



École FACE School

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Governing Board Minutes

Date/ time: November 25, 2024 6:30PM	Location: Zoom (virtual)
https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/81694387792?pwd=SEFDdC9GZ2NsUERDK0Jma2NRL0JJZz09	

1. Welcome

Present: Parents – Vincent Tam (VT), Fabien Welp-Barr (FWB), Carissa Springer (CS), Elizabeth Foley (EF), Hannah Nelson-Teutsch (HNT), Alex Megelas (AM),

Teachers/Staff – Elly Abramovitch (EA), Marie-Ève Arseneau (MEA), Teodora Stathopoulos (TS), Safa Bahget (SB),

Students – Isla McDade (IMD), Elizabeth Roy (ER),

Interim Principal – Mireille Tehbelian (MT)

Regrets: Jennifer Harriet (Principal) – medical leave

Absent:

Also present: Maria Corsi, EMSB commissioner

2. Election

2.1 approval **Secretary**

Secretary: HNT officially (unofficially we agreed that in practice we will actually take turns taking the minutes since nobody really wants to do it and/or feels competent to do so).

EF moves, CS seconds, approved unanimously

3. **Approval of the agenda**

3.1 approval Adoption of agenda MEA moved, TS seconds, approved unanimously

4. **First Question Period - no members of the public present**





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5. **Adoption of the minutes of the Meeting of October 23rd, 2024**

- 5.1 approval adoption of minutes HNT moves, AM seconds, approved unanimously

6. **Business Arising from the Last Meeting**

6.1 information **Update on School's Move**

MT stated that she had no new information beyond that the move of elementary is still set for Fall 2025. FWB gave some history for the benefit of Maria Corsi. EA expressed concern about the possibility of the last-minute nature and plans for the actual move, which is stressing the teachers out quite a bit. EF reiterated that parents are also concerned and asked MT to follow up with M. Abran about whether or not the planned meeting from CSSDM relocation/renovation team will in fact be rescheduled. MC mentioned that she will inquire with the EMSB administration to see what can be done and who can potentially inquire in the higher ups to coordinate with the CSSDM. MEA pointed out that it's not only packing, but also staffing and many logistics. CS reiterated that there are a lot of logistics still to figure out. VT summarized that we need to start with information and then we can push for discussion.

6.2 information **Guidelines for Conduct of Members**

VT just wanted to make sure we are all good with the final copy

6.3 approval **GB Community Members**

TABLED : MEA informed us that at the last CE Anne Krag said she cannot do both meetings. So we need to find another Comm. Rep. From the CE. EF suggested that we do an email vote once we get a name so that we can invite them right away to our next GB meeting.

7. **New Business**

7.1 approval **The Governing Board Annual Budget**

some small amount of money left over, haven't received the \$250 annual amount yet.

7.2 information **Follow-Up on School Budget**

MT gave an explanation of the different budgets and examples of what they can be used for. Budgets described were as follows : Director's days; music grant; Libération des enseignants; Library act; Orientation scolaire





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et professionnelle – ACGC program; Aide Additionnelle EDAA/Support for Special Needs Students; Support to Parents; Wellness Oriented Schools; Elementary Reading and Writing; Support for FSL; Homework Assistance (elementary); Int'l Student Tutoring; V1 et V2 Tutoring; Rattrapage à l'école; ICOR (Inner City Operation Renewal) – Local Projects; Écoles Accessibles et Inspirantes; Joining Forces; GB+/PM Benchmarking; In School We Move; Sorties- Milieu Culturel; Milk Program; CAP – Decentralized; Practicum – School's Portion

7.3 approval **Field Trips**

VT asked what exactly we are approving when we approve field trips – the relevance, the cost? MT replied "all of the above"

Kindergarten Fieldtrips (Cirque de Verdun (Feb.4) move FWB, 2ND CS and Maison Théâtre (Mar. 27) Move EA 2ND MEA, approved unanimously Boston Trip (24-25-26 Apr.) \$685 paid by parents EF moves, MEA 2ND, approved unanimously.

EF asked about how information is disseminated and some discussion on the FB group re : possibilities for fundraising left up to students as opposed to informing the parents directly. VT also noted that kids are aware much earlier than the parents are notified. EA explained that it's a tradition so the students know ahead of time, perhaps it would be helpful to let the parents know in grade 7. VT mentioned that perhaps the approval should happen earlier, as on CSSDM side. FWB suggested that the most important part would be to increase the information transfer to parents so that they can plan ahead, especially given cost of large trips.

Grade 5 field trip CSSDM & EMSB overnight jouvence camp in Eastern Townships \$285 paid by parents. FWB moves, HNT 2nds, approved unanimously.

7.4 approval **Fundraising**

Student Council EMSB Holiday Bake Sale

ER explained raising funds for indigenous homeless shelter. Money will be handled by Eric the Student Life coordinator. VT moves, SB 2nd, approved unanimously

8. **Reports**

8.1 information **Principal**

-Halloween was a success, student council did an amazing job at the haunted house. Halloween costume parade was also very fun.

-Parent-Teacher Interviews were completed for Term 1. Turnout was good.

-Term 2 is underway until February 6th, 2025.





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-Concerts are coming up, we are looking forward to them! Nov. 27 is the rehearsal date, November 28 is the concert. Concert memo for Nov 28 sent by music teachers. A second memo was sent by admin for all November and December concerts.

-FACE Lottery was held on November 15th with a parent (parent and admin) for remaining vacancies for next year.

8.2 information **Teachers/ Staff**

EA : Grade 11s were really not happy with the grad photos, very photoshopped, to the point couldn't fully recognize them; Nov 8 Con Brio shared the stage with Boston Lots of concerts coming, play coming up very soon.

APPROVAL : MT mentioned that a teacher would like to do a charity drive for Bread & Beyond, collecting perishable goods and items of clothing. Ms. Lara Chaparro, Ms. Linda Lim & Ms. Dalal; moved SB 2ND MEA, approved unanimously

EA : Art Expo of students on PED Day Dec. 4th 4-8p.m.

MEA : Con Brio, Dec. 15th will be playing at Complexe Desjardins

8.3 information **Students**

IMD : on the CSSDM side they got awards for 1st term, not just for music awards at the choir concert. VT suggested that MT can look into it and see how feasible it would be. ER a lot of the students are looking forward to the concerts this week; the haunted house was really amazing and that it was scarier than last year, which was fun. And a lot of artists and volunteers for art expo. IMD added some concerns about students behaving negatively towards each other (eg boys being rude about girls in front of girls, or older HS kids being mean to younger kids)

8.4 information **EMSBPC Delegate**

HNT had a great meeting, safety at school drop off, corridor scolaires. If we at FACE have info to share or benefit from. Also discussed the National Truth & Reconciliation Day – one school suggested direct procurement of local indigenous artists. Something to consider for FACE. Discussion of various mental health references that could be used for future parent workshops.

8.5 information **Parents Participation Organization**

EF asked MT if anyone asked Gillian or another member of the PPO to attend our meetings? If no we should reach out to Shannon Joutel and ask for a rep to attend.

8.6 information **FACE Foundation**

TS is presenting the report from the Foundation Chair **sent by email to EF**

8.7 information **Treasurer's Report**





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8.8 information CE report

MEA : 1- COSP: Presentation and explanation of the "Contenus en orientation scolaire et professionnelle". (planning by level)

2- PTRDI: The CSSDM's 2022-2025 "Plan triennal de répartition et destination des immeubles " was presented. The annual questionnaire/report mentions the relocation of the elementary sector in 2025-2026.

3- Anne Krag withdrew as a member of the community representing the "Conseil d'établissement CSSDM".

MEA Asked if we had questions or concerns to be brought to CE; EF asked MEA to inquire about following up with the parent who was concerned about transportation last year if he/she is still on board; but that in any case we all need to be planning ahead re : school safety and concerns re : current lack of a drop off zone, let alone STM shuttles or possible bus service. MEA will check in with them at next meeting.

8.9 information Community Representative

EF reminded that we should think about who we want to have as our 2nd Community rep (assuming we get 1st rep from CE)

8.10 Correspondence information - confirmed that we all want to use the Google drive to have a shared access to documents. CS asked about access to previous years' documents? EF said she thought only sensitive info was the contact info which can just be deleted. HNT mentioned that EMSB may be sending official documentation re : legality/protocol of using a non-EMSB shared drive or email by GBs. VT suggested we proceed until such time as we are given other directives from the EMSB. TBC

9. Varia

VT mentioned that JH suggested we move the proposed date of April meeting to May, given the CE meets on May 5, VT suggests that we meet May 12 instead. Seems to work for most, VT will send around the revised dates

10. **Date of next meeting – Monday, January 27th, 2025**

11. **Adjournment**

EF moves, MEA 2nd, approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.





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Chairperson's signature
Mr. Vincent Tam

Principal's signature
Ms. Jennifer Harriet

