

Roslyn School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
Monday, April 24th, 2023
TEAMS Meeting at Roslyn School
6:15pm – 7:45pm



Minutes prepared by Vanessa Campbell

Governing Board Members Present

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)
Vanessa Campbell (RGB Secretary, Alternate)
Daniel Khazzam (Parent)
Curtis Brissette (Alternate)
Jo-Ann Wong (Parent)
Daniel Torchinsky (Parent)
Prosanto Chaudhury (Parent)

Julie Marcus (Teacher)
Jonathan Kruidbos (Community Rep)
Jinan Paquin (Teacher)
Amanda Garrido (Specialist sub)
Stephanie Ianelli (Teacher)
Kathleen Laranjeiro (Teacher)
Jinan Paquin (Teacher)
Amelia Leighton (School Secretary)
Debbie Stock (Hands)
Annick Davies (HandS co-chair)

Regrets

Andrew Potter (Parent)
Meaghan Daniel (Parent)
Jennifer (Community Rep)
Kori Betsalel (Alternate)
Mya Sheaves-Blair (Community Rep)
Noah Trister (Teacher)
Diane Biard-Goble (Teacher)
Karaline Vlahopoulos (Teacher)
Judy Kleinman (Teacher)

Also Present

Joanna Genovezos (Principal)
Mireille Tehbelian (Vice-Principal)

1. Welcome

Motion to start the meeting at 6:15pm moved by Curtis B, seconded by Amanda Garrido. All in favour.

2. Adoption of Agenda (2 minutes) (For Approval)

Motion to adopt the agenda with the start time of 6:15pm moved by Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Curtis B. All in favour.

3. Adoption of Minutes (2 minutes)

3.1 Adoption of Minutes from GB Meeting on Tuesday Mar 20, 2023 (For Approval)

Amendment from Debbie Stock (Hands) that they did not regret but did not attend due to not receiving the invitation.

Missing a mover and seconder for two items:

Budget Building Process (10.4). Motion moved by Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Kathleen Laranjeiro.

Merenda as lunch supplier. Motion moved by Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Kathleen Laranjeiro.

Motion to adopt the revised minutes moved by Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Curtis B. All in favour.

4. First Question Period (2 minutes)

None

5. Business Arising from Last Meeting (10 minutes)

5.1 Website update (Mireille Tehbelian)

Nothing new to report. School sends updates every month and those are posted (ie. Meeting minutes). Working with Andrew Potter to change the writing, but nothing changed yet. Also, nothing to note with the photography.

5.2 Pre-K play structure (Joanna)

For the outdoor structure up to the second quote, will hopefully receive the third one soon. Have reached out to Ms. Vickies (local daycare center that is closing). Have been able to purchase a second-hand play structure that will be able to be installed soon. It is a permanent outdoor structure but will only be able to pick it up after June 9th.

5.3 Bamboo cutlery fundraiser (Suzanne)

Delayed because many felt that there was a lot of emails regarding fundraising (ie. Graduation) so will wait and speak with the fundraising committee to discuss this further.

5.4 Parent communication with teacher absence, follow-up (Joanna)

Joanna- going well. Most teachers are back.

6. Community Representatives Report (5 minutes)

- Jonathan (YMCA)- Getting ready for the summer and winding down on academic year programs. Looking ahead to the new year and ideas for 2023-2024.
- No one else present (Greene Center or Tyndale)

7. HandS Report (5 minutes)

- Debbie Stock: Teacher Appreciation week had many activities/treats for the teachers.
- Debbie Jardine had the idea to beautify some of the girl's bathrooms, cleaned it up and put some positivity decals/notes. Also did that for the Pre-K hallway and Hands supported her.
 - ECA been working on extending them.
 - Looking at organizing and setting up the schedule early for next year.
 - Roslyn school Choir: Busy rehearsing for the concert in June.
 - Pizza lunch still very successful. Open the registration almost every month and still get new registrants. 2 left, still looking for volunteers. Last one will include TCBY as dessert.
 - Administration has asked HandS to help with Grade 4 vaccines, so there to provide snacks and assistance.
 - Health room: Have been receiving many volunteers, so are able to staff it consistently.
 - Have been approached by MUHC to supply the health room with take home COVID tests.
 - At the Executive level looking to start a recruitment campaign. Many will graduate out next year.
 - Portfolio night/end of year party: Will coincide with same date June 1. Wondering if RGB will commit to the Scholastic table again.
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8. Teacher's Report (10 minutes)

- Jinan Paquin- Finished winter theme about a month ago. Since then, have been doing a lot of exam prep and exams coming up.
- Kathleen Laranjeiro- Practicing for exams. April is poetry month.

