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JOHN CABOTO ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD OCTOBER 14, 2020

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS:

GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR: Vanessa Chimienti

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Vanessa Chimienti, Daria Fratino, Mariasabrina Mangione, Esther Parent, Antonella Pepe

STAFF REPRESENTATIVES: Martine Brosseau, Jennifer DeLeeuw, Anna Mignacca, Luisa Paradiso, Joseph Romano

PRINCIPAL: Mr. David Servello

REGRETS: None

1. WELCOME

Mr. Servello welcomed all Governing Board members

2. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Mr. Servello presented all Governing Board members.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and adopted by the Governing Board members.

Motioned by Ms. Mangione, seconded by Ms. Paradiso, unanimously approved.

4. WORKING TOGETHER

Mr. Servello expressed the importance of working as a team; the partnership between parent, teacher and their community is essential to the benefit of the student. Mr Servello stressed the importance of Governing Board members and the important roles they play. The guiding principle is to advocate for all students while encouraging school pride.

5. REVIEW OF FUNCTIONS AND POWER

5.1 GOVERNING BOARD ELECTIONS

Election of Governing Board members resulted as such:

Chairperson: **Ms. Vanessa Chimienti**

Motioned by Ms. Mangione, seconded by Mme Martine, unanimously approved.

Regional Delegate: **Ms. Mariasabrina Mangione**

Voted on Curriculum Night

Alternate Delegate: **Ms. Daria Fratino**

Voted on Curriculum Night

Secretary: **Ms. Anna Mignacca**

Motioned by Ms. Mangione, seconded by Ms. Pepe, unanimously approved.

Treasurer: **Ms. Mariasabrina Mangione**

Motioned by Ms. Fratino, seconded by Ms. Pepe, unanimously approved.

6. **APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

A motion was passed that Rosy Federico be the community representative for JCA. Motioned by Ms. Fratino, seconded by Ms. Mangione, unanimously approved.

7. **OPERATION**

7.1 **REVIEW of FUNCTION and POWER**

Ms. Chimienti presented the guidelines regarding the function and power of the Governing Board members.

7.2 **Review of Rules of Operation**

Rules of operation were reviewed by Governing Board members.

7.3 **Approval/Modification of Internal Rules of Management (Appendix B)**

Internal rules of management were reviewed and adopted by the Governing Board members with the following modification, Parent Governing Board members can now be represented by two alternates in case of their absence.

Motioned by Ms. DeLeeuw, seconded by Mme Parent, unanimously approved.

7.4 **Approval/Modification of Guidelines for Conduct of Members**

Guidelines for Conduct of Members were reviewed by the Governing Board members.

8. **REPORTS**

8.1 **Principal Report**

Mr. Servello thanked the parents for their support during this difficult time. The start to this school year was a challenging one, with different procedures that needed to be implemented starting from the schoolyard, classrooms, hallways, and recess/lunch schedules just to mention a few, due to Covid. It is important that all schools follow the public health recommendations through the advisory of the Public Health system. In case of a positive case at our school a letter will be sent to all, and a second letter only students who come in close contact with the individual who is positive and the Public Health system will advise what to do.

There are 189 students registered at John Caboto Academy to date, not including 3 students who are now part of the Virtual School. The new STEAM program that is being taught by Ms. Kanella has so far been very positive. Ms. Kanella has been doing a great job and has been connecting with other schools to learn from best practices with implementing STEAM. We are continuing to grow our Makerspace (STEAM room) with new tools, materials and recently have received 10 iPads which were paid for by the school board.

This year we have gone from combined classes to straight classes, due to it being a Covid year, it would be difficult to evaluate the outcome of this change but we will continue to monitor student success comparatively with other schools and against our own results from previous years.

Report cards this year will be distributed on January 22nd and July 10th.

Parent/Teacher interviews will still take place virtually rather than in person.

Our computer lab has been updated with new chairs, and computers.

We will be having our Virtual Open House October 23, 2020.

We are applying for a Youth Fusion project which is paid for by the school board. These projects generally connect a teacher with an expert in the field and a university student studying a particular topic. This year we will aim to do a project on Lego Robotics.

JCA was a recipient of the following two grants.

1st Grant: In School We Move, which is a three year grant aimed towards integrating a daily 60 minutes of movement in school, and will be distributed as follows:

1st year \$12 000

2nd year 60%

3rd year 30%

2nd Grant: Cour Ecole Vivante, \$3500 specifically for our schoolyard.

8.2 Teachers Report

A run down was given regarding the day to day academics of all students.

8.3 Daycare Report

Grouping the students in Daycare was challenging since we have bubbles and are trying our best to maintain those groups. The Ministry of Education guidelines does allow for the mixing of groups during daycare hours, however Mr. Servello will do his best to avoid it. If at times it is not possible parents will be informed as new challenges and staffing issues can arise. Daycare will also be limiting their activities on school days and ped days due to Covid restrictions.

8.4 Regional Delegate's Report: None

8.5 Community Rep Report

Ms. Federico contacted a representative of the borough, regarding a possibility of having a tennis court at our community park as well as bike racks to accommodate students who ride their bikes to school. They will be considering the bike rack unfortunately the tennis courts is not possible.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 CONFIRMATION of Email APPROVAL

9.1.1 Motion to Approve Minutes of June 16, 2020

9.1.2 Motion to approve Terry Fox Run

9.2 Motion to Approve Remembrance Day Collection

In honour of our veterans a motion was passed for the distribution of poppies, this year a donation will be made directly to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Motioned by Ms. Fratino, seconded by Ms. Mangione, unanimously approved.

9.3 Motion to Approve collection of donation for Foundation of Stars

A motion was passed that the funds raised from November's and December's casual days, be donated to the Foundation of Stars. This year any donations including casual days can be done on line on behalf of our school.

Motioned by Ms.Mangione, seconded by Ms. Fratino, unanimously approved.

9.4 Motion to Approve Community Collection Drive

A motion was passed that to have a collection of non-perishable items which will be donated to Spirit of Giving or any other organization suggested by our Community Spiritual Animator.

Motioned by Ms. Pepe, seconded by Ms. Mangione, unanimously approved.

9.5 PPO/FUNDRAISING

9.5.1 Nomination of Fundraising Chair

This year there were 2 candidates interested for the position of PPO Chair, after a vote by the parents Ms. Mariasabrina Mangione was elected as our new PPO Chair for the 2020-2021 school year.

9.5.2 Motion to Approve Fundraising Allocation of Funds

A motion was passed to allocate \$100 per month from Fundraising to Ms. Mangione for miscellaneous expenses.

Motioned by Ms. Fratino, seconded by Ms. Paradiso, approved unanimously

9.5.3 Motion to Approve Mabel Labels

A motion was passed that Mabel Labels be one of our school fundraisers.

Motioned by Ms. Mangione, seconded by Ms. Pepe, unanimously approved

9. **Varia- None**
10. **Question Period-None**
11. **Next Meeting:** November 24, 2020
12. **Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm
Motioned by Ms. Mangione, seconded by Ms. DeLeeuw, unanimously approved.

David Servello, Principal

Vanessa Chimienti, Chairperson