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ÉCOLE FACE SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING EMSB

Monday, June 12, 2023, 6:30p.m.

In person

Present

Jennifer Harriet (JH), Allison Gonsalves (AG), Claire Lambert (CL), Jessica Lipes (Chair, JL), Kodee Declat (KD), Carissa Springer (CS), Fabien Welp-Barr (FWB), Jess Conn-Potegal (JCP), Safa Baghet (SB), Marie-Eve Arseneau (MEA), Jennifer Furtado (JF), Safa Baghet (SB), Neils Christensen (NC),

Regrets

Gillian Woodford (GW), Dagmar Hipfner (DH), Elizabeth Foley (EF), Theodora Stathopoulos (TS),

1. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. FWB, MEA
2. Public Question Period
 - a. No gallery
3. Adoption of Minutes from the GB meeting held May 24, 2023.
 - a. CS, FWB

Business Arising

4. Follow up from last meeting (nothing to report)
5. Operating Budget 23-24 for Elementary
 - a. Budget was presented by JH. JH explained budget forecasting
 - b. FWB, JCP
6. Operating Budget 23-24 for Secondary
 - a. Budget was presented by JH
 - b. FWP, JCP
7. Changes to code of conduct (FWB, CS)
 - a. Issue of cellphone use in elementary: teachers have noticed that students are spending time on cellphones and not interacting/playing. Therefore, elementary students will not be permitted to use cellphones during recess/lunch times, and at SDG.
 - i. CS suggests there should be an educational component for parents to parallel this new policy
 - ii. KD asked how this will be enforced at recess – zero tolerance.
 - iii. Conversation ensued about why students would have cellphones at school (need to ensure safety etc).
 - iv. NC asked if the policy needs to be broadened to iPads/tablets. Tablets don't seem to be as much of a problem (they are more difficult to transport). KD points out that laptops are handy to write projects in class etc.



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- b. Vaping will be added in the code of conduct (secondary level)
- c. Committee to review the code de vie will be struck in September
 - i. Content will be minimized
 - ii. Committee will also tackle cellphones issue for elementary and secondary
 1. Conversation is back to cellphone and methods for confiscation (basket etc)
 - iii. CL asked a question about the dress code – whether the English and French side dress code is different

New Business

8. Reports

- Principal's Report
 - Sec V grad happened
 - Grade 6 grad coming up
 - PSPGM scholarship – Neela Percival-Maxwell
 - Grade 5 play Wizard of Oz
 - FACEtival
 - Young Author's Day
 - Concerts
 - Friday is EMSB K-4 concert
 - JH says thank you for the experience on the Governing Board. Pleasure to serve as Principal.
 - MEA said a big thank you to JH and JF for their contributions and fingers crossed that they will stay on
 - JH will inform the GB when they have news about the Principal and VP positions.
- JF presented a report on the Sex Ed curriculum
 - Began with a thank you to the GB
 - All topics in sex ed have been covered – spiritual animator and nurses have given their presentations. Nurses have given individual students attention.
 - SB asked to clarify to the parents' the role of the spiritual animator. Kindergarten parents had a strong reaction to the spiritual animator come to talk w students about sexuality.
 - CL asked to clarify if next year they will spread out the curriculum throughout the year rather than in the last two months. JF explained that this is a scheduling issue with the spiritual animator etc. JF works with LOVE but are open to other organizations.
- Teacher's Report (TS)
 - Former EMSB student just got tenure in the MSO (French horn) very exciting
- Students' Report (CL and KD)
 - Exams
 - Concerts have gone very well
 - KD asked about the Grade 10 Europe trip (it didn't happen this year) and whether



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students who could pay who didn't go this year might be able to go next year?

- JH explained that this is a post-pandemic issue, but they would look into it.
- Needs to be organized a year sometimes 1.5 years in advance
- MEA congratulated KD and CL on their excellent participation in the GB this year.

- Professional Staff Report
 - No report

- Representative to EMSB Parents' Committee (EMSBPC) Report
 - Big issue is Bill 96
 - EMBS PC is working towards addressing language laws and how these will impact English schools
 - MEA has a question about the power afforded to the Minister of Education, and if this has consequence to EMSB as a school board rather than service centres

- Parent Participation Organisation (PPO)
 - FACEtivale was a blast

- Representative on CÉ FACE Report
 - First document for the project educative was presented
 - Sanitary pads dispensers are being installed in bathrooms
 - Budget for food aid, wellbeing, cultural outings, tutoring. CSSDM got over \$200000 but spent only about half. MEA asks if EMSB are able to access some of that?
 - JH explained that there are already a lot of parascolaires, but there is interest in other programming. Discussion about a potential recording space etc.
 - Clubs?
 - Safe school action plan
 - Parent Committee at CSSDM presented a memoire on Bill 23
 - CL asked a question: If students want to start a club how do they do that? They need a teacher or another adult to mentor the club.

- Face Foundation Report
 - End of the year
 - Lots of donors are giving scholarships
 - Foundation has been at all the concerts collecting
 - Board was very strong this year, new ideas and very involved board.

9. Varia

- a. FWB asks is it possible to have a blackout period for new assignments before the exam period?
 - i. KD asks if there could be a preparatory period before exams wherein



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assignments are not due, but also where assignments are not also due after exams. FWB offers that this is also a planning issue, and students should be notified of major assignments due close to exam period well in advance. JL clarifies that sometimes this happens with classes that do not have end of term exams.

- ii. KD suggests that the blackout periods should definitely be accompanied by a cellphone ban so that students use the time to study rather than use their cellphones.
- b. CL asked a question about returning teachers, and how do we know who will be the supporting teacher for student council – JH clarifies that we will know this in September.
- c. KD and CL expressed interest in returning to GB which is great. 😊
 - i. Discussion about whether GB participation counts as extra-curricular credit – no, but it is great for the CV.
 - ii. KD asked whether students have the right to vote (checked policy document and Cycle II secondary students have had the right to vote since 2001)

10. 7:46 motion to adjourn (KD) seconded by CL

NEXT MEETING: AGM in September!

Respectfully submitted:

Ms. Jessica Lipès
Chairperson

Ms. Jennifer Harriet
Principal