9. EMSB Parents Committee Report (5 minutes)

Daniel Khazzam- There is currently a ban on raffles, bingo, 50-50, etc. Therefore, the parent committee wrote a letter to the EMSB opposing this. A large majority was for expressing concern about this measure and the reasons are that not all schools have the same capacity to fund non-academic activities without these fundraisers.

10. RGB Chair Report (5 minutes)

10.1. Parent speakers

- Parent speaker night with Alyson Schafer went well, over 60 people attended.
- Have pre-paid for Ometz so have another workshop that will be able to an online video game workshop towards the end of this year. Will need to also consider the graduation date (June 16).

10.2. GB Scholastic Book sale

- Last year the teachers were very appreciative.
- Need to make sure that there are more French books.
- Paragraphe got into contact with Suzanne to organize a book sale.
- If anyone would like to help on June 1, please contact Suzanne.

11. Vice Principal Report (10 minutes)

Calendar of events for this month:

- April 3 Autism awareness day- students wore blue and yellow.
- Tuesday had storytelling festival at Edinburgh where two finalists in grade five presented their stories (one in English, one in French).
- Grade 6 students did their tiles with grad committee.
- April 5 wrote before last Caribou Math Contest.
- Thursday April 6 snow day.
- Grad photo day on April 11
- Grade 4 ELA exams began and ended.
- Had third and final dress down day for grad committee.
- April 14 Grade 4 vaccination day.
- April 18 classes had second and final session for grad tiles.
- Had a stepper come to school for a class with grades 5 and 6 students (4 sessions total) 1 session was held. Remainder will be in May and June.
- Parent speaker night went well.
- Now all grade 6 classes have done their two sessions with the tile painting.
- Last Friday was Earth Day and many teachers did activities.
- Grade 1 went on their field trip Friday, April 21.
- Grade 2 had dental screening on Friday, April 21.
- This week is spirit week (April 24).
- Explorations Learning Camp had asked to nominate a grade 6 student to potentially win a scholarship for a two-week summer camp. Student was nominated by school science teacher.
- Wednesday this week grade 3 is going on a field trip.
- Thursday this week grade 6 students will receive their puberty class with the school nurse and social worker.
- Friday grades 3-6 students will have an information session with the choir/theater piece on lice.
- Wednesday and Thursday this week Ms. Alison and Ms. Diane are having a follow-up parent teacher update because they were not present when it was parent teacher night.

12. Principal Report (10 minutes)

- Staffing and enrollment for next year- almost reaching pre-covid numbers. Will have 2 Pre-K's and no split classes.

12.1. 2023-24 School Calendar (Approval)

- Mireille presented the details of the 2023-24 School Calendar

-Question from Annick- Does the spring break fall at the same time as other schools? Not expected to be the same.

-Question from parent- Why are the spring breaks different? No specific reason.

-Regarding the Monday/Friday ped-days it impacts the student's gym classes. School is asked to decide if they can designate another day of the week occasionally being considered a Monday or Friday. Also, parent requests that no gym, science, or technology be scheduled only on both Monday and Friday, so no class loses 16 classes.

-Motion to approve the school calendar moved by Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Daniel Torchinsky. Nay by 1 parent and no abstentions. All rest approve.

13. Good and Welfare

Suzanne thank you everyone for being on the governing board and participating in the meetings. Joanna seconds that.

14. Question Period (5 minutes)

A parent asked about the snow days and if since there were 2 used in the current year if the ped days will be removed. As of now no.

15. Next meeting date: Mon May 15, 2023

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm moved by Daniel K, seconded by Daniel T. All in favour.

Joanna Genovezos – Principal

Suzanne Wexler - Chairperson

Date: _____

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Suzanne Wexler- Governing Board Chair

Date: Monday, April 24, 2023

CODES:

D- Governing Board has the power to decide without necessarily receiving a proposal,

AD- Governing Board has the power to change, adapt, add or remove one or more elements of a proposal submitted by the Principal.

AP- Governing Board has the power to either accept or reject a proposal as submitted, without the possibility of making changes. If rejected, a new proposal must be submitted for approval before implementation.

C- Governing Board is consulted on a matter and may influence the final decision

I- Governing Board is provided information regarding a decision made by the Principal