



DANTE SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes of Meeting #5 Thursday, February 19th, 2019

PRESENT: Alexandra Melnyk, Josie Nardelli, Pina Ippolito, Chantal Dussault, Paula Van Den Bosch, Eugenio Branco, Cindy Knafo, Elaine Frenette, Joseph Varga, Edith Cecilia Varga.

REGRETS: Veronica Graniero, Angie Crispino, Kyle Stanley, Alba Fiorino.

PRINCIPAL: Irimi Margetis

1. Opening & Welcome

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. and all GB members present were welcomed by Alexandra Melnyk. Quorum with parents and teachers was reached. Edith Cecilia Varga recorded the minutes.

2. Additions and Approval of Agenda

After review, there were no additions to the agenda.

A Motion to accept the agenda was made by: Paula Van Den Bosch, seconded by Chantal Dussault, and approved by all.

3. Approval of Minutes, January 22nd, 2019 Meeting

The Minutes of the January 22nd, 2019 GB meeting were reviewed, amended and approved with minor corrections.

A Motion to accept the Minutes of the January 22nd GB meeting was made by: Chantal Dussault, seconded by Eugenio Branco, and approved by all.

4. Business Arising

None.

5. New Business

5.1 Approval of Grad T-shirts, Grade 6 and Kindergarten

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Chantal Dussault reported that the Grade 6 Grad committee decided to go forward with ordering the Grad T-shirts from an online company based in Toronto. Unlike the T-shirts that were ordered from Triangulum one year, these shirts will feature “Class of 2019” on the front (no Dante crest) and the words “Dante School” on the back with the signatures of all the Grads.

Students will have a range of colors to choose from as well as a variety of apparel such as:

- Ladies T-Fit
- Regular T-shirt (\$19.00)
- Baseball-T (\$27.00)
- Hoodie (\$43.00)
- Sweatpants

After the orders are placed, delivery will occur within 6 to 8 weeks.

A Motion to approve the use of the online company based in Toronto to supply the Grade 6 Grads and Kindergarten Grads with T-shirts was made by Paula Van Den Bosch, motion was seconded by Pina Ippolito, approved by all.

5.2 Budget Building Process

The Budget Building Process annually gives the school an opportunity to present the School Board with a prioritized wish list concerning the improvements we would like to have done in our school.

Please see the attached documents with Appendix A.

After reviewing the documents, the Dante Governing Board is in agreement with the Guiding Principals Criteria and Related Orientations regarding the EMSB Budget for 2019-2020, as stipulated in Appendix A of the Budget Building Process document.

A motion to accept the Guiding Principals Criteria and Related Orientations regarding the EMSB Budget for 2019-2020, as stipulated in Appendix A of the Budget Building Process document was made by Paula Van Den Bosch, motion was seconded by Chantal Dussault, approved by all.

After some discussion, a list of budget priorities for Dante School was made. These items can include building improvements, staffing and allocation of additional funds to specific budgets.

Dante School’s Budget priorities are listed below in order of importance.

1. Increase the current Resource Teacher from 1.6 to 2.6 to provide French resource as well.
2. Add to the existing building improvement allotment the complete renovation of the Gym.
3. Add to the existing building improvement allotment the repair of the stairways and railings.
4. Add to the existing building improvement allotment the replacement of all remaining windows that were not included in the first round of window replacements.



5. Add to the existing building improvement allotment the complete painting of the whole school.
6. Hire a Librarian for the School Library.
7. Increase the allocation for the Special Education Technician (Behavior Tech) from 28 hours to 32 hours a week.

A Motion to approve the Budget Priorities at Dante for 2019-2020 was made by Cindy Knafo, motion was seconded by Josie Nardelli, approved by all.

5.3 Educational Project - Consultation

What was once known as the MESA/Success Plan will now be replaced by what will be known as the Educational Project. This tool helps to define who we are as a school by looking at past performance results and future goals.

Dante School staff have been consulted on the Educational Project. Now parents will be getting a survey to fill out online (Google Survey) by the end of the week.

The Governing Board reviewed the survey questions provided by Ms. Margetis and supplied her with some feedback.

5.4 Grade 3 Outing to Ecomuseum - Change of Date

The Grade 3 outing to the Ecomuseum that was to take place on February 22nd will be postponed and will now take place on March 19, 2019. The costs associated with this outing will be covered by the school.

6. Information and Reports

6.1 Principal

Ms. Margetis reported that the School Board put together a policy on the use of cannabis. In short, no one is allowed to use or to be under the influence of cannabis on school grounds at any time. The only exception to this is for those who use cannabis for medical conditions.

The professional development has begun for the teachers who will be teaching the new Sex Ed program. The dates and times of this training has not changed but the venue has. Teachers will now be doing the training online. Teaching of the program will be focused on presenting facts concerning biology. Values will not be part of what is taught. Ethical issues such as anti-violence, relationships, psychology, abuse and acceptable behaviors will be covered.

The Grade dress down day raised \$430.00. This amount will be added to the \$750.00 already allotted by the Governing Board to the Grad committee. Presently there are 6 to 7 parents on the Grade 6 Grad committee.



Grades 5 and 6 students participated in the soccer tournament at Lauren Hill Jr. High and did very well.

After the numerous articles regarding carbon monoxide in South Shore schools recently, the EMSB will be temporarily placing residential carbon monoxide detectors in its schools. Dante School was the first school to have these detectors installed. Each wing at Dante has its own heating system on the roof so the detectors are placed nearby these locations. Procedures will be received as to how to proceed if one of these detectors go off.

Angie Crispino is still away from her work at the Daycare. Maria Santino is filling in for her as interim Daycare Technician.

A baby-sitting course was offered for 14 students, 4 of which were boys. The kids were great!

The School Board has launched a math competition for students in Grades 5 to 8. The school will be offering students training for the competition. Students will earn points on tests. The highest scores will be able to move on to participate in the competition. Students are enjoying this and are excited to be participating.

Story Telling for Cycle 3 students will take place on March 14th. In-class presentations have already been done to prepare for this event. Three winning students will be eligible to take part in the regional Story Telling competition at Honoré Mercier.

The Hydro Québec Regional Science Fair will be held here at Dante School on May 9 and 10th, 2019. The "Genie Defi" challenge this year will be for students to engineer a vehicle using a 1 or 2 liter plastic bottle and making use of its center of gravity to help with its functionality. Cycle 2 students will be doing this activity in class. There will be 9 winning students selected to participate at the Regional Science Fair.

The Dante Science Fair will take place on March 21st, 2019. Students will have the opportunity to set up their projects in the Gym the evening before on March 20th.

6.2 Teachers

An e-mail approval regarding the planned Ottawa field trip on Friday, April 26, 2019 will be forthcoming.

6.3 Daycare

No report.

6.4 PC Delegate

No report.

6.5 PPO

Paula Van Den Bosch reported that the Teacher's Appreciation week event went very well. The PPO and Governing Board received a card from the teachers expressing their thanks and appreciation.



To date, 234 tickets have been sold for the Hawaiian Bingo Night which does not include the 22 tickets that had been given to the Dante teachers free of charge.

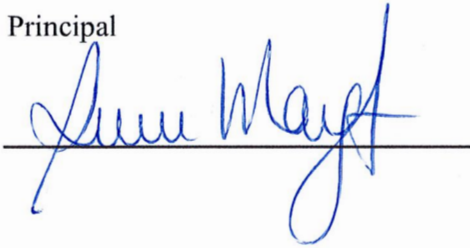
8. Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next GB meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 in the staff room at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Paula Van Den Bosch, seconded by Joseph Varga and approved by all.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Principal



Chairperson



