



## Mother Earth's Children's Charter School

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
held via Zoom Cloud Meeting  
October 18, 2021

**PRESENT:** Dale Friedel, Chair  
Wendy Cunningham, Trustee (6:48 PM)  
Cindy Paul, Trustee  
Terry Regamey, Trustee (via telephone)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Ed Wittchen, Superintendent  
Erin Danforth, Principal  
Anita LeMoignan, Secretary-Treasurer

**ABSENT:** Emil Durocher, Trustee

**GUEST:**

Chair Friedel called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

### AGENDA APPROVAL

**#900-21/22** "To approve the agenda as circulated."  
**REGAMEY** **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**#901-21/22** "To approve the minutes of September 13, 2021 Board Meeting  
as presented."  
**PAUL** **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

ST LeMoignan - Playground improvements started October 19, 2021 and will take most of the week to complete. These improvements will ensure that the playground meets all current safety standards.

## SCHOOL REPORT

ST LeMoignan - The enrolment capped at 49 students. There was one latecomer on October 14, 2021 that INAC accepted and added it to the Nominal Roll because the child had never attended school previously.

Principal Danforth - School enrollment has fluctuated and flirted with 50 but seems to have mostly stabilized now at 49. Attendance through September was consistent however since Thanksgiving we have taken a hit due to some illness and students isolating at home due to COVID (either in the family or sick students).

Maxine and her husband Mark have spearheaded the Culture Camp project and, under Maxine's direction, we have a beautiful, nearly complete, outdoor area for staff and students to enjoy.

Spirit north returned today, and the students were extremely excited to see our volunteer, Leah, again. This week promises to be a great one!

We are looking forward to preparing a Christmas concert with the hopes that we will be able to welcome families into the school once more. Also thinking ahead to Christmas, we are starting our process with TransAlta for our visit from Santa and hoping we don't have to go virtual this year.

## COVID POLICY/ADMIN PROCEDURES

Superintendent Wittchen - The Ministers of Education and Health have sent boards a letter strongly encouraging all school authorities, as employers, and operators of school facilities, to develop policies that require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test for teachers, staff and any adult who enters a school.

<b>#902-21/22</b>	“To approve Policy 20 - Temporary Covid-19 Harm Reduction.”
<b>CUNNINGHAM</b>	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>

<b>#903-21/22</b>	“To approve Administrative Procedure 446 - Temporary Covid-19 Harm Reduction.”
<b>REGAMEY</b>	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>

## COVID-19 RAPID TESTS

ST LeMoignan - Starting in late October, rapid testing kits will be provided to school authorities for distribution for Kindergarten to Grade 6 schools, starting first with schools that are experiencing an outbreak status.

The rapid testing program will be voluntary. If they choose, children, students, and staff will be provided with rapid testing kits to test twice per week for four weeks. Symptomatic children need to be tested at an AHS assessment centre and should not use the rapid tests. Rapid tests are a more effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19 in areas where there are more COVID-19 cases.

The program will begin pending test kit availability and will continue until Health Canada completes its review of the submission for approval to use COVID-19 vaccine for children under 12. More information will be shared once details of the program are finalized. ST LeMoignan has ordered 25 rapid tests to get started.

### **STAFFING/SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT**

Superintendent Wittchen - Erin has a larger class this year. It is manageable but requires her to work full time. We should be receiving funding for Literacy/Numeracy, so Ed has authorized hiring someone to do the literacy/numeracy and to free up Erin for some admin time. Erin has been in contact with the substitute we use most frequently. She is available mornings and will come in four mornings per week.

### **MNP AUDIT SCHEDULE**

ST LeMoignan - The auditor from MNP was at the school October 13, 2021. The Audited Financial Statement will be finalized and ready for presentation at the November board meeting.

Chair Friedel adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.



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CHAIR



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