



CORONATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 19, 2023

6:30 pm

AGENDA

Present

Rania Delis – Principal
Betty Constant – Teacher
Amanda Dandy- Teacher
Julie Ho- Interim Daycare Responsible
Pam Koumoutsakis - Teacher
Eleni Lacopo– Behaviour Technician
Minerva Atienza – Parent
Catherine Forbes – Parent
Phetsamone Mimi Vongphaledy –Chairperson

Absent

Valerie Chiniara – Teacher
Gillian Jackson -Parent
Naima Mire – Parent
Mohammed Razzak -Parent (Alternate)
Kathy Roach - Community Rep.
Ivan Sarmiento – Parent

1. Welcome

Call to order at 6:54 pm

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Betty Constant adopts the agenda, Eleni Lacopo seconds the adoption of the agenda.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes of November 17, 2022

3.1 Construction Update

Good news! The bathrooms are finally complete and operational.

3.2 Grade 6 Bake Sale

It was a very successful bake sale. The \$583.60 proceeds will be applied toward the purchase of the Grade 6 hoodies. Parents will be asked to contribute \$15 to help offset the cost.

3.3 Book Fair

The book fair generated \$5992.30 which will be distributed to the teachers to select books and educational materials from the Scholastic Catalogue. This is Naima Mire's last year as a Coronation parent so a new parent will be needed next year to help organize the book fair. Rania Delis suggested that at our next Meet-the Teacher evening in September 2023, teachers could ask for an interested parent to become a class rep and contact other parents to volunteer for the book fair.

4. New Business

4.1 New Kindergarten Teacher

Our kindergarten teacher, Bonnie Farmer, retired in December after many wonderful years of teaching. We welcome Ashley Proditeanu who will be with us until the end of the year.

4.2 Term 2 Report Cards

The report cards will be available to parents on Mozaik as of February 24th. Interviews are by appointment only and they will be held virtually as mandated by EMSB.

4.3 Black History Month

Each class is preparing activities in honour of Black History Month. Coronation and Marymount's Steel Pan Band will be entertaining us along with Cycle 1's song, *I Believe in The Dream*.

Pre-School classes are learning about astronaut, Mae Jemison, creating African inspired artwork, inviting author, Nadia L. Hohn to read her book, *Malaika's Costume*, plus inviting a fitness and well-being instructor to help students move to lively African beats. The PreKindergarten class is working on cultural masks. Minerva Atienza expressed the importance of exposing students to cultural diversity and Catherine Forbes suggested that Black History topics be discussed throughout the year and be integrated into the Social Sciences program.

4.4 Principal Selection Criteria

This item is deferred to next month's meeting on February 16th.

4.5 Kindergarten & Grade 6 Graduation

The dates have been changed to provide decorating time between the two graduations:

- Kindergarten on June 8th
- Grade 6 June 21st

4.6 Election of New Delegate

CPC member, Minerva Atienza, is stepping down as she is returning back to school. Rania Delis suggested that she emails GB parents to see who is interested in replacing her on a rotational basis.

4.7 Safe School Action Plan

The 2022-2023 Safe School Action Plan was emailed to all GB members for review.

5. Reports

5.1 Principal

The Safe School Action Plan

The Safe School Action Plan is a document mandated by the Board covering a school's safety plans. The plan includes topics and implemented strategies such as:

- A sense of belonging: Kathy Roach's self-esteem workshops with Cycle 3, PPO involvement, Social Media representations, Spirit Week
- Diversity and inclusion: Steel Pan Band, Orange Shirt Day, Black History Month, ERC & Sexuality Education Plan
- Violence prevention: Code of Conduct, behavioural technician's & CCW's prevention activities, day-to-day monitoring and communication of issues or concerns

Minerva Atienza inquired about lunch supervision and student ratio. Lunch monitors or CCWs are assigned to a particular class and the ratio is 1-20. If an issue arises during recess or lunchtime, the behavioural technicians are also there to assist.

Catherine Forbes asked if the school is expected to report a bully incident to the school board. The principal explained that incidents are not reported to the Board as they are immediately dealt with by the principal, staff and concerned students. A phone call and/or an incident report is forwarded to the parents which is signed and returned the following day. The behavioural technician/CCW team follows up.

5.2 CPC Representative

Nothing to report at this time as there was no meeting invite.

5.3 Daycare Responsible

Jacintha Duplan is on progressive entry half a day 3x/week. Julie Ho is helping out until her 100% return.

- January 31st Funky Feet Canada will organize a 6-8 weeks dance program for the PreK & K students every Thursday after school. The EMSB will be paying for this activity.
- The Green Club will be working with the Cycle 1 students to build bird feeders that will be hang on the trees within our school grounds.
- With the Green Club's assistance, students will be planting vegetable seeds on a Nutri Tower which will later be harvested and enjoyed in a salad.
- Taxation slips are being prepared this month.

5.4 Teachers

In December, Pre-School students received beautiful gifts that were donated by the EMSB. And thanks to the Quebec Board of Black Educators, every student was given a gift! As well, books were gifted to everyone. When author, Nadia L. Hohn, visited Coronation, she donated her book, *Malaika's Costume*, to all the Preschoolers.

Cycle 2 & 3 students have been engaged in a 4-week drama workshop under the direction of Geordie Productions. The students are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

6. Varia

6.1 New Year's Dinner

Tonight's dinner of \$259.27 was paid for by GB funds.

7. Questions from the Public

Nil

8. Date of Next Meeting: February 16, 2023

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm