



**East Hill School
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting**

Date: Monday, October 5th, 2020

Location: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Time: 7:00 pm

Present:

GB Parents Members	School Staff Members	Administration
Marco Alessandrini	Catherine Laberge	Liboria Amato
Adrienne Taylor	Nadine Randoll	Cynthia Canale
Joseph Paglia	Laura Teoli	
Ivana Iulianella	Connie Parry	
Jack Algieri	Nadia Barrafato	
Nara Fachinello	Chloe Laliberté-Demarbre	
Melissa Sanzari	Rocco Simone	
Annelisa Rende		

Former Commissioner: Joe Ortona

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Chairperson, Mr. Marco Alessandrini, welcomed everyone and called the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Governing Board members introduced themselves.

MOTION: To adopt the agenda

Motion: Jack Algieri

Second: Nadine Randoll

VOTE: 15-0-0

MOTION PASSED

2. Adoption of the minutes from February and June 2020 minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of February 2020

Motion: Jack Algieri

Second: Melissa Sanzari

VOTE: 11-4-0

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: To approve the minutes of June 22nd, 2020

Motion: Jack Algieri

Second: Nadine Randoll

VOTE: 10-5-0

MOTION: PASSED

3. Approval of the GB election minutes and GB annual report

AMEND: one-year term for Annalise Rende

MOTION: To approve the GB election minutes and GB annual report

Motion: Ivana Iuliannella

Second: Connie Parrie

VOTE: 15-0-0

MOTION PASSED

4. Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 CHAIRPERSON

Mrs. Adrienne Taylor will send out pdf with Governing Board Rules and Regulations from the EMSB via email to all GB members.

5.2 REGIONAL DELEGATE

There will be a meeting on October 8th for a consultation for amendments to by-laws that will be attended by last year's Regional Delegate, Mr. Joseph Paglia. As of November, new Regional Delegate Mrs. Annalise Rende will be attending the meetings.

5.3 PRINCIPAL

The EMSB approved East Hill as a STEAM school. Mrs. Amato spearheaded the initiative, and on October 13, Mr. Rocco Simone the facilitator of the STEM initiative, will meet with Mme. Lusignan. The goal of STEAM is to think outside of the box and to focus on creating. The program will be implemented at East Hill in January.

This year's operating budget amount is the same as last year. East Hill received the École Active, École Inspirante, etc. East Hill did not receive the surplus, which has in the past paid for extras that were not accounted for in the budget. Budget will be discussed at next month's meeting.

The first communication, The Progress Report, will go out to parents on October 14th. This year, all communications will be virtual and available on the parent portal, Mosaik.

The EMSB has mandated that all school be prepared for virtual schooling. East Hill has a working team that is preparing and planning for virtual school. Handbooks with instructions are

being prepared for parents. Grade 3 students and up are getting coached by Mrs. Nadia Barrafato during their media class on how to use Google Classroom, how to upload work etc. This year, East Hill will be ready in case of a potential school-wide or class lockdown. The Virtual Schooling taskforce will meet on October 19th for digital planning. Potential ped day would be used to do a trial run with parents.

MOTION: To support a trial run of the Virtual Schooling on the existing ped day, November 6th, as a consultation. To have a digital report submitted to the Governing Board after the October 19th meeting and to have a digital email vote.

Motion: Annalise Rende

Second: Nadine Randoll

VOTE: 15-0-0

MOTION PASSED

5.4 TEACHERS

Les enfants sont heureux d'être au retour à l'école. They are very conscient about hygienic protocols and they follow the rules. Montreal will now be considered a Red Zone and will have stricter rules to follow. Teachers will have to reinforce and encourage them to follow rules.

The kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students are very resilient. They tend to listen and follow instructions. Their routine is established. The kindergarten students are speaking more French in class, which could have been an issue due to the mask covering up the mouth.

5.5 DAYCARE

The students are making effort to follow sanitary protocols. They are making lanyards in daycare.

The government and the EMSB will not allow schools to accept new students unless that aren't already registered for daycare (sporadic students will not be accepted.)

5.6 COMMISSIONER

The injunction on Bill 40 was heard in June and was won on August 10th. The government announced they were going to appeal September 14th decision and September 17th Superior Court's decision.

The School Board elections will not be postponed, even with Covid-19 cases rising etc. Only Ward 3, Centre-Sud and Downtown, will have elections because the other wards have been filled by acclamation.

Joe Ortona will remain Commissioner until November 6th, Pietro Mercuri will be our new commissioner.

5.7 HOME & SCHOOL

Nothing to report

5.8 TREASURER

Nothing to report

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Governing Board Code of Conduct

Will be tabled until next month's meeting

6.2 Governing Board meeting schedule

MOTION: Governing Board meetings will be held on the first Wednesdays of every month.

Wednesday, November 6th 2020

Wednesday, December 2nd 2020

Wednesday, January 6th 2021

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021

Wednesday, March 10th 2021

Wednesday, April 7th 2021

Wednesday, May 5th 2021

Wednesday, TBA

MOTION: Governing Board meetings will be held every first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

Motion: Jack Algieri

Second: Joseph Paglia

VOTE: 15-0-0

MOTION PASSED

6.3 Covid-19 update

Wearing of masks or facial coverings for the purpose of limiting the transmission of Covid-19

WHEREAS East Hill School recognizes that Sante-Quebec elevated Montreal to a level 4 – maximum alert (red) zone.

WHEREAS East Hill School recognizes the significant increase in Covid-19 cases since the beginning of the school year.

WHEREAS East Hill recognizes the importance of protecting teachers, administrative staff, caretakers, children, and parents from Covid-19.

WHEREAS East Hill School recognizes wearing a face mask in all cycles will help reduce the transmission of Covid-19 within the school.

IT WAS MOVED BY JOSEPH PAGLIA AND RESOLVED that East Hill School's governing board **STRONGLY** encourages that children in all cycles wear a face mask at **ALL** times both in-doors and outdoors, with the exception of lunch-time and snack time.

Motion: Joseph Paglia

Second: Jack Algieri

VOTE: 15-0-0

MOTION PASSED

7. Open forum

8. Mission items (assigned/delegated) from meeting outcome for follow up at next Governing Board meeting.

- Covid-19 updates
- October 19th virtual school proposal to be approved by Governing Board
- Governing Board Code of Conduct

9. Suggestion of any new items to be added to agenda at next month's meeting

- Safety around the school in the morning. Looking into the criteria for how to request a school crossing guard.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn the Governing Board meeting at 9:35 PM.

Motion: Joseph Paglia

Second: Jack Algieri

VOTE: 15-0-0

MOTION PASSED

11. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, November 6th 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Marco Alessandrini