



ÉCOLE FACE SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, EMSB
Monday, October 18th, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting
MINUTES

Welcome

GB Chair Jessica Lipes brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 6:31pm

Present:

Parents: Elizabeth Foley (EF), Maria Panova (MP), Fabien Welp-Barr (FWB), Jessica Lipes (JL), Jess Conn-Potegal (JCP), Anne Krag (AK), Allison Jardim Gonsalves (AJG).

Teachers: Theodora Stathopoulos (TS), Paraskevi Tsagaroulis (PT), Christine Philp (CP), Marie-Eve Arseneau (MEA)

Special Ed Technician: Vivian Halperin (VH)

Non-Teaching Professional: Elizabeth Pellicone (EP)

Students: Melodie MacDonald (MM), Emily Chernock (EC)

Administration: (Principal) Joseph Vitantonio (JV)

Community Representation: Genevieve Dodin (GD)

Regrets: Elizabeth Pellicone (EP), Melodie MacDonald (MM)

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: MP Seconded: FWB

Adopted as presented unanimously

2. Adoption of Minutes from the GB meeting on September 27th 2021.

Moved: EF Seconded: JL

Adopted as presented unanimously

3. Public question period

There was no public during this time.

4. Adoption of Rules of Conduct

There were a few questions to clarify some points on this document but it was concluded that the rules are to be viewed as guiding principles and everyone was satisfied with the content at the end.

Moved to adopt the GB's Rules of Conduct for 2021-2022: JL

Seconded: AG

Adopted as presented unanimously.

5. Follow up: Entente Presentation of Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette

GD informs us that the CE did not have a similar presentation on the status of the entente. However, members of the CE have made a recommendation to revert to collecting the school fees in advance as the present format of collecting during the course of the year causes problems for the program and puts a lot of burden on the school.

TS notes that a guiding document is required to support the staff and administration to complete the different dossiers due this year. She also emphasizes that voting rights with regards to items such as “organization scolaire”, for example, must be reflected in the entente.

JV reminds us that the chair has the right to inquire about the status of the document and that everyone should keep a list of things they encounter on the day to day functioning that should be included in the entente.

JL wishes to contact the entente committee to request an update and proposes drafting a letter that will be circulated for feedback from the board.

Seconded: EF

All in favour.

GD will coordinate with the CE chair to send a similar letter.

6. Follow up: Air Purifiers

JV reports back from EMSB re FWB’s questions and proposal.

- a) EMSB’s health & safety officers are out of jurisdiction at FACE because the building belongs to the CSSDM
- b) Safety protocols are sometimes different between the 2 boards and according to some members may not offer the same level of protection. With regards to CSSDM’s position vis a vis air purifiers, it is because the Quebec Government did not deem they were necessary or effective and the cost was not justifiable. On the other hand, the EMSB viewed air purifiers as adding considerable protection and they implemented them in their schools prior to the Government’s position being made public.

FWB requests that JV communicates with the EMSB and asks the safety officers from the CSSDM to pay a visit to FACE in order to inspect the safety measures/protocols and collect air samples.

FWB also reminds us that some parents were willing to contribute financially towards the installation of purifiers but the CSSDM refused. He questions if this rejection is due to funding or policy. On this point, going back to discussions on the entente and the demand the CSSDM is making on EMSB to share building maintenance expenses, one wonders if having jurisdiction over our own spaces in the building could be part of the entente as an exception to the rule.

7. Follow up: Allison Gonsalves proposal for a fundraiser

The project is work in progress.

TS wonders if this project is more suited for the FACE Foundation specializing in fundraising activities and providing tax receipts for donors. In response AG explains that this is a fundraising activity in support of an outside community/organization and not for FACE or for a FACE program / activity. Therefore, the activity does not fall under the FACE Foundation’s mandate.

JV reminds us that this proposal is brought to the GB because it involves the collection of public funds and, as such, requires approval from the GB.

8. Reports

Principal's Report

a) Approval Items

(i) A grade 4 student suffering with diabetes would like to spearhead a fundraiser for Juvenile Diabetes Research. Ms Anna would be responsible for collecting funds and GB needs to approve collection of funds. This item was passed unanimously by staff council

Move: TS

Seconded: AK

Passed- unanimously.

(ii) Charity Drive (*Bread and Beyond*): Lara Chaparro spoke about this activity (Global School Project) to the school council and about her vision of how this could be carried out at FACE. She spoke of various "boxes" being filled by each class. The class would select type and then would collect items to fill them.

Moved: TS

Seconded: EF

Passed unanimously.

b) Information Items

(i) Camp Lift Presentations:

Focus groups for students identified as unmotivated will meet for 8 weeks with a facilitator.

(ii) Maison Jean Lapointe-Drug awareness presentation:

Presentations will target secondary 1 students and will last 75 minutes.

(iii) Halloween will be celebrated on October 29:

The 2 student Councils have met and are organizing the decorations. Donations are welcome to be dropped in room 105. EC is asking if any funding is available for decorations. No funding is available but people can donate items and Dollarama gift cards are accepted too.

(iv) Open House: October 12, 2021

Over 100 people registered and 85 packages were sent out. The parents can expect an answer by December 2021.

(v) GB Minutes: They will be available on the FACE EMSB website, after they are approved.

(vi) Budgets: They will be presented at the next meeting. They are not in yet.

(vii) School Survey (previously Tell Them from Me): It will now survey elementary + HS students and will take place in December. It is only focusing on mental health portions of the survey.

(viii) Annual Report will be the same model as last year's since there are no provincial exams

involved (last year or this year). It is due in November.

- (ix) Sex Education Plan: The Sex Ed curriculum covers from grade K-11. Last year's document will be revisited.

Teachers' Report:

TS and MEA report that in music the extra curricular ensembles have started. We are not sure the format of the concerts yet but there will be a meeting to discuss with staff and admin. Tutoring for the music program has started. This is a service to all the students during music periods. JV will be asking the staff, through the Spotlight Weekly Newsletter, to submit items for the Teachers' Report and TS will create a report for the GB.

Students' Report:

The focus has been on Halloween

Professional Staff Report:

Nothing to report.

Representative to EMSB Parents' Committee (EMSBPC) Report:

The entire meeting was about the election of officers.

Parent Participation Organisation (PPO) Report:

Nothing to report.

Representative on CÉ FACE Report:

FWB did not attend. GD tells the GB that it was announced at the CE that the relocation of the FACE Elementary, scheduled to take place in September 2022, has been postponed to a future unidentified date. She reports that the CSSDM student council is still in the setting up stage. This is a concern because there is some urgency to establish a dress code, as the EMSB did last year.

9. Varia:

EF would like to revisit the idea of forming a discussion group to focus on the relocation. Specifically, she would like to see some advocacy in support of busing hoping this will put some pressure on the Boards. TS reminds GB that FACE has a 240 status and is not eligible for busing – we risk losing the status. EF insists that parents can make a difference and sometimes force the authorities to make exceptions under certain circumstances.

10. Closing Remarks

JV Reminds parents of the police background checks for GB.

JL thanks everyone for attending.

TS moves to adjourn
EF seconds – All in favour

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 15th 6:30 pm



Chairperson's Signature
Ms. Jessica Lipis



Principal's Signature
Mr. Vitantonio