



HEMMINGFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Chairperson

With the 2014-2015 school year complete, we use this report to look back on some of the changes, decisions, and events held here at Hemmingford Elementary School. Our school is a small school in enrollment but big in the impact it makes in the lives of our students and in our community.

The Governing Board of Hemmingford Elementary School is dedicated to supporting the school, students, and staff to ensure the safety and success of students. We work closely with the school administration and are responsible for approving many of the schools projects and initiatives, as well as the community use of the school.

Our support is quite significant with the Governing Board, while working with parents and our Parent Participation Organization, raising more than \$10,000 for the school. This money either supports the students directly by subsidizing the cost of field trips and paying for local events or indirectly by supporting the teachers and paying for pedagogical materials.

As we move forward, we are always looking to strengthen the bond between the school and the community and the bond between parents and the school.

Lets hope 2015-2016 brings the success of 2014-2015.

Sincerely,

Pascale Giroux
Chairperson of the Governing Board



2014-2015 Year In Review

2014-2015 marked Pascale Giroux's first year as chairperson and her second year on Governing Board. The secretary was Tracy Boon.

Throughout the year, the Governing Board made a concerted effort to fundraise to support the students and staff of Hemmingford Elementary School. The 2014-2015 year saw many successful fundraising events, including: the annual Spaghetti Supper, the Citrus Drive, the Vesey Bulbs sale, and the bake sale. Our flagship event was the Spaghetti Supper raising roughly \$8000. This money was raised thanks to broad community support.

Fundraising events like those mentioned in the previous paragraph allow the governing board to support a number of initiatives throughout the school year.

At the beginning of the year, students were welcomed back to school with our annual corn roast. The roast was paired with activities organized by the teachers.

In the fall, students participated in the Battle of Chateauguay Run, with the busing being subsidized by the Governing Board.

The school opened its doors to the community, hosting the Hemmingford Legion's Remembrance Day Ceremony and the German Craft Fair.

Our fun didn't stop throughout the winter with our wonderful Christmas Concert organized by our music teacher Ms. About. The community came out to support us for both our afternoon and evening concerts. Just before the break, the Governing Board financed and organized a Christmas Dinner for all the students, staff, volunteers, and bus drivers of the school.

In the spring, students participated in a number of field trips. The K and grade 1 students went to Parc Safari, the grade 3,4,5,6 classes went to L'Estacade, grade 5-6 went to Quebec City and two students were

elected by their peers to participate in Parliament Écolier in Quebec City.

The spring saw our students activities continue. Our students participated in the annual Ormstown Fair with a float organized by Ms. Sproule. In collaboration with our Community Learning Centre (CLC), many of our students went to sing at a senior's residence.

At the end of the year, the whole school celebrated a fun day and in June the school and community were treated to a wonderful rendition of the Wizard of Oz, performed by our students and organized by Ms. About and supported by many volunteers.

Finally, the Criteria of selection of principal was reviewed by the Governing Board with a few modifications being made. This criteria was a factor in the springtime selection of our incoming principal, James Walker.

All in all, it was a wonderful year for our students and we are always looking for ways to continue to support them.

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Principal (2015-2016)

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Division 7

Meeting Dates

September 29, 2014

November 10, 2014

January 12, 2015

February 26, 2015

March 30, 2015

April 30, 2015

May 19, 2015

School Uniforms

Hemmingford Elementary School expects that students wear the school uniform as outlined in the agenda. Efforts are made to minimize the cost to parents by purchasing in bulk.

Gym Shirts

The Governing Board, through its fundraising initiatives, provided each student with a t-shirt for physical education.

Information

Q: What are the main topics and responsibilities of the governing board?

- School and Daycare Budget
- School fundraising Initiatives
- School Success Plan
- Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan
- School Fees
- The school's educational project

The Character of Hemmingford Elementary School

Student Leadership

The voice of the students is a priority at Hemmingford Elementary School. The majority of graduating students participated in a student leadership program. Some of the key events of the year were: the leadership group of HES partnered with CVR and Franklin Elementary School for a two-day conference where students received information, mentoring, and support in the implementation of a leadership program. In February, students went to Montreal to participate in We Day, where our students received inspiration to carry on with their message of community and school support. Leadership students planned and implemented monthly assemblies. With the support of the governing board, the student leadership organized Pink-Shirt Day to support anti-bullying and anti-violence programs. In keeping with our focus on prevention, students organized and implemented structured activities at lunch time for their peers.

Breakfast Program

All students are encouraged to participate in our school's breakfast program which operates with support of grants and donations which are used to lower the cost to our students.

Heather Wright and Roxy the Reading Dog

Volunteer Heather Wright and her reading dog Roxy continued to work with our students from pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten by supporting early literacy.

Scholastic Book Fair

We held our Scholastic Book fair in the fall!

Support of the Legion and Women's Institute

We are fortunate to receive the support of the Women's institute and the Hemmingford Legion. The WI supported our essay contest and the Legion support of poem and poster competition.

Student Enrollment

We had 84 students attend Hemmingford Elementary School.

Anti-Bullying

Hemmingford Elementary School had zero bullying events.

Our school took a proactive approach to educate students due to the financial support of a Jasmin Roy grant and the hard work of dedicated staff, students, and community stakeholders.

Daycare

Hemmingford Elementary School offered Daycare services afterschool and for the majority of pedagogical days.

Compost

Hemmingford Elementary School went green and started composting organic waste thanks to support from the municipalities of Hemmingford.

New Frontiers School Board

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