



Académie John Caboto Academy

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JOHN CABOTO ACADEMY

GOVERNING BOARD

November 24, 2020

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR: Vanessa Chimienti

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Vanessa Chimienti, Daria Fratino, Mariasabrina Mangione, Esther Parent, Antonella Peppe

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES: Martine Brosseau, Jennifer DeLeeuw, Anna Mignacca, Luisa Paradiso, Joseph Romano

PRINCIPAL: Mr. David Servello

REGRETS: Jennifer DeLeeuw, Rosy Federico

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

Motioned by Mme Parent, seconded by Ms. Mangione, approved unanimously.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 The minutes from last Governing Board meeting of October 14, 2020 were adopted.

Motioned by Ms. Mangione, seconded by Ms. Peppe, approved unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES-None

4. CORRESPONDENCE- None

5. REPORTS

5.1 Chairperson's Report- None

5.2 Principal's Report: There have been no covid cases to report to date. We will continue to make all efforts in our plan to keep the children in their respected bubbles, our staff is rising to the occasion and giving their own time in order to make this possible. We can not however guarantee these same bubbles for after school daycare due to staffing limitations, therefore some grade levels will be mixed. The on-line schedules in case of a full school or class closure is available on our school website respecting the Ministry guidelines of time allocation for virtual learning. Our virtual Open House went very well, parents had the opportunity to watch a power point presentation and video through a video conference with Mr. Servello and Ms. Christine. In order to showcase our school, the presentation can be found on our school website. The parent workshop for November 30th has been cancelled. The Government have decided to close all schools on December 17th and 18th, a decision has been made for virtual teaching. Teachers will be getting a special training in case of any future school closures due to the covid pandemic, therefore three

pedagogical days have been added to the calendar. December 9th, January 22nd, and February 12th. We will be using Microsoft bookings for this year's Parent Teacher Interview. Bookfairs this year will be virtual, there is no options for a separate French bookfair. This year Scholastic has combined the two.

5.3 Teacher's Report: Tortue Berlué Geordie Productions, came to our school with their theater bus to perform a play for our K4 students. We have registered for a Youth Fusion/Fusion Jeunesse project that pairs a class and teacher with a University student and mentor/professional in the field of engineering. Two classes will be a part of the project called LegoFirst which is a robotics program and competition. Reading Week December 14-18 is coming up and our theme will be **Lights, Camera, Read.** Some of the activities include: Geordie Productions, which will be presenting a play virtually for all the students. We will also be having a contest where all students will have to showcase their love for reading, a winner will be chosen from each class and will receive an Indigo gift cards, some sixth grade students have chosen to also write a song. Different activities will go on in their respected classes. We will be having our very own JCA mascot, we asked that students suggest a name for the mascot. The students and parents will later cast their vote on what the name will be. New winter equipment will be made available to our students for outdoor play each grade will have their own bins to be used within their bubbles.

5.4 Daycare's Report-Due to it being a covid year there will be no outings or external activities. There are 123 students registered in daycare.

5.5 Regional's Delegate Report- A meeting was held with all the elementary and high school delegates, the discussion on hand; different strategies on containing covid in our schools.

5.6 Community Rep Report- None

5.7 Treasurer's Report: None

5.8 PPO & FUNDRAISING REPORT- BigBox fundraiser was a great success, 148 boxes were sold giving us a profit of 2274\$. The company offered 150\$ Gift Card to the top sellers.

NEW BUSINESS

6.1 mTransport Service- The EMSB is offering a free service tracking tool for all students who use the bus service. This is to provide parents with information concerning their child when the bus has left school, is delayed, and upon its arrival. All personal data will be protected under Canadian law. A resolution was passed by all GB members to have the service offered to parents at John Caboto Academy.

Motioned by: Ms. Mangione, seconded by Ms. Peppe, approved unanimously.

6.2 Confirmation of Email Approvals

6.2.2 BigBox Fundraiser

6.3 Update-School Budget 2020-2021- The school budget was presented to all Governing Board members.

6.4 Water Quality Analysis Update – Seven drinking water points were tested for lead. Six out of the seven passed. The location of the water point that did not pass is a sink inside the nurse’s room, which is not accessible to students or used as a drinking water point. Those pipes to that water point will be changed and tested again.

6.5 Sexuality Education Plan- The Sexuality Education Plan in accordance with the Ministry requires that a minimum of 5 hours of sexuality education is to be taught over the school year. The plan presented for John Caboto Academy includes 5-6 hours. The learning content was developed to meet the needs of children and takes into account the students’ age and level of development. There will be different themes for each grade level; a committee has been formed consisting of the school nurse, spiritual animator, staff members, and Mr. Servello. The plan and an information letter will go out to all parents. Motioned by: Ms. Mangione, seconded by Mme Martine, 9 approved, 1 against.

6.6 BASE Daycare Handbook- It was motioned that the 2020-2021 handbook be approved. The handbook will be available on our JCA website. Motioned by Mme Martine, seconded by Ms. Mangione, approved unanimously.

6.7 Updated School Calendar – The school calendar was reviewed and adopted with three additional pedagogical days by all Governing Board Members.

January 22, 2021

February 12, 2021

JCA would like to add December 9, 2020 as our third date.

Motioned by Ms Fratino, seconded by Ms. Peppe, approved unanimously.

7. VARIA - NONE

8. QUESTION PERIOD- NONE

9. UPCOMING MEETING – February 23, 2021

10. ADJOURNMENT-Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Motioned by Ms. Paradiso, seconded by Ms.Fratino, approved unanimously.

David Servello, Principal

Vanessa Chimienti, Chairperson