

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

September 30 , 2021

Present:

Christina Chilelli (Principal), Ashly Bernstein-Turriff, Nina Hébert, Annie Larocque, Lori Press, Lori Krebs, Sarah Hermes (parents), Mélodie Charette (Daycare Technician), Rose Servello, Lucy DePetrillo, Jody Wilson (teachers), Katya Valkova-Damova (Librarian), Kate Marien (support staff)

Guest: Melissa Robertson (Governing Board Chair 2020-2021)

Regrets: Daniela Iammatteo (support staff)

1. Opening Remarks and Welcome

The Principal, Ms. Christina Chilelli, welcomed everyone to the meeting. We are meeting in person for our first meeting, but subsequent meetings will be virtual, unless there is an in-person meeting is deemed necessary.

2. Introduction of new members

Parents and staff members introduced themselves.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

On motion duly made (Rose Servello) and seconded (Mélodie Charette), it was unanimously resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 2021

On motion duly made (Mélodie Charette) and seconded (Rose Servello), it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 2021, as presented.

5. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly September 9, 2021

On motion duly made (Lucy DePetrillo) and seconded (Rose Servello), it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the General Assembly of September 2021 as presented.

6.0 Presentation of the Annual Report for the 2020-2021 school year

Melissa Robertson, last year's Governing Board Chairperson, presented her Annual Report (copy attached to the minutes).

On motion duly made (Lori Press) and seconded (Nina Hébert), it was unanimously resolved to approve the 2020-2021 Governing Board Annual Report as presented.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Elections

The following people were elected by acclamation:

Chairperson Ashley Bernstein

Vice-Chair Lori Press

Treasurer Sarah Hermes

Secretary Kate Marien

7.2 Homework Policy

A Bernstein-Turriff reported that many parents would like to see homework reinstated, especially in the higher grades. There was discussion regarding the issue, and it was agreed that the Grades 4, 5 and 6 teachers will discuss this further at Staff Council.

7.3 Rules of Conduct 2021-2022

The Rules of Conduct were reviewed (copy attached to the minutes).

On motion duly made (Lucy DePetrillo) and seconded (Jody Wilson), it was unanimously resolved to adopt the Governing Board Rules of Conduct for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

7.4 Meeting Dates 2021-2022

The following dates (tentative) were chosen:

- November 4th, 2021
- December 16, 2021
- January 27, 2022
- February 24, 2022
- March 24, 2022
- April 28, 2022
- June 9, 2022

7.5 Approval of Field Trips

On motion duly made (Nina Hébert) and seconded (Lori Press), it was unanimously resolved to give the mandate to the Principal to approve local Daycare field trips without consulting the Governing Board. The Principal will keep the Governing Board informed of such trips.

8.0 Reports

8.1 Principal's Report (submitted and presented by C Chilelli)

- It was a hectic start to the school year, but we are well into our routine even though still short some staff members; both teachers and CCWs.
- New staff members include Adara Ragguette-Skillings, Angie Lo, Heidi Cederberg (teachers), Marla Karpman (Secretary), Vivian Yee, Jennifer Amen-Ordia, Jessica St-Pierre, Mary Palmer, Natasha Madzarevic, and Liduina de Araujo (Child Care Workers).
- We are still looking for a teacher for our new Kindergarten class.
- Our population is currently 224 students.
- We are looking at various possibilities for Fundraising, including chocolate, jam, phone fobs, lanyards and greeting cards.

8.2 Chairperson's Report (A Bernstein-Turriff)

No report

8.3 Teachers' Report

R Servello reported that we are teaching this year without 'bubbles'. The school year started with a Dynamix Play Day, we have had our first assembly, and we celebrated the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day).

8.4 Support Staff Report

No report

8.5 Daycare Report (Mélodie Charette)

M Charette presented the daycare booklet.

On motion duly made (Lori Press) and seconded (Annie Larocque), it was unanimously resolved to approve the Daycare Booklet as presented.

8.6 EMSBPC Report

No report

8.7 Library Report (submitted and presented by E Valkova-Damova)

Class visits resumed, after one year and a half pause, on September 20th. We are offering one visit per week per class. English and French reading weeks alternate. The students do not browse or borrow books on their individual student accounts during the visits, but the classroom receives a bin of 30 books for the classroom every month. The students and their parents are aware that they can visit the Library outside class time and borrow books on the student account.

8.8 Parent Participation Organization (PPO)

A PPO was created at the recent General Assembly. C Chilelli will send out a request for parents to join this organization – volunteers will help with events and fundraising.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4, 2021.

8. Adjournment

On motion duly made (Rose Servello) and seconded (Sarah Ermes), the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Marien, Secretary

C. Chilelli, Principal

A. Bernstein-Turriff, Chairperson

Date