



DANTE SCHOOL

Governing Board Minutes of Meeting #1 Wednesday, September 19th, 2018

PRESENT: Alexandra Melnyk, Alba Fiorino, Josie Nardelli, Angie Crispino, Pina Ippolito
Chantal Dussault, Elaine Frenette, Paula Van Den Bosch, Eugenio Branco,
Veronica Graniero, Joseph Varga, Edith Cecilia Varga.

REGRETS: Cindy Knafo

PRINCIPAL: Irimi Margetis

1. Opening & Welcome

The meeting began at 7:32 p.m. and all GB members present were welcomed by Irimi Margetis. Quorum with parents and teachers was reached.

2. Additions and Approval of Agenda

Item 5.10 "Approval of \$5000.00 For School Activity From Fund 3" was added under "New Business".

Motion to Accept: Josie Nardelli, seconded by Paula Van Den Bosch, approved by all.

3. Approval of Minutes, June 19, 2018 Meeting

The Minutes of the June 19th, 2018 GB meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Motion to Accept: Chantal Dussault, seconded by Paula Van Den Bosch, 3 abstentions, 10 approvals, Motion passed.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Update on Fund 3 Reconciliation-Supervision Fee Deficit

This project is presently being worked on and will be ready for the next meeting. The report will be as detailed as possible.

5. New Business

5.1 Election of Governing Board Chair

Angie Crispino made a motion to elect Alexandra Melnyk to the position of GB Chair. Motion seconded by Chantal Dussault, approved by all.

5.2 Election of Secretary

Alba Fiorino made a motion to elect Edith Cecilia Varga as GB Secretary. Motion seconded by Chantal Dussault, approved by all.

A motion was made by Joseph Varga to have Edith Cecilia Varga and Paula Van Den Bosch share Secretarial duties alternating between themselves. Motion seconded by Edith Cecilia Varga, approved by all.

5.3 Approval of Rules of Internal Management

Please see attached documents “Rules of Internal Management”.

There are 14 members on the Dante Governing Board this year. Meetings will now start at 7:00 pm and finish at 9:00 pm

In section 13 of the “Rules of Internal Management” an amendment will be inserted stating that minutes of the previous Governing Board meeting are to be ready 1 week before the next upcoming meeting.

In section 6 an amendment will be inserted concerning e-mail approvals. Every member is to respond in a timely manner as approvals are time sensitive. All approvals should be in no later than 2 days from the time the request for approval was e-mailed out.

An updated copy of the “Rules of Internal Management” will be sent and approved at the next GB meeting.

A motion to approve the “Rules of Internal Management” with changes was made by Alba Fiorino. Motion seconded by Paula Van Den Bosch, approved by all.

5.4 Adoption of GB Annual Budget

The \$250.00 allocated from Fund 3 to the Governing Board will be used for the Christmas Social or the Year End Social, with the option of using the funds for something else if the need arises.

A motion to approve was made by Alba Fiorino and seconded by Chantal Dussault. Approved by all.

5.5 Adoption of School Fees for 2018-2019

The “Charges to Parents” document that was sent out to parents was different from document that was approved by the Governing Board before the end of the 2017- 2018 school year. This was due to many “to be determined” items on the list of fees. Items with small values of a few cents were added together. Some of the teachers were changing grade levels and new teachers could not accurately estimate or predict the cost of some items and therefore a general amount of \$25.00 for each level was allocated to cover these unknown quantities.

Therefore, a motion was made by Alba Fiorino that due to subsequent information received from the School Board the “Charges to Parents” sent out on June 22nd, 2018 be approved today (September 19th, 2018). This replaces the original “Charges to Parents” that was approved by e-mail on June 21st, 2018. Motion seconded by Veronica Graniero, approved by all.

5.6 Approval of Field Trips

Field trips serve as an enhancement to the school curriculum, however they cannot serve as a tool for evaluation for a certain course and therefore cannot be used for any work that is graded.

On September 27th, 2018, the whole school will participate in a Terry Fox Run/ Walk. This event will take place in the afternoon and teachers will teach students about the cause and Terry Fox. Students will be required to wear their gym uniforms (dress down day) and parents will be asked to contribute a voluntary donation. Freezies will be purchased for the whole school at the cost of \$200.00.

A Motion to approve was made by Josie Nardelli, motion seconded by Paula Van Den Bosch, approved by all.

Grade 6 students have been invited to attend “Student for A Day” activities at 2 High Schools. John Paul High School will be hosting their event on September 24th, 2018 and Rosemount High School will host on September 25th, 2018. Buses will be at Dante by 8:00 am in the morning and will leave for the high schools at 8:30 am. There will be no charges made to Dante for the school buses as the high schools as hosts and organizers of the events will cover the costs.

A Motion to approve was made by Alba Fiorino, motion seconded by Pina Ippolito, approved by all.

The Grade 6 Ski Trip is being planned and will take place on January 14th to the 19th. It will be at Base de Plain Air Tremblant. Ideally, 36 students will be accompanied by 2 teachers. The approximate cost per student of \$560.00 will cover skiing, lodging, food and monitors.

The cost of a seat on a coach bus will be \$25.00. If a student is renting ski equipment, that will cost an additional \$45.00. Therefore, if all students attend the event the total cost including the costs listed above comes to \$630.00 per student. For a child who will not be skiing, the cost will be \$400.00 plus the cost of the bus ticket of \$25.00 resulting in a total of \$425.00.

Because of the new rules regarding field trips, the usual \$1000.00 charged to parents for a substitute teacher to teach any child not going on the trip for the week will no longer be charged.

Further details and prices for the ski trip will be forthcoming.

