



**Minutes of Terry Fox Parent Participation Organisation Meeting**  
**Tuesday September 12, 2017 – 7:00pm**

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Parents:**

Maria Di Genova, Billie Chasiotis, Melissa Mulrooney, Linda Escobar, Mary Colasurdo, Angie Lombardo, Mylena D'Arasmo, Sergio Gazzola, Maud Cadieux, Barbara Barrasso, Tania Martone, Nadia Zingaro, Mary Anne Di Genova, Sabrina Insalaco

**Administration:**

Serge-Édouard Jeanniton (Principal)

**Recording Secretary:**

Melissa Mulrooney

**1.0 Election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary:**

- Billie Chasiotis nominates Maria Di Genova for Chairperson Position
- Maria Di Genova accepts.
- Angie Lombardo nominates Billie Chasiotis for Vice-Chairperson Position
- Billie Chasiotis accepts.
- Billie Chasiotis nominates Melissa Mulrooney for Secretary Position
- Melissa Mulrooney accepts.

**2.0 Attendance:** Meeting convened at 7:05 p.m.

**3.0 Minutes of meeting:** N/A

**4.0 Business arising:**

**4.1 Welcome Back Day (September 8, 2017):**

The activities consisted of watermelon, Mr. Freeze, one large inflatable and one small inflatable. It was a great success, and was well received by the students. More inflatables would be needed next time, namely one large, one medium and one small inflatable. The big inflatable was perhaps too large for some of the younger grades (specifically the climbing), whereas the small inflatable was a little too small even for the younger grades. More volunteers would be needed at events of this nature in the future. The generator was very loud; the use of whistles would be helpful.

**4.2 Movie Night (September 8, 2017):**

Movie night went very well, we had a great turnout. If another movie night were to be scheduled at the end of the school year, two popcorn machines would be needed to avoid the excessively long wait times. Signs showing direction to the bathroom would be helpful to avoid people using the wrong doors. Parents should be reminded that they are in charge of the supervision of their own children during these types of events. In terms of the movie chose, it is hard to please everyone. The movie chosen (Cars 3) was perhaps too juvenile for the older grades seeing as very few grades 5/6 attended. Mr. Jeanniton explained the difficulties of choosing a family oriented movie that is short enough based on what is available at the time. Next movie night selling trios prior to the event would help in knowing just how much food to have available. Seeing as the beginning of the school year is rather hectic, parents may not have responded well to sending in money to prepay for said trio, however if done at the end of the school year this procedure would work nicely.

As a side note; there's an importance of having a "Plan B" in place for activities, so that events will take place regardless of weather or attendance. Examples given: Fun Day (cancelled due to rain) and Winter Carnival Sledding (cancelled due to lack of permission). Movie night will no longer be cancelled due to bad weather, it will be inside.

## **5.0 New Business:**

### **5.1 Humeur Fundraiser:**

Humeur Fundraiser will be at the school September 25, 2017 in the morning to present the products to the students. Information will be sent home, the parents will select the products to sell (chocolates, coffees, teas etc.). Once order is placed, Humeur will deliver it directly to each student by the first week of October. Students/parents will have two weeks to sell them. Option to bring back products not sold depending on which chosen, some are non-refundable therefore close attention should be made on which products parents choose.

**6.0 Correspondence:** None

**7.0 Varia:** None

### **8.0 Round table:**

- **Hockey Tickets Raffle:**

Based on the success of last year's Hockey Ticket Raffle (over \$12 000 made) another raffle will be held this school year. Date to be decided, depending on date of donated and/or purchased tickets.

- **Comedy Night:**

Discussions took place surrounding the confusion of last year's Spring Fling/Comedy Night at the end of March. It had been decided that the event would focus more on a night out with dancing and less focus on comedy. However because of tradition it was perceived to be a Comedy Night. Feedback given from parents was to continue having the event at the beginning of February as it was in the years past. Or perhaps if enough money is raised from Humeur Fundraiser and Hockey Tickets Raffle, an option could be to forgo the Comedy Night this year. It will be readdressed, at a later date.

- **Fundraiser Mandate:**

The official fundraiser mandate will be determined after Governing Board and Staff meetings. It will be further discussed at the next PPO meeting. Some proposed ideas: flexible seating, lockers, and schoolyard embellishments such as basketball nets on external wall.

- **Middle Play Structure:**

Astroturf has been installed thanks to PPO funds. Discussion took place concerning the safety of the spinning "umbrella" structure. The structure itself is safe and the turf underneath is able to absorb a child's fall very well. The students are being taught how to play properly on the structure. Due to the popularity of the middle play structure in its entirety, a schedule will be drafted to elevate large crowds and instead encourage the students to play elsewhere depending on schedule.

- **Kindergarten Play Structure:**

Due to the combined recess period (K-6) it is important to zone the area.

- **School Repairs Timeline:**

Repairs and renovations are mostly done over the summer months to avoid disruption of the students. Also based on the school boards capital budget, funds are allocating on a priority basis.

- **Schoolyard Private Property:**

The schoolyard is now locked as it's no longer a Parc-école, as of three years ago. Therefore people found in the yard after school hours and/or on weekends are in fact trespassing. The janitor clears the yard of any debris in the mornings prior to students' entry.

- **Asphalt Repairs in Schoolyard:**

School board is aware of the damage to the asphalt in the yard and it will be repaired. The sewers are too high and therefore water accumulates. It will be repaired in the next few days, as well as levelling the basketball area.

- Terry Fox Run:  
Students have received the school pledge sheet, parent volunteer form and judicial record form must be filled out. The goal is to raise more money than last year, nearly \$6 000. More volunteers needed to optimize the safety of our students.
- Catechism:  
Catechism will not take place in the school this year due to lack of volunteers. Discussions took place concerning possible reasons for this, mainly the daycare charges applied for it to start at 3:00pm. Mr. Jeanniton will ask the church if a time change would be possible and if this change would in turn increase the number of parents willing to volunteer. Also some parents may not have received the email from the church asking for volunteers.
- Librarian, Janitors, Secretary and Part-Time Secretary:  
There has been no library for the students since the beginning of the school year. The school is in the process of hiring a librarian. Discussions took place over the changes in staff: Librarian (T.B.D.), Janitors (Mme. Isabelle on sick leave, Mme. Huguette, Mr. Billy), Secretary (Miss Terry) and Part-time Secretary (Miss Libra).
- Safety Campaign (September 7, 2017):  
Safety campaign was launched for pedestrians and cyclists. The Mayor of Laval, a Police Officer, two grade 5 students, the President of SWLSB, and the President of CSDL's photo was taken for the campaign in front of the school. Also the blue and white lines on side of street in front of the school are meant to remind drivers to slow down. Mr Jeanniton expressed how pleased he is with the parents no longer parking on Lacasse, in the morning, and instead using the community centre and also choosing to have their children bussed to school. The crossing guard, Mme. Monique, is still always present to insure the safety of the children crossing the road.
- Day of PPO Meetings:  
The PPO meetings will be either the second or the third Tuesday of the month, to be decided once Governing Board's meetings are set. An email will be sent out once determined.
- Extracurricular activities:  
Information will be emailed out shortly in regards to: Karate Sportif, Katag, Passion Soccer, Basketball and Educ-Action.

**9.0 Adjournment:**

On motion of Billie Chasiotis the meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: T.B.D.**

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Maria Di Genova  
Chairperson

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Melissa Mulrooney  
Recording Secretary