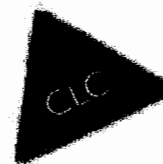




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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2021 7:00PM
MINUTES- MEETING #7 (TEAMS MEETING)

PRESENT:

Francesca Pitruzzello, Remo Milone, Mario Tromba, Sandra Renzi, Nathalie Carrier, Enrico Minicucci, Anna Maria Mormina, Andrew Sivilla, Steven Rebelo, Karine Gomes Silva, Melanie Mercadante, Pammy Lacroce, Christina Gioia, Jessica Colavincenzo, Kathy Vella, Clementina Fraga, Brigida Zappia

ABSENT:

Mauro Di Ciocco, Sophie Devito

1. **Welcome:** @ 7 :02
2. **Addition to the agenda:** Grade 6 fundraising initiative (Will be added as 7.9)
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Pammy Lacroce approves/ Sandra Renzi seconds
4. **Approval of minutes** from March 31, 2021 Mario Tromba approves/ Enrico Minicucci seconds

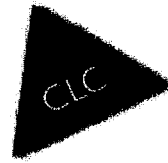


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5. Question Period

Q: Enrico Minicucci asked about the procedure for the Covid-19 vaccinations for children aged 12 or older.

A: Steven Rebelo replied some vaccines will be in school, other vaccines will be given at a vaccination center to which the students will be bused. Parents may be asked to bring their child to a vaccination center. GMS has not received any information on how the procedure will be carried out at GMS.

Q: Anna Maria Mormina asked if any more strikes are planned.

A: Steven Rebelo replied custodians may have a strike soon. Otherwise negotiations seem to be advancing and hopefully all parties will come to an agreement soon.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

N/A

7. New Business

7.1 Student Timetable 2021-22

Student timetable will be the same as last year.

Francesca Pitruzzello approves, Clementina Fraga seconds

7.2 Subject Time Allocation 2021-22

Subject time allocation offered next year was presented as per the attached document.

Jessica Colavincenzo approves, Nathalie Carrier seconds

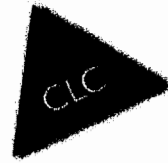


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7.3 School Calendar 2021-22

Minister has changed number of terms next year. It will remain at two terms like the 2020-2021 school year.

The school calendar will be changed next year, by adding one additional holiday in the school year.

Two report cards and two progress reports cards will be given out next year

Jessica Colavincenzo approves, Mario Tromba seconds

7.4 Student Code of Conduct 2021-22 (document attached)

Code of conduct has been slightly modified. The formatting of the code of conduct has been changed but the general idea has been kept the same

Jessica approves, Nathalie seconds

7.5 Hot lunch Supplier 2021-22

Mini-Bistro has been receptive to past requests and have given good service in 2020-2021.

GMS will continue with *Mini-Bistro* for 2021-2022.

Pammy approves, Mario seconds



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7.6 Photographer 2021-22 (documents attached)

Green apple studios is recommended to be used for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. Mainly because they are easy to work with and the packages are a better value. Green apple offers a higher return to GMS (20% if signed for two years). Free group photos are given to all students. Digital prints are offered free of charge with any purchase.

The motion is to use Green apple as the GMS photographer for the following two (2) years.

Enrico approves, Clementina seconds

7.7 Yearbook 2021-22

Green apple has the best rates for yearbook services, at 8\$ lower than any other supplier.

The yearbook price will be locked for the next two years.

A minimum number of 40 yearbooks will need to be ordered. In 2020-2021, 33 books were sold.

The sale price for yearbooks will be \$25.00.

The motion is to use Green apple as the GMS yearbook provider for the following two (2) years

Mario Tromba approves, Remo Milone seconds



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7.8 Exploratory Committee

Meeting was held on April 20th highlights include`:

There is a desire to increase GMS visibility. A Report is being produced by the school board to inform the GMS staff and governing board regarding possible strategies available to increase awareness

For information only

There is a desire to increase the use of technology at GMS. How to promote the use of technology at GMS. This initiative will be pursued in the 2021-2022 school year.

There is an intent to explore the addition of English core program at GMS. This would make GMS a dual stream school. The motion is to explore the addition of an English core program at GMS.

Jessica Colavincenzo approves, Clemintina Fraga seconds

7.9 Grade 6 fundraising initiatives

Ms Gioia and two grade 6 students would like to raise funds for *Rescue all Dogs*.

Basketball games for grade 6 students within the same Covid-19 bubble will be organised and participants will be asked for donations.

Francesca Pitruzzello approves, Enrico Minicucci seconds

8. Reports

8.1 Commissioner

no report

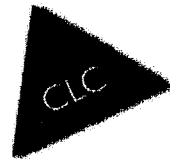


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8.2 Principal

Milk and snack programs ends on June 11

Homework program ends on June 10

Subsidized Lunch program will end on June 20

Graduation ceremony will be held on June 18

Fun day/Activity day planned for June 21. School tutors will help with this activity.

Ice cream fundraising has made a profit of +- 1600\$ over the last two months

8.3 Teachers

Christina Gioia:

At the end of April the Sports Concentration classes invited representatives from the McGill concussion Legacy Foundation to speak about the causes and symptoms of concussions and how to prevent them.

At the beginning of may we had a guest speaker who advocates for kids on the autism spectrum speak to our students. The students were especially interested in how they can be better at including their peers on the spectrum and making the world a more welcoming place for them.

A few weeks ago the cycle two students and our Sports concentration students were able to view a recorded. The students then completed various projects linked to the theme of the play including one in which they were encouraged to find their Joy by creating a vision board.

Jessica Colavincenzo:

Planting / Gardening experience activity will be held during the week of May 24th.

Sports Concentration students will have a virtual field trip to explore Mount Royal on June 11.

Archaeology workshop will be held with SC 4/5, SC 6 and 6A on June 7.



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Pre K - Melanie Mercadante:

Planting / Gardening experience activity was held during the week of May 17th.
The children really enjoyed the activity

Halo Run was held during the week of May 17th. The students really enjoyed the activity

Pammy Lacroce:

June 4th, welcome to kindergarten for new students.

8.4 Sports Concentration Coordinator

Sending out acceptance letters, the enrollments have increased but the final number has not been finalized.

The number of inquiries has increased, and the future is looking good.

8.5 CLC Coordinator

Working on end of the year activities