



École FACE School

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Governing Board Minutes

Date/ time: October 23, 2024, 6:30PM **Location:** Zoom (virtual)

<https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/81694387792?pwd=SEFDdC9GZ2NsUERDK0Jma2NRL0JJZz09>

Present: Elizabeth Foley, Carissa Springer, Elly Abramovitch, Allison Gonsalves, Theodora Stathopoulos, Safa Bahget, Elizabeth Roy, Isla McDade, Vincent Tam, Alex Megelas, Fabien Welp-Barr, Marie-Ève Arseneau

Regrets: none

Absent: Hannah Nelson-Teutsch

Also present: none

1.		Welcome Meeting began at 6:37pm.
1.1	information	Introduction of members All members introduced themselves.

2.		Reading and approval of the agenda
2.1	approval	No members of the public attending today's meeting. Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Theodora Stathopoulos and seconded by Vincent Tam. All in favor.

3.		Elections A description of each role was read.
3.1	approval	Chairperson The role of the chair is to prepare the agenda in collaboration with the principal and ensures that meetings will unfold in accordance with the rules of the procedure that are in place. The chair maintains order and decorum at meetings. The chair is the official spokesperson for the GB. Prepares annual report The chair is elected by the governing board from amongst the parent's representatives who are not members of the personnel of the school board. The term of office of the chair is one year. The chair presides at the meetings of GB, Elizabeth Foley was nominated by Fabien Welp-Barr. She declines the nomination. Allison Gonsalves nominates Fabien Welp-Barr and Elizabeth as co-chairs. Both decline the nomination. Vincent Tam nominates himself. Elected by acclamation.
3.2	approval	Vice-Chairperson





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		Should the chair be absent or unable to act, the governing board will designate a person from among the eligible members for office to chair the meeting. Elizabeth Foley nominated herself. Elected by acclamation.
3.3	approval	Secretary Takes minutes of the meetings. Tabled until the next meeting.
3.4	approval	Treasurer Oversees financial aspect and prepares budget report at the end of the year. Carissa nominated herself. Elected by acclamation.

4.		Adoption of the minutes of the Meeting of June 10, 2024
4.1	approval	Motion to approve the minutes of the June 10 th meeting was moved by Fabien Welp-Barr and seconded by Elizabeth Foley. All in favor.

5.		Business Arising
5.1	approval	<p>Email votes</p> <p>1) Trip to Quebec City on October 28th - All DAY <u>Who:</u> Sec. 2 and 3 Enriched classes with Mr. Côté <u>Where & What :</u> Programme Découvrir la capitale nationale - Votre visite à Québec <u>Cost:</u> \$25.00 per student (Ministry Culture à l'école program will cover the cost of the entrance fee and part of the bus cost)</p> <p>2) Geordie Theatre, October 15th <u>Who:</u> Grade 1-2-3 <u>Where & What:</u> At school , from 9-10 a.m. The play Velveteen Rabbit <u>Cost:</u> Will be covered by the Ministry Culture à l'école program</p> <p>Question: Are these activities planned for the year? They are planned by teachers as the year progresses. All activities with pedagogical purpose are covered by the Government.</p>

6.		New Business
6.1	approval	Presentation and Adoption of the Rules of Conduct Internal rules of management were read. Motion to approve the internal rules of conduct moved by Elly Abramovitch and seconded by Carissa Springer. All in favor.
6.2	approval	Dates, Times, and format of meetings 2024-2025 Preference on Mondays discussed by email. CSSDM CE dates- Nov. 6, Dec. 2, Jan. 22, March 19, May 5, June 9 Marie-Ève Arseneau was nominated by Fabien Welp-Barr. Vincent Tam will be an alternate. Elected by acclamation. Next meeting will be on Monday, November 25 th , 2024 virtually at 6:30pm.
6.3	approval	Field Trips Small field trips around the school (no cost).





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		Motion to approve local field trips was moved by Fabien Welp-Barr and seconded by Carissa Springer. All in favor.
6.4	approval	Fundraising
		Scholastic Reading Program (follow-up) Scholastic Book Clubs Fundraiser What: To allow teachers to use this program in their classroom, circulate flyers, buy books for the classroom. Email vote was completed and GB members approved this fundraiser.
6.5	information	Conflict of interest form Please submit by Friday, October 25 th , 2024, if not done already.
6.6	information	FACE Admission Criteria A discussion was had about when the Open House is held and how we can better service parents that would like to attend. Some parents may not be able to attend because of work conflicts. Currently two sessions are held one during the day and the other in the evening.
6.7	discussion	GB Community members A parent, Anne Krag, is interested in joining the governing board as a community representative. An invitation will be extended to Ms. Craig for the next meeting. Two community representative positions are available.

7.		Reports
7.1	information	Principal 1) Great back to school year! Lots of activities have started, ECA in HS, new this year United Nations club and robotics, outings on day 9 for students via student life, student councils, external speakers (Brian Ewenson, astronaut and featured on the news), Geordie Theatre, Black Theatre Workshop, Cross-Country Day 2) Staffing, had all teachers since the beginning of the year, we are just missing our guidance counsellor. Changes in CSSDM ADMIN. 3) Attestation Day = 152 Elementary 139 High School Since then, we had two new registrations. 4) Standards and Procedures documentation available on our website following curriculum night. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Curriculum Competencies will be evaluated in Term 3 • Term weighting for the year is 20%, 20% and 60% 5) Educational Project- Waiting for feedback from school board before we present it to staff then parents this year 6) Measure allocations from Ministry have been allocated earlier due to the





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school board elections- More information about budget spending next GB next week;

-Budget for support to parents- Any suggestions or suggested topics, presenters? Could be two (one for elementary and one for HS)

7) Open House a success! We had over 1000 people... Our school shined and we are proud. Over 180 people were interested in the EMSB and have asked for an application form.

