zig Zag Zoo, 980 Ave. St Charles local 120 Vaudreuil-Dorion -\$13.00 +tax.
 - 2014-11-21 In school: BASE TEAM coming to animate for the day.
 - 2014-11-28 In school: Bricks for Kidz - \$10.00+tax paid by daycare.
 - 2015-01-30 In school: Dynamics - Be a Detective -\$12.00+tax paid by daycare.
 - 2015-02-27 Camp Boute en Train - \$18.00 tax incl.
 - 2015-03-20 In school: Challenge Island (reinforces science, technology, engineering art and math) - \$10.00+tax paid by daycare.
 - 2015-05-01 In school: Animaerie (Camping part 2), Les Paquette a Saint-Tite - \$12.00+tax paid by daycare.
 - 2015-06-12 Granby Zoo - \$14.00+tax.
- *All busses for outings are paid for by daycare

After School activities were also added to this list of proposed trips.

- Latin Groove Program: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM every Tuesday for 10 consecutive weeks beginning the week of October 14, 2014 and ending December 16, 2014. No charge for this activity.
- Ace Mini-Tennis Program: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM every Wednesday for 10 consecutive weeks beginning the week of October 15, 2014 and ending December 17, 2014. No charge for this activity.

Motion to Accept: Maria Bilyj, seconded by Chantal Dussault, approved by all.

2.11 School Outings (Field Trips) by Teachers

Proposed outings included:

Kindergarten - The Botanical Gardens on October 16, 2014 @ a cost of \$9.00.

Cycle 2 - Le Centre d'Interpretation de Courge on October 23, 2014 @ a cost of \$10.00.

Motion to Accept: Alba Fiorino, seconded by Angie Crispino, approved by all.

2.12 Daycare Committee (GB Manual Section 1; pg 1.1.4)

Mrs. Rosa Fuoco spoke to the GB about the option of having a Daycare Committee.

A vote was taken on the subject. NONE were in favor of having a Daycare Committee.

However, if the request to have a Daycare Committee were ever made by a parent, then this would have to be tabled as an item on the next GB meeting agenda.

Motion to Accept: Josie Nardelli, seconded by Pina Ippolito, approved by all.

2.13 Request for Funds for Halloween

Funds were requested for the making of a Haunted House, decorations and treats (approx. 50¢ per student).

A motion to grant \$500.00 was proposed.

Motion to Accept: Alba Fiorino, seconded by Carolina Del Papa, approved by all.

2.14 Halloween Fundraiser

There will be collection boxes given out to the children for Halloween to collect donations for the "Children's Hospital Foundation". The boxes have been ordered and delivery is being waited upon.

Motion to Accept: Laura D'Arienzo, seconded by Giovanna Campoli, approved by all.

2.15 Advertising Funds for Open House flyer in local newspapers

Costs for advertising in various local newspapers were submitted as an example to help determine the amount of funds to be requested.

Newspaper: A 1/4 page, black and white ad in the "Suburban" would cost \$365.00. Add \$75.00 to that for a color ad.

Radio: A 30 second ad running for 5 days on The Beat 92.5 would cost \$3500.00

A Banner made to place on the front of the building would cost approx. \$500.00

8 1/2"x 11 color copies of a flyer would need to be made.

Advertising with Social Media Networking sites like Facebook and Twitter would be of little or no cost.

A proposal to approve up to \$2000.00 max. from fund 5 was made for advertising.

Motion to Accept: Maria Bilyj, seconded by Angie Crispino, approved by all.

2.16 Spending of Annual \$250.00 given to GB for Expenditure

A proposal was made to use the \$250.00 for the year-end social.

Motion to Accept: Carolina Del Papa, seconded by Cynthia De Santis, approved by all.

2.17 Information and Reports

Principal:

- Welcome back - Welcoming Day - September 5th “Shine Like a Star” was a great success.
- Terry Fox Run - September 24th - Students and staff raised a total of \$1831.00 surpassing the \$1000.00 target. The students were given 15 minutes of extra recess the following day for their efforts.
- Earth Rangers - October 3rd - This free show was enjoyed by students and staff. They were entertained by short videos and fun facts presented about animals. Students met with a tortoise, a white owl, a falcon and a pine marten and enjoyed learning about the wildlife creatures.
- Dante School earns “Leadership Award” for “Reflex” (focus on Mathematical facts) and is the number 1 school in the EMSB with regard to “Reflex” use. Dante School was presented with a Banner to be displayed in our school.
- GB members training session for new GB members will take place on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the EMSB, William Dawson Room at 6000 Fielding, Montreal.
- School Lockdown took place on October 1st. All went well.
- Fire drills took place on September 16 and September 24. All went well.
- Daycare price changes came into effect as of October 1st, 2014.

Teachers:

- Outings to the Musée de l’enfant, the Boute en Train, a visit to the Centaur Theater and/or to an IMAX film are all being looked into.
- Kindergarten: Welcome Day was a huge success, visit to Botanical Gardens coming up. All is well.
- Cycle 1: report working together very well like a well oiled machine.
- Cycle 2: no report
- Cycle 3: 3 High Schools have come to visit the students already, a ski trip is in the works.
- Daycare: Welcoming Day was a huge success for parents and students alike. On September 26th the in house PED day had an apple theme. Students made apple crisp pie. Special game/activity stations were set up. Halloween will fall on a Friday this year. The daycare will feed the students Pizza, fruits and veggies on that day.

Regional Delegate: • No report - meeting will be held next week.

PPO Delegate:

- Enfant & Compagnie were mentioned.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed such as a spaghetti night or a dance night.
- Activities such as Zumba, Carnival and Mother's Day celebrations were mentioned.

2.18 Next Meeting

The next GB meeting will take place on Thursday, November 13 at 7:15 PM .

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Motion to Accept: Giovanna Campoli, seconded by Isabella Pasqualini, approved by all.

Principal

Chairperson