

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD (remote)**

**January 27, 2022**

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

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

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

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 2021**

*On motion duly made (Lori Press) and seconded (Annie Larocque), it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2021, as presented.*

**3.0 New Business**

**3.1 Budget Update**

C Chilelli presented the budget and reviewed the budget in detail. It is of note that the lunch supervision account is in deficit and reminder letters will be going out to parent who have not yet paid this fee.

**3.2 Hot Lunch Provider**

C Chilelli requested that any feedback regarding quality of service be brought to her attention.

**4.0 Business Arising**

**4.1 Homework Survey**

C Chilelli reported that she received a total of 90 responses to the survey, and that 69/90 were happy with the current policy. Most of the parents who requested homework have children in Cycle 3 and are concerned with preparation for High School. It was agreed that she will take this issue to the next staff meeting in order to discuss a homework policy for Cycle 3 students.

**4.2 School Photographers**

C Chilelli reported that the contract with the current photographers is for 2 years, so our hands are tied for next school year. The decision to stay with the status quo, or switch companies does not have to be made until June 2022.

**5.0 Reports**

**5.1 Principal's Report (submitted and reported by C Chilelli)**

1. Virtual learning: There has been positive feedback from teachers, most students attended class regularly,
2. Registration: Is ongoing - siblings last week and this week; new students next week; parents make appointments online, so far 10 new & 10 siblings,

3. Covid Rapid tests: Distributed to all students today (1 box per student)
4. Covid Reporting: Less than before; I no longer send letters advising of positive cases; parents are to determine isolation on their own using the documents sent this week (always changing so make sure to refer to the most recent one); isolation is usually 5 days (depending on symptoms). Parents will have access to a website where they can view the number of cases in the school and can be filtered by grade; no personal information will be available; need email address that we have on file as well as a child's fiche number in order to access the info for EBS; refer to letter sent out today for more info – important for parents to communicate positive cases to the school, using Mozaik as much as possible,
5. Report cards: Will be available to parents as of Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>; parent teacher meetings on February 10<sup>th</sup> & ped day on February 11<sup>th</sup>; thank you for agreeing to move the date; difficult to adequately evaluate considering the absences & closures in December and January,
6. Transition to High School: Started in January virtually and has continued every Thursday for all grade 6 students; 8-week duration and there will be a virtual parent session at the end of February, topics covered: organizational strategies, test prep, note taking, and study techniques, time management & self-discipline; social awareness and strategies to manage peer pressure, etc.
7. We will be starting a Kind Kids 8-week program for grade 1 and 2 in March; social and emotional competencies for school success (emotional awareness, self-regulation & impulse control, sharing & inclusive play, manage frustration & anger, how to say sorry & forgive, etc.).
8. Re-registration: Parents must re-register their children via Mozaik for next year.
9. February newsletter and calendar will be distributed next week

## **5.2 Teachers' Report**

R Servello reported that there are many upcoming activities surrounding Black History Month and Semaine du Français. We have a new Spiritual Animator, Jessica Wilson. As usual we have had many special days e.g., pancake breakfast, ice cream day, pizza day etc...

## **5.3 Daycare Report**

C Chilelli reported that M Charette is preparing for a Ped Day this coming Monday.

## **5.4 EMSBPC Report**

A Bernstein-Turrieff attended the meeting, it was a review of the rules and regulations of the Committee.

## **5.4 Library Report (submitted and reported by E Valkova-Damova)**

- Class visits to the Library have resumed on January 24<sup>th</sup> and everything goes well.
- Books are being given to the classrooms via the service of book bins.
- As of February, we will start a new education program on Library Literacy for Grade 6 students. During their library visits, the students will be shown how a library catalogue works, they will learn how to search documents and how to locate them. This program is aimed at preparing Grade 6 in the effective use of library resources once they reach High School.

**5.5 Commissioner's Report:**

- J Lalla reported that all the school Principals are making sure that parents, staff members and students are aware of all Covid updates.
- The Council adopted a resolution (Jan 26) to request that the government supply N95 masks to all school personnel.

**6. Adjournment**

*On motion duly made (Rose Servello) and seconded (Adina Zairi), it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thurs, February 24, at 6:30 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Marien, Secretary

  
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C Chilelli, Principal

  
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A Bernstein-Turriff, Chairperson

Feb. 24, 2022  
Date

# RESOLUTION

## MEQ MESURES 2021-2022:

### Monies Protected for Decentralization to Schools

**WHEREAS** the *Ministère de l'Éducation Québec* (MEQ) allocated to the English Montreal School Board (EMSB) various financial resources related to Protected Measures, as defined in the amended Operating Budgetary Rules for the 2021-2022 school year;

**WHEREAS** the EMSB uses some of these financial resources to provide direct services to the schools, as per the Ministry's guidelines and in accordance with their intended purpose;

**WHEREAS** the EMSB decentralized the majority of these financial resources to our school for their intended purpose, in accordance with the Ministry's guidelines;

**WHEREAS** our school acknowledges that the funds allocated by the MEES as decentralized by the EMSB, were used for their intended purpose, as per the Ministry's guidelines;

**IT WAS RESOLVED** by LORI KREBS and **APPROVED** that the Governing Board of Elizabeth Ballantyne School confirms that the financial resources allocated by the English Montreal School Board (EMSB), related to the MEQ's Protected Measures, as per the attached summary, were allocated to the school in accordance with their intended purpose and as defined in the amended Operating Budgetary rules for the 2021-2022 school year.

  
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Principal's Signature

  
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Governing Board Chair's Signature

Date: Feb. 24, 2022

cc. Regional Director  
Director of Financial Services