



DANTE SCHOOL

Minutes

Governing Board Meeting # 1

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 27th, 2022

START TIME: 6:41PM

PLACE: Virtual

PRESENT: Carmelina D'Iglio, Chantal Dussault, Assunta Iasenzaniro, Pina Ippolito, Andy Lee, Patrick Marcovecchio, Marie Josee Nardelli, Marianne Nudo, Maria Santino, Antonio Zaruso.

REGRETS: Cindy Knafo, Maria Maiorano-Drudi, Kyle Stanley, Fiorenzo Vetrone,

PRINCIPAL: Giuseppe Schembri

1. Opening & Welcome

- Giuseppe Schembri greets all the members

2. Additions and Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve: Sue Iasenzaniro;
- Seconded by Carme D'Iglio;
- Approved unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from last meeting of 2021-2022 (June 13, 2022) will be found and reviewed at a future meeting

4. GB Designations

4.1. Election Governing Board Chair

- Sue Iasenzaniro was nominated.
- Motion to approve: Chantale Dussault;
- Seconded Josie Nardelli;
- Approved unanimously

4.2. Election of Co-chair

- Cindy Knafo wrote a letter stating that she volunteers to be co-chair.
- Motion to approve – Sue Iasenzaniro;
- Seconded – Andy Lee;
- Approved unanimously

4.3. Election Governing Board Treasurer

- Carme D'Iglio was nominated to be treasury, and unanimously approved.

4.4. Election of secretary

- There will be an alternate at each meeting
- Chantal Dussault volunteered to take the minutes of this meeting.

5. Buisness Arising

5.1 Lunch Supervision Deficit

- Current deficit is still \$27,000
- Deficit is due to the Covid-19 pandemic and exists at all school across the board

6. New Business

6.1. Approval of GB Meeting Dates

- Next meetings set for:
 - o October 25, 2022 – Virtual
 - o November 29, 2022 – To be determined at next meeting if it will be Virtual or in-person

6.2. Approval of meeting format

- Virtual meeting form starting at 6:30 with the possibility of in-person meetings when/if needed.
- Motion to approve Antonio Zaruso;

- Seconded Andy Lee;
- Approved unanimously

6.3. Internal Rules for GB Meetings

- Sue to locate the document from 2021-2022, to be reviewed at a future meeting

6.4. Community Representative

- Discussion to not have a community representative.
- Motion: Maria Santino
- Seconded by: Antonio Zaruso
- Approved unanimously

7. Information and Reports

7.1. Principal Report

- Grade 6 Transition to High school preparation will happen. Money will be taken from Funds 6 budget.
- Welcoming Day already took place. Dynamix was entertaining the students in the morning. Money was taken from Funds 6 budget.
- Chess club was approved last year and will start shortly.
- Breakfast club already started. Motion to approve the continuation of this program:
 - Motion: Antonio Zaruso
 - Seconded Carmie D'Iglio
 - Approved unanimously
- September 30th is Reconciliation Day. Motion to approve wearing an orange shirt that day to raise awareness within our students:
 - Motion: Chantal Dussault;
 - Seconded Andy Lee;
 - Approved unanimously
- French tutoring started this week. Money will be taken from Fund 6, homework program and MFSA.
- Music teacher has been found - Mme Nathalie will be here all year.

- Split Pre-k and K class to be opened soon. Students will be chosen from previous classes to create the new one.
- September 22nd was our school outing Apple Picking. Money was taken from Fund 6 for the activity and Fund 3 for the transportation.

7.2. Teachers

- Grad sweater: a tentative amount of 2000\$ from Fund 3 was approved in order to pay for their graduation gift. Final price will be approved at the next meeting.
- Ski Trip should happen this year, no planning has been done yet.
- English Bookfair will be held November 22nd and 23rd for students and Nov. 24th for parents.
 - Motion by Patrick Marcovecchio;
 - Seconded by Antonio Zaruso;
 - Approved unanimously
- School mentorship: throughout the school year, classes are paired (younger class with an older one) and they will have little activities to do according to themes.

7.3. Daycare Technician

- Registration is very good this year – 154 students
- First ped day will be on September 23
- Ped day of October 3 will be a Pumpkin Picking activity – Cost will be \$25 for the activity and \$12 for daycare services, for a total of \$37.
 - Motion to approve – Chantal Dussault
 - Seconded by Carmie D'Iglio
 - Approved unanimously
- On October 14th students from Vincent Massey will be coming to daycare for their community service, to help daycare students with homework and activities.

7.4. PC Delegate

- Antonio Zaruso will be going to his first meeting shortly.
- Nothing to report yet.

7.5. PPO Delegate

- There is no PPO delegate yet
- Mr.Schembri will send out an email to parents and gather names of those who would like to be part of PPO this year.
- Sue will send out a meeting to the parents for the first PPO meeting, and a delegate will be chosen at the first meeting

8. Varia

8.1. Fundraising

- Discussion about options of fundraisers.
- Pizza was brought up as an easy one to do. Served in individual boxes with a juice and an ice cream. Motion to gather more information about pizza lunch as a fundraiser:
 - Motion to approve Pina Ippolito;
 - Seconded Cindy Knafo;
 - Approved unanimously
- Other fundraiser ideas will be looked into and discussed at the next meeting.

9. End of Meeting

- Motion to adjourn: Andy Lee
- Seconded by Chantal Dussault
- Approved unanimously
- Meeting ended at 8:50pm