



ÉCOLE FACE SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING, EMSB
Monday, December 13th, 2021, 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting
MINUTES

Welcome

GB Chair Jessica Lipes brought the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 6:30 pm

Present

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

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

Special Ed Technician: Vivian Halperin (VH)

Non-Teaching Professional:

Students: Melodie MacDonald (MM)

Administration: (Principal) Joseph Vitantonio (JV)

Community Representation: Genevieve Dodin (GD)

Regrets: Emily Chernock (EC), Elizabeth Pellicone (EP)

1. Adoption of Agenda

JV proposed that item # 8 (Principal Selection Criteria) be moved after varia so he can leave the meeting

Moved: MP Seconded: JCP

Adopted unanimously with the proposed change

2. Adoption of Minutes from the GB meeting on November 15, 2021.

EF Requested the following change in wording for her discourse on item #5 re relocation:

EF hopes that parents & teachers (both CSSDM & EMSB) are involved in consultation sooner rather than later

Moved: JCP Seconded: FWB

Adopted unanimously with suggested change

3. Public question period

There was no public during this time.

4. 240 Renewal Application

- JV thanked TS and MEA for their help in finalizing the document for submission. He expressed his appreciation for finding time to help in spite the fact that they were both busy preparing for their December instrumental music concerts.
- The school's 240 status allows us to offer the Fine Arts program, adjusting the teaching time of the subjects to offer more Arts, and allows us to have a selection criteria/admission process for our students. It also allows us to accept students from across the EMSB territory.
- Our 240-status renewal application is due December 17, 2021. The MEQ will review our request for renewal. Our expiry date is actually in one year from now, but the MEQ requires the application to be submitted a year in advance.
- In the application, we have the following sections:
 - Description of the project
 - Criteria for Student Selection
 - Community Impact of the Project
 - Evaluation of the Project
 - Exam Results and Special Needs
 - Timetables
 - Financial Impacts of the Project

EF asked if there is any power that the GB has to request some flexibility on the timetable or if a case can be made re the number of minutes allocated to the arts vs the academic subjects. JV reminds us that the Minister is strict on the minimum minutes for academic subjects, phys ed etc but MEA argues that in some areas much higher number of minutes than the minimum is allocated.

TS reminds GB that the document was adopted by Staff Council on December 6, 2021.

Following the Staff Council's adoption of the document the GB needs to pass 3 resolutions:

- A: Renewal of FACE's 240 Status
Moved: FWB Seconded: JCP – Adopted unanimously
- B: Timetables (modified increased time for the Arts)
Moved: EF Seconded: FWB – Adopted unanimously
- C: Financial impact
Moved: FWB Seconded: AJG – Adopted unanimously

5. Representative & Alternate for EMSB Parents' Committee

AJG announced that after the holidays she will no longer have a conflict with the committee's meetings and can resume attending them.

6. Follow ups:

The candycane-grams were a successful campaign!

7. Reports

Principal's Report

a) Approval Items

1. Sec. 1-2 tubing and skiing February

- a. Joint trip with CSSDM
- b. Taking place on February (TBA)
- c. Buses depart at 8:00 a.m. and return for 4:00 p.m.
- d. Cost for the trip is \$33.00 per student for the tubing activity
- e. Cost for the trip is \$37.00 for skiing or \$56.00 with rental
- f. Motion to approve the trip in order to collect fees
Move: AK Seconded: JCP – Passed unanimously

2. Ski Trips:

Two trip proposals by Ms. Garratt for EMSB students only. The trips will not affect classes. EMSB will subsidize the busing.

MEA notes that an invitation was extended for CSSDM students to participate but the CPEPE rejected the proposal.

- a. Thursday, January 20- Ski Mont Saint. Sauveur
 - i. Students depart at 1:45 p.m. and return to school at 10:00 p.m.
 - ii. Day 9 so no classes are missed.
 - iii. Cost of the trip: \$26.00 for the lift ticket or \$49.00 if rental is included
 - iv. School will subsidize the bus costs to keep the trip affordable.
 - v. Motion to approve the trip
Move: EF Seconded: AK – Passed Unanimously

- b. Thursday, March 10- Ski Mont-Bromont
 - i. Students depart at 12:45 p.m. and return to school at 10:00 p.m.
 - ii. Day 9 so no classes are missed.
 - iii. Cost of the trip: \$29.00 for the lift ticket or \$51.00 if rental is included
 - iv. School will subsidize the bus costs to keep the trip affordable.
 - v. Motion to approve the trip
Move: FWB Seconded: AJG – Passed unanimously

b) Information Items

1. Kindergarten to the McCord Museum December 16 ():

- a. Thursday, December 16th in the afternoon.
- b. the kindergarten students will be going on a field trip to the McCord Museum. There, the students will see the historic Ogilvy's toy display and will experience the exhibit on the 5 senses that we have been learning about at school.

Grade 1-2 to see Christmas display on Sherbrooke

- c. Taking place on December 17 during period 3
- d. Grade 1-2 students will go for a walk to see the Christmas display on Sherbrooke, just across the street from McGill.

2. School Supervision fees.

- a. Details are being ironed out for the cost per student for these fees.
- b. To be presented in January for approval if the details are finalized by then.
- c. Collection to begin shortly after.

Teachers' Report

Teachers are reminded weekly to submit items to TS for the GB teachers' report. No items were submitted. TS reports that the December concerts were all very successful. Videos of the concerts will be loaded on FACE School's platform. MEA adds that the music teachers were all very happy to see the parents back in the concert hall.

MEA wishes to congratulate the students who organized the Arts Exposition that was very successful.

Students' Report

MM reported that the GSA (Gender Sexuality Alliance) Club started this week.

Professional Staff Report

Nothing to report.

Representative to EMSB Parents' Committee (EMSBPC) Report

Report pending

Parent Participation Organisation (PPO) Report

More volunteers needed. MP reports that a screening eye exam will be offered in January.

Representative on CÉ FACE Report

FWB did not have any more additions. GD reports that, in addition to the regular housekeeping business items, Ce adopted FACE's 240 status document at their last meeting.

9. Varia

Parents suggested donating the GB budget towards the ski trips. Others suggested that parents be given the opportunity to anonymously sponsor a student whose family may be facing financial difficulties to support a ski trip. Discussion to be continued.

8:10 pm – JV leaves the meeting in order for the GB to discuss and vote the principal selection criteria document.

10. Principal Selection Criteria

The GB reviewed the document created last year. AJG is pleased to see the emphasis on the collaboration between the two school boards and the focus of the EMSB principal to help support and promote the teachers and students of both sides. FWB proposes that the GB adopt the document as is.

Moved: FWB Seconded: EF

All in favour

11. Closing Remarks

JL thanked all GB members for attending the meeting and gave her wishes for the holidays.

Adjournment: 8:25 pm
Moved: TS Seconded: JCP

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 24th 6:30 pm



Chairperson's Signature
Ms. Jessica Lipis



Principal's Signature
Mr. Vitantonio