

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD (remote)

December 16, 2021

Present:

Ashley Bernstein-Turriff, Lori Press, Lori Krebs, Nina Hébert, Sarah Ermes (parents), Rose Servello, Jody Wilson, Adina Zairi (teachers), Ekaterina Valkova-Damova (Librarian), Mélodie Charette (Daycare Technician), Kate Marien (support staff), Joseph Lalla (Commissioner), Christina Chilelli (Principal).

1. Adoption of the Agenda

On motion duly made (Jody Wilson) and seconded (Lori Press), it was unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 2021

On motion duly made (Lori Press) and seconded (Lori Krebs), it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2021, as presented.

3.0 New Business

3.1 Breakfast Program

C Chilelli has drafted a letter of application for funding to the Breakfast Clubs of Canada (distributed electronically prior to the meeting).

On motion duly made (Lori Krebs), and seconded (Jody Wilson), it was unanimously resolved to send the request letter to Breakfast Clubs of Canada as presented.

3.2 Educational Project report:

C Chilelli explained the Education Project (current copy was distributed prior to the meeting). This was last updated in 2019, regular reporting has been suspended due to the pandemic. This document is uniform across the School Board.

On motion duly made (Rose Servello) and seconded (Adina Zairi), it was unanimously resolved to adopt the Educational Project as presented.

4.0 Business Arising

4.1 Homework Survey

Tabled to the next meeting – data has been collected but not collated.

4.2 Fundraising

The jam fundraising went well – we saw a profit of approximately \$1,500. The students have been congratulated and 2 homerooms will be treated with a pizza lunch.

4.3 Photographers 2022-2023

C Chilelli reported that the retakes did not go well. The same company has been booked for the Graduation photos (May 3), but we are still considering a change of companies for next school year. The decision will be made before June.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Principal's Report (submitted by C Chilelli)

COVID

We have had 4 cases; 2 were in same daycare group which led to closure of the group and isolation of the students; all students have returned. Other cases were individual cases which did not warrant isolation for other groups/students.

Vaccinations were carried out on December 13th in gym. This went really well, we started at 9:15 and were finished by 11:00 a.m. A total of 54 parents gave consent but only 44 vaccinations were administered (absences and refusals). Rapid tests have been distributed to all students (1 box of 5 tests per student) and accompanying documentation has been sent to parents by email.

DECEMBER

We have organized various activities to celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas:

- Hannukah donuts
- Santa Bus
- Holiday hat
- Ornaments for trees
- Holiday sweater
- Door decorating
- Holiday colour day
- Pyjama day
- Holiday breakfast
- Planetarium
- Milk & cookies
- Holiday Hope drive

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

- House Assembly was held on December – cup winner was GREEN HOUSE
- Upcoming field trips include March 18 (Cycle 3) and April 13 (Cycle 1) to GUEPE Nature Park, and January 14 Cycle 2 to CEPsum.
- Cycle 3 Ski Trip in February has been cancelled – it will be replaced with other activities.
- Report cards will be available January 17th via Mozaik only

JAM FUNDRAISER:

We Sold \$3,095 worth of jam (\$1500 profit for the school). The winning classes were Room 1 (\$649) & Room 9 (\$556), they will have a pizza party in the New Year.

NEW TEACHERS/CCW

Miss Amina (Rm 19) and Miss Courtney (Rm 5)

Child Care Workers: Miss Shania (Rm 19), Miss Chelsea (Rm 12), Miss Nina (Rm 6), and Miss Jessica (Rm 15)

5.2 Teachers' Report (Rose Servello/Jody Wilson)

Staff members and students have been very busy with many holiday activities as usual including the Planetarium, donuts, decorating, designing ornaments, book swap, latkes, cookies, and milk etc...

5.3 Daycare Report (Mélodie Charette)

All is fine.

5.4 EMSBPC Report

L Krebs attended the meeting which was focused on an event that had taken place at a previous meeting. A letter regarding this issue was drafted and sent.

5.5 Library Report (E Valkova-Damova)

- Class visits to the Library were suspended on December 2 and are scheduled to resume on January 6. We have continued to provide book bins to the classes.
- We donated over 70 books toward the Holiday Book Exchange initiative.
- The Library has been contacted by the Royal West Librarian regarding a collaborative project: students from Grade 7 have produced picture books in their Ethics class on the theme of 'how the world came to be'. They have researched creation/origin stories according to different cultures, and then created their own origin stories, incorporating the research. The meeting will be online, through Teams, but our students will also receive hard copies of the books prior to the event. We are currently working with the Grades 2-4 teachers who are interested.
- In January, we will resume the Scratch programming after-class courses in the Library.

5.6 Commissioner's Report:

J Lalla reported that the EMSB success rate remains the highest in the province (90.3% compared to the provincial average of 80%). In November, we held our first in-person meeting of the Council of Commissioners but then resumed virtual meetings in December.

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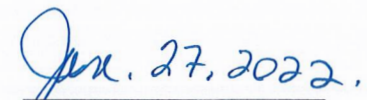
7. Adjournment

On motion duly made (Jody Wilson) and seconded (Rose Servello), it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thurs, January 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Marien, Secretary


C Chilelli, Principal


A Bernstein-Turriff, Chairperson


Date