Lottery during the week of November 11.

8) High School School fees- parents were credited due to the fact the government provides support for schools with programmes et projets particuliers. Highest enrolment is in K and sec. 1.

9) Career Fair- 11E going tomorrow at Pius hosted by the EMSB.

10) Best School in Mtl – FACE is nominated, voting is open until Oct. 27

Approval Items:

- Centaur Theatre- January 29 and May 21ST from 10:45 to end of the day. Teacher responsible: Toula Maltezos, with 7E, 8E, AND 9E.

Paid by culture à l'école.

Motion to approve this fieldtrip was moved by Carissa Springer and seconded by Theodora Stathopoulos. All in favor

- Please note according to the Special Internal Events Policy, the EMSB has established a maximum of \$2.00 per full-time student that may be allocated to Special Internal Events. Any request to spend more than this guideline must be approved by the Governing Board prior to disbursement. Can GB approve an additional 3.00\$ per student so a total of 5.00\$ for this budget to help provide for expenses in this fund (coffee for staff during PTI evenings, pedagogical days, coffee for parent volunteers during events, snacks light breakfast etc..) 2\$ gives us 582 – 5\$ per student gives us \$1455.

Motion to approve the increase in expenditure was moved by Elly Abramovitch and seconded by Fabien Welp-Barr. All in favor.

- During our audit last year, we were told to spend more in our fund 3. over the last three years we have a surplus as follows:
- Elementary – 76 303, 08
- High School- 41 700, 77

As such, we had to reorganize some of our classes this year, and we needed to purchase desks, and new tables for our new art room grade 4-5-6 – Furniture \$9000.

Motion to use part of the surplus to purchase desks was moved by Carissa Springer and seconded by Fabien Wel-Barr. All in favor.

-Trips- To help cover rising prices, and additional supervision needed on the Europe trip and also Boston, due to some in out of country trips by the comité de gestion in case of emergency plans,, we are asking that GB





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		<p>approves a total of 5000\$ to help subsidy these costs without affecting student prices.</p> <p>We are also working with the FACE foundation on helping us cover some parts of the trips to help lower the costs.</p> <p>Motion to approve to move \$5000 to help subsidize the costs of the trip was moved by Safa Bahget and seconded by Theodora Stathopoulos. All in favor.</p> <p>Question: Why was the trip scheduled in October when it is a critical time in the school year for students? It is recommended to schedule this trip at a later point in the school year. This would permit students to do fundraising. Principal explained that the time of the trip was chosen due to minimize the cost.</p> <p>Teacher mentioned that the month of May is not a good idea because of Ministry exam schedule. Concern was raised to make these trips more equitable for all students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snacks for students and lunches- Every year we are given an amount for our school, but have noticed that needs are rising, and some kids do not have adequate lunches. We are asking the GB to allow us to spend up to 4000\$ for both Elementary and High School this year to help support this. If considered, we would like to order fresh fruits or vegetables and offer it to our students. <p>Motion to approve to spend up to \$4000 for both Elementary and High School this year for snacks was moved by Elizabeth Foley and seconded by Safa Bahget. All in favor.</p>
7.2	information	<p>Teachers/ Staff</p> <p>Apple picking field trip was done with grade 9, 10 and 11 students. This was a great student bonding experience. Everyone enjoyed this fieldtrip.</p>
7.3	information	<p>Students</p> <p>Student council is working on planning activities for the entire school (costume parade and haunted house).</p>





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7.4	information	EMSBPC Delegate Tabled to the next meeting.
7.5	information	Parents Participation Organization Shannon is sharing the president responsibilities. Thank you for donating orange shirts for Truth and Reconciliation Day.
7.6	information	FACE Foundation Next meeting date will be shared with Mr. Gervais. PPO is keen on supporting the school, staff, students. Fresh vegetable campaign was done in the beginning of the year and Christmas tree campaign on the way. Clothing sale will begin soon.

8.		Correspondence
8.1	information	Nothing to report.

9.		Varia
9.1		Reminder to all parents about the EMSB elections. Please go out and vote to support our school board.
9.2		Is there a date for the move committee meeting? Vincent, chair, to get more information on this topic.
9.3		When are the exams in December for secondary 5 students? The school does not have this information. Mid-year exams are in January. More info to come.

10.		Question period for the public Who is managing the Google Account this year? This will be revisited at the next meeting.
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11.		Date of next meeting The next meeting will be online on Monday, November 25 th , 2024 at 6:30pm.
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12.		Adjournment Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Elly Abromovitch and seconded by Fabien Welp-Barr. All in favor. Meeting ended at 8:16pm.
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Mireille Tehbelian – Interim Principal

Monday, November 25th, 2024

Vincent Tam – Governing Board Chair

Date

