

Sunshine Academy Governing Board  
Minutes  
April 18th 2024

1. Call to Order with Reconciliatory statement: *Read by Richard Frazao 6:36 pm*
2. Roll Call, Presence: *Leah Lobaton, Richard Frazao, Daniel Maag, Melanie Rossy, Valerie Barbet, Barbara Galvao, Carla Valerio, Sheri Carlson, Ritu Srivastava, Kris Pichovich, Regrets: Joey Stallone, Vincent de Ruisseau, Rishi Kumar, Matthiew Logan, Richard Aisenthal, Malik Shaheed*
3. Approval of the Agenda *MTA Carla Seconded by Leah*
4. Business Arising:
  - 4.1 Approval of Minutes from Feb 22nd *MTA Barbara Seconded by Mr. Pichovich*
5. Question Period from Public - *None*
6. Correspondence
  - 6.1 *School survey will not count this year, due to software issues it was invalid.*
  - 6.2 *School Calendar 2024-2025 - Presented to GB as a consult. Local Ped days added to November 29th, January 6th, June 6th. Interviews are November 28-29 and Feb 27th. Curriculum night is September 5th.*
7. New Business:
  - 7.1 Questions on feedback from parents for Education Project: *Shared with the GB to discuss.*  
*5 questions that still need to be finalized before being sent out to the parents. MTA Richard F seconded by Melanie . AIF*
  - 7.2 Indicators on the education project: *GB has an obligation to report on the educational project results from surveys, however, finding results from previous years proves to be quite difficult. The GB has decided moving forward to make reporting and analyzing the educational project a priority. MTA Richard F, seconded by Leah. AIF*
  - 7.3 TCBY fundraiser: *Motioned by Melanie Rossy, seconded by Richard Frazao:*  
*Motion to Approve TCBY fundraiser at Sunshine Academy running from May 7th until June 18th Delivery to occur May 3rd. Open to all students. Cost 3.50\$ 4oz - 25\$ for 7 weeks. more than one can be ordered. AIF*  
*Additional notes: take note the 7th of June is a ped day so we will have to have double orders the Friday before. Order needs to be placed by April 30th (funds collected by April 29th).*  
*AIF, Motion Passes.*
  - 7.4 Educ ation, photos, Alvéole,  
*Alvéole: approval for next year, continue to use them as the supplier for the honey program. MTA Barbara G, seconded by Mr. Pichovich.*  
*School photos - Looking for a new photographer for the next school year. Right now feedback from parents are that Green Apple is expensive and photos do not come pre cut. Table the motion to May by Richard F seconded by Leah*

*Educ-action: Need to give the parents more time to plan and an earlier heads up. They will continue to provide after school activities for Sunshine MTA Melanie, seconded by Carla. AIF*

**7.5 Babysitting course grades 5&6 - Motioned by Ritu Srivastava, seconded by Richard Frazao:**

*Motion to Approve Baby-Sitting Course at Sunshine Academy on April 29th, eligible students would be in grades 5 and 6. The course would run for 7 hours from 9am to 4pm and cost 80\$. Parents register and pay directly to "Enfant and Compagnie". Minimum number of participants is 10.*

*AIF Motion Passes.*

**MTA a 15 minute extension: Richard**

**7.6 Community BBQ June 6th. Charge \$5 per person. Tickets will be sold in advance. Home and school will help set up and run the BBQ. Open to all. MTA Richard F seconded by Carla.**

**7.7 Grad Fundraiser Laura Secord chocolate: Boxes sold at 5\$ per box, forms sent out ASAP if/once approved, grade 6 will be doing the selling, but not permitted on school premises, parent communication will be sent out for direct purchase. All sales are pooled together.**

*Notes: Cost per case  $79.75\$ \times 1.15 = 90.12\$$  (cost is 3\$ per box incl tax), sales value  $30 \times 5 = 150\$$ , profit per 30 bars 59.88\$, (1.99\$ per bar),*