A motion to approve the Grade 6 ski trip was made by Veronica Graniero, motion seconded by Elaine Frenette, approved by all.

5.7 Approval of Extra-Curricular Activities

Various outside companies will be offering activities to students after school on Dante school grounds. Please see the attached documents.

A motion to approve was made by Alba Fiorino, motion seconded by Chantal Dussault, approved by all.

Veronica Graniero, Dante's music teacher would like to start an after school music group consisting of a minimum of 20 and maximum of 30 students who would be playing various wind instruments such as the flute, clarinet and trombone. This wind ensemble will be open to Grades 5 and 6. Grade 4 students may also be included if space permits. Possible names for the ensemble would be the "Dante Winds" or "Harmonie a vent". The ensemble would meet twice a week for 1 hour and 15 minutes and would run the course of the entire school year. Parents would be asked to pay \$180.00-\$200.00 for the year and this would cover the costs of the rental of the instruments, mouth pieces, music coaches and method books. The proposed music ensemble would start in October.

A motion to approve was made by Paula Van Den Bosch, motion seconded by Chantal Dussault, approved by all.

5.8 Approval of Daycare Handbook

Please see the attached document for the Daycare Handbook. A hard copy of the book will no longer be sent home to parents. The document will be available on-line only.

Motion to approve the Daycare Handbook was made by Josie Nardelli, motion seconded by Veronica Graniero, approved by all.

5.9 Approval of GB Meeting Dates

The proposed dates for future GB Dates are listed below.

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Thursday, November 15, 2018
Thursday, December 13, 2018
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
Thursday, May 16, 2019
Tuesday, June 11, 2019

A motion to approve the dates for future GB meetings was made by Josie Nardelli, motion seconded by Pina Ippolito, approved by all.

A motion to extend the present GB meeting was made at 9:32 p.m. by Alba Fiorino, motion seconded by Paula Van Den Bosch, approved by all.

5.10 \$5000.00 For School Activity

A motion was made by Elaine Frenette to approve \$5000.00 taken from Fund 3 for an activity or activities for students, motion seconded by Chantal Dussault, approved by all.

6. Information and Reports

6.1 Principal

Ms. Margetis reported that we presently have 255 students enrolled at Dante School. Some new teachers have joined the staff along with 2 new child care workers.

Dante has no librarian right now. Parent Volunteers will be asked to run the library in the meantime.

EMSB Student Services hired 8 additional resource consultants assigned to 3 or 4 schools to assist with administration. Teachers will help to train new teachers to work in stations and teams when dealing with special needs students and IEP's.

Guidelines for usage of marijuana will be created once the drug becomes legalized in Canada in October 2018. It will be illegal to possess and/or use marijuana on school grounds.

Dante School will be receiving renovations in 2018-2019 to the Summer's end. The washrooms will be re-done, a new fire alarm system will be installed along with a new panel and wiring, the security cameras outside the school will be re-directed or changed and the outside doors will also be changed.

On Curriculum Night, the Dante community voted in favor of having a PPO again this year. A letter will be sent out to parents informing them of the 1st PPO meeting that will take place on Monday, September 24th, 2018. Those wanting to join the PPO will be asked to show up for this meeting.

Ms. Margetis paid \$764.23 out of pocket for pizza on the "Welcome Day" for Dante's students. A motion was made to make a reimbursement to the principal from Fund 3 by Eugenio Branco, motion seconded by Pina Ippolito, approved by all.

Dante School will be hosting the Regional Science Fair this year. It will take place on May 10 and 11th of 2019. This will include welcoming participants from schools all over the island of Montreal. A request was made to the EMSB to help Dante School make the Gym presentable for the upcoming event and plans are being worked on.

The fire drill that occurred recently in the school went very well.

The Grade 6 classes got a visit from the principals of Vincent Massey Collegiate and from Lester B. Pearson High School.

School Photos will take place on September 24th, 2018.

On November 13th, 2018, the school will be visited by “Ve-i-cube”, an organization that helps raise awareness for orphan diseases (les maladies orphalaine). A van will show up with a big camper equipped with stationary bikes and will do spinning sessions with the students of Dante for the day as well as other activities in the gym.

A committee of staff members is being put together for the organization of our next Open House.

6.2 Teachers

Veronica Graniero will be forming a choir consisting of students from grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. They will meet and practice on every Day 1 at lunch time.

6.3 Daycare

October 1st, 2018 will be an election day in Quebec. The Daycare will be organizing a Ped Day outing on this day to go apple and pumpkin picking at “La bonté de la pomme.” The cost for the outing will be \$12.00 plus tax, plus the \$9.00 fee for the Ped Day.

A motion was made to approve the Ped Day outing for October 1st by Paula Van Den Bosch, motion seconded by Veronica Graniero, approved by all.

For 10 weeks during the Fall session, the older kids in Daycare will have multi sports activities which will consist of 7 to 8 different sports.

A photography club for Grades 3 to 6 will be offered.

Ms. Mary Santino will be organizing and having students participate again this year in “We Day” activities.

Online banking options are being worked on to modernize how parents make payments to Daycare.

6.4 PC Delegate

No Report.

6.5 PPO Delegate

The GB is reminded that some fundraising activities for this Fall have already been approved since the last school year. More information will be forthcoming on these fundraisers.

Dates for the Pizza Lunch with TCBY frozen yogurt have to be set. The Pizza lunches will start in November.

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Email approvals may be coming for a Halloween event.

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None.

8. **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next GB meeting will take place on Tuesday October 16, 2018 in the staff room at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Motion to Accept: Alba Fiorino, seconded by Josie Nardelli, approved by all.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Edith Cecilia Varga



Principal



Chairperson