

**QUEBEC HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BOARD**  
945 Belvedere, Quebec City,  
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Governing Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:30 p.m. in the VCN Room

### Minutes

**Present:**

Warren Thomson	Ilona Szabo
Douglas Grant	Kelly Eden
Josée Simard	Sandra Cole
Judith Vézina	Jill Gagnon
Carrienne Bell	Ann Gauthier
Suzie Chiasson-Renaud	Jean-Luc Trahan
Rebecca Palmer	Susan McBain
Ed Sweeney	

**Absent:**

Alex Detre

1. Quorum was reached, meeting started at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda – moved by S. McBain, seconded by JL Trahan
3. Approval of the Minutes of the June meeting – moved by S. McBain, seconded by A. Gauthier

Follow-up to Minutes: W. Thomson informed us that a new Financial Director was appointed at the School Board. Also, our 2017-2018 school budget is on the rise due to a higher number of enrolled students (396 as of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.)

4. Introduction and welcome to new members:

This year we have 6 parent members (and corresponding staff.) This should make quorum easier to reach.

5. Election of Board Officers:

JL Trahan agreed to remain Chairperson; J. Gagnon will be Vice-Chairperson, and S. McBain accepted to be Secretary/Treasurer of the Governing Board. All Officers were unanimously approved by the Board members.

## 6. Governing Board's Role and Responsibilities:

The roles and responsibilities as written by the MEES (Ministère de l'éducation et de l'enseignement supérieur) were forwarded to members to read before the meeting. There were no questions.

## 7. Principal's Report:

### *Academics*

QHS was again above average in the Ministry exams last year. We started the school year with the Day 10 schedule change. Classes start at 9:30 so staff can meet in the morning. So far, the staff seem to really appreciate the chance to meet with others in their department and the schedule is working out very well. The first communication has been sent out to parents. Parent/Teacher night will be in November, after the first term ends.

### *Arts*

QHS will host the Arts Festival this year. The Music Theatre class will be performing *The Lion King* this year with both Dance and Music concentration classes helping them out.

### *Athletics*

We had 4 outdoor soccer teams this year, the Senior Girls and Boys did well: the Girls reached semi-finals with a 0-1 loss to the league leader; the boys won the banner for the season. We have 7 basketball teams: 2 Bantam Boys, 1 Bantam Girls, 2 Senior Girls, and 2 Senior Boys, which is quite outstanding considering the size of our school.

## 8. Other Reports:

### *Student Council*

The student representatives raved about the Leadership Conference held in Waterloo this year, and would encourage the school to send as many students as they can each year. The conference was attended by ~1000 students from across the country. The Leadership Camp went well again this year as well as the first outing of the Outdoor Club. International Day had each grade dress for a different country. The senior classes were well represented, and we will continue to encourage the younger grades to participate. The Haunted House will be on Halloween again this year. The Prom Committee is selling doughnuts to be delivered on Halloween too. November 17<sup>th</sup> will be a compressed schedule for a pep rally in the afternoon to support our basketball teams who have a triple-header that night. The Dance Concentration students will be doing a performance and the Prom Committee will be selling pizza as a fund raiser.

### *CLC*

The Art class will be working on illustrations for the upcoming VEQ book *Tell Me a Story*. The VEQ are also putting together a city guide, which includes places around the city that people find important to them. Students will be helping with the required research. Volunteers from the Jeffery Hale Volunteer Bank will attend a computer course given by our Senior Leadership class, so they can offer computer support classes in their community. Three students attended a Leadership Conference in Waterloo, Ontario. Two students presented a poem in Wendake about residential schools which will be a topic in a Canadian

Film Board documentary to be shown across the country. We are very proud of their efforts! The Annual Blood Drive will be October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 pm to 7:30 pm. QHS hosted a conference for various CLC's across Quebec.

#### *Transportation Committee*

A. Gautier attended the September Transportation meeting. This Committee has a new Chairperson. The software currently in use to plan bus routes did not store all the bus changes from last year, so this had to be done again. There are discussions about changing the pick-up point for the South Shore. It was suggested that we try to get the word out to families on the South Shore that busing is available for the English schools.

### **9. Governing Board Business:**

#### *Operating Budget*

We agreed to use a portion of our budget to pay for the supper of the student representatives that remain after school on GB meeting nights. We also have funds for any GB member who needs babysitting services to attend the meetings. Refreshments will be purchased through the SNACS program.

#### *Outings*

W. Thomson presented a list of proposed outings and activities for the coming year. Motion to approve by A. Gauthier, seconded by S. Cole, unanimously approved.

#### *Open House*

This year's Open House will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm. Members who can attend would be appreciated.

#### *The Project*

The School Board Commissioners have officially requested building a new school to replace QHS and St. Pat's. The Project, as it's called within the community, has been presented at the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal levels. Both old schools are being assessed to come up with a cost for updating each school; and possible locations for this new larger school have been discussed.

### **10. Business Arising:**

The Board has asked for our feedback on new versions of two new policies: *Policy for CQSB Employees Offering Private Services to CQSB Students* and the *Policy Governing the use of External Services in our Establishments*. These two policies had already been discussed last year and our suggestions had been reported back then to the Board. These new versions are much better worded and clearer. JL Trahan will report back to the Board that these changes are an improvement and are acceptable from our GB members' perspective.

### **11. No correspondence**

**12. Varia:**

S. Cole would like to discuss what we could do to draw attention to the unfair difference in the tax assessments for the English and French School Boards. The School Board's website has a template letter for all parents to send to their government representatives. The subject is to be tabled at the next GB meeting.

**13.** Next meeting date was chosen: November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Usual time and place

**14.** Meeting was adjourned.