



**Jewish Federation of Ottawa**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Summary of Discussion for the Community

**Thursday, June 8, 2017**  
Soloway Jewish Community Centre

**In Attendance:** Stuart Ages, David Appotive, Sharon Appotive, Aviva Ben-Choreen, Harold Feder, Stacy Goldstein, Linda Kerzner, Steven Kimmel, Victor Rabinovitch, Jason Shinder, Hartley Stern, Danya Vered, Arlene Wortsman, Lenora Zelikovitz

**Staff:** Sylvain Beaudry, Andrea Freedman, Arie Rosenblum

**Guest:** Canaf Ahituv, Scott Goldstein, Noga Weiss

**Recorder:** Rachel Abenhaim

**I: Welcome – Linda Kerzner**

Linda Kerzner called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Linda welcomed the board and staff to the last meeting of the year.

Linda welcomed back Scott Goldstein and the Shinshinim, Canaf Ahituv and Noga Weiss, here to present highlights from the Shinshinim report circulated to the board in May.

**II: Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Linda Kerzner**

Linda called for a motion to approve minutes from the May 17, 2017 Jewish Federation of Ottawa board of director's meeting.

First – Danya Vered

Second – Lenora Zelikovitz

**Motion carried.**

**III: Shinshinim Report – Canaf & Noga**

The Shinshinim presented highlights from their year in Ottawa. They recapped the activities and programs they planned and took part in while working with a wide range of community organizations, including the day schools, supplemental schools, shuls, youth groups and discussed upcoming plans with summer camp. This initiative created the opportunity for local youth to learn about Israel and its culture, aiming to help Ottawa youth create a connection with Israel. Noga and Canaf also spoke to the experience as being educational for themselves on Jewish life and culture outside of Israel.

#### **IV: Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS) Update – Andrea Freedman**

Andrea provided a brief OJCS update to the board. She explained that enrollment for September 2017 was at 151 students from K – 8, a decline from last year. The school’s deficit will be funded using the “runway” from the special school campaign.

A meet and greet, hosted by Leila and Stuart Ages, for new principal, Dr. Jon Mitzmacher, was a success. The donors and parents in attendance felt that under his leadership, the school has an opportunity to succeed.

#### **V: President’s Report**

Andrea provided updates to the previously distributed report.

- The Foundation AGM had a record number of guests in attendance, approximately 100 people. The highlight of the evening was a tribute to the founders.
- Arieh Rosenblum will leave the Director of Development position at the end of June, and a search for a new director is underway.
- Harold Grinspoon has agreed to be the keynote speaker for the Top Donor reception on September 12, 2017.
- Sentencing update: the defendant is now showing interest in a restorative justice approach. We are looking for community support and representation on June 21 at the court house.

#### **VI: Budget – Sylvain Beaudry**

Sylvain presented the interim budget. He noted two required revisions:

- 1) Change to salaries, due to the announcement of Arieh’s departure
- 2) Correction to the Bulletin Budget 2016-17, which should read \$179,600

Sylvain answered all questions to the board’s satisfaction.

Linda asked for a motion to approve the 2017/18 interim budgets for Jewish Federation of Ottawa, Jewish Community Campus of Ottawa, Ottawa Jewish Bulletin Publishing Co Ltd, and the Annual Campaign as presented.

First – Jason Shinder

Second – Lenora Zelikovitz

**Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm