

Hadley Junior High School Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday October 17, 2007, 7:00 pm – Library

Present:

Sandy Alexanian
Nathalie Bertrand
Elizabeth Blanchard
Christie Bray
Line Decarie
Amy Dickson
Tracy Dunning

Julie Fram Greig
Jenny Hale
Terry Kharyati
Tammy McClelland
Terri McPhail
Deanna Roussy
Carie Wright

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 18:44.

2. Governing Board Procedural Business

2.1 Attendance – quorum attained

Welcome remarks. Introductions by all.

2.2 Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve N. Bertrand, seconded by S. Alexanian. *All in favour*

2.3 Approval of minutes of GB Meeting of June 20, 2007

- Amendments: Remove T. McPhail off the attendee list as she was not present. Change VPs report to read that it was presented by J. Fram-Greig only.
- Motion to approve with changes. by J. Hale, seconded by S. Alexanian. *All in favour.*

2.4 Election of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary

- Offices were filled by acclamation. *Approved by general consent.*
Chair, Carie Wright; Vice-chair, Nathalie Bertrand.
- Line Decarie was nominated by Carie Wright for Recording Secretary. However, the Recording Secretary may rotate from member to member, meeting to meeting. *General consent.*

2.5 Approval of 2007-2008 GB Meeting dates and times

- Dates are October 17, November 21, December 19, January 23, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21 and June 18.
- Time will be 7pm until further notice. GB will revisit after Christmas.
- Motion to approve dates, N. Bertrand, seconded by C. Bray. *All in favour.*

3. Reports

3.1 Vice-Principal's Report

- Julie Fram-Greig and Terri McPhail provided the VP's report. Much positive discussion ensued regarding new initiatives. (team meetings, Planning Room, monthly speakers)
- Grade 7s first day of school was on August 30th, they had a great day. Activities had been organized. Grade 8 was August 31st, they started their day with a meeting and class in the afternoon. Open House went well.

- Spirit Day- The Spirit Committee had team building activities scheduled such as puzzles, name game etc. An aerial photo was taken of the students in the shape of an H. Everyone participated. Terry Fox Run was completed during second period.
- Looking at having every last Friday of every month to have an activity.
- Ottawa of U Basketball Team made a visit. The Basketball Team will be donating 250.00 to the breakfast Club and two scholarships to summer basketball club.
- Only students who want to sell the Fundraiser Books will be given the package. Will be looking at other fundraising opportunities.
- CCAT's-results will help to work with the students. The information will be passed onto PW. so they can be prepared for the students entry into grade nine. It will also show if students are capable of more.
- Mt. Everest-former student came to talk and tell his story. 28 years old. Students loved him.
- New Team Meetings by group every 1-3 weeks. Teachers meeting to discuss kids, best practices.
- New Initiative * The Planning Room * has been set up to deal with students that have complex issues. This room will benefit both schools. Behavioural Technicians will follow-up with parents if need be.

3.2 Principal's Report and Vice-Principal's Report

- Mr. Kharyati presented the Principal's report - requested that two items be moved to the next meeting (TLSA, mentors and Pyramid of Intervention)
- Raised the idea for GB to present a parent's workshop after Christmas.
- S. Alexanian will contact Darlene Doucet and bring proposals/ideas to the table in November
- Carie Wright will send Mr. K all pertinent GB info for the new and improved web site.
- Enrolment down to 529; some special needs students; down allocation of 1.25 teachers; asked for more staffing such as for the complex students 1-19 student teacher ration.
- Emergency drills next couple of weeks; we have our evacuation plans we are ready for emergency.
- Breakfast program open every day
- Two grade 10 teachers as mentors for the grade 7-8s
- Website, updated sent for Hadley; 33 teachers showing interested in creating their own sites; whole Hadley site being reconstructed; all minutes will be on site; former students will be updating.
- 150 payments outstanding; 1 complaint about not be able to afford the school fee
- Couple of proposed activities for November such as WWII vet and a Holocaust survivor
- Govt put out a grant to school last year; the board has submitted for this grant; much work down on the outside of the school; students painted the lockers this summer.

3.3 Parents' Committee

No meeting to report.

4.0 New Business – n/a

5.0 Varia

5.1 Music Program

- Sandy Alexanian initiated a discussion on the current music program, wondering specifically why there is no band at Hadley. Much discussion ensued, all agreed to keep eyes and ears open for a suitable volunteer band leader. A choir leader would also be an excellent alternative. All suggestions to be referred to Mr. Kharyati.

6.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Moved by N. Bertrand, seconded by A. Dickson. *All in favour.*

Carie Wright
Chair

Line Decarie, Amy Dickson, Nathalie Bertrand
Recorders