*MTA Mr. Pichovich, seconded by Mme. Valerie. AIF.*

**7.8 Return to in person meetings. We will keep the majority of our meetings online. Maybe switch to a few in-person meetings. MTA Richard F, seconded by Leah.**

**8. Field trips**

**8.1 Grades 5 & 6 skating. Motioned by Joseph Stallone, Seconded by Richard Frazao**

*Motion to Approve the grade 5/6 skating field trip to the DDO Civic Centre on April 23rd from 8:00 to 11:30 at a cost of 5\$ per student. Students will walk to the Civic Centre.*

*AIF Motion Passes.*

**9. Reports:**

**9.1 Principal - See the Next page**

**9.2 Teachers -**

**9.3 Support staff**

**9.4 H&S - Thank you to admin staff for all of their support with all of our projects. Thank you to the teachers for supporting our workshops.**

**9.5 Seed - Tax receipts have been sent out and re registration will open on Mozaik in May.**

**9.6 Region 2 report - Back to in person. Discussions happening on the PC app. Money being put into EDDI.**

**9.7 Commissioner**

**10. Varia: PPO looking to know what their budget balance is in order to complete their report for Home and School. We want to use the balance before the end of the year so we don't lose that money.**

**11. Date of next meeting: May 16th, June 13th**

12. Adjournment: MTA Melanie and seconded by Mr. Pichovich

### **Principals Report:**

Thank you to all parents and staff for your support and participation during Carnival week. As well, Staff Appreciation Week was a lot of fun again, and the entire staff would like to thank all parents for their contributions in making us feel very appreciated!

Since our last meeting, we have had a variety of workshops and presentations from partners in outside organizations. Roen Higgins came to talk to the whole school about “Becoming your Best Self”, and then she did classroom visits in cycle 3. SPVM officers were here for a couple of days giving workshops in Grades 3-6. Overture with the Arts will be giving their rescheduled workshop on “Unpacking Social Media” on April 24th (it was originally scheduled for April 4th when we had our unexpected snow day). As well, we continue to have two school board consultants delivering Anti-Racism workshops at all grade levels. As well, our partnership with Educ-action has come to an end this year - it was a really good partnership with them, and we thank our parent volunteers for bringing them to us and doing much of the organization and communication. Coming up, we have a few field trips on the horizon (we are spending the remaining “sorties culturelles” funds that come from the government). GB will have to approve them, obviously, so stay tuned!

Craft Fair was an incredible success last Saturday. Parents were out in huge numbers, as were the Grade 6 students who were helping in the setup and takedown process, as well as other tasks and their bake sale table. Their reward is a lot of funds towards their grad activities. The Craft Fair receives rave reviews from the “outside” vendors and guests who cannot get over how well organized it is and just as importantly, how special Sunshine is.

The Scholastic Book Fair was also a big success, kids were so excited to be able to shop at school. I don’t have the final tally, but there will be well over \$1000 coming back to the school in the form of Scholastic dollars for our classroom teachers.

Earth Day activities took place today. Thank you to Melanie, JP and Melissa (as well as Ms. Patricia!) for organizing this for our kids. Not just the planting - kids get a little lesson in the significance of Earth Day and the importance of taking care of our planet.

Our registration numbers appear to be very healthy for next year - too early to tell on final numbers, but we may be looking at a third K5 group. We are looking at about another 5% jump in population from this year’s overall registrations.

On Wednesday next week, I am attending a conference for CLC schools with our Community Development Agent (Kemba Mitchell) and a couple of other principals. The Keynote is: “Parent and Family Engagement”, and other topics include “Learning With and From Families” as well as “Rethinking Resilience to Support Community and Family Mental Health & Wellbeing”.

Finally, as was seen in correspondence from the school board, the Our School Survey results are invalid this year (across the school board). This is unfortunate, but we are excited to explore our own student feedback next year with the help of Ms. Patricia and our ABAV committee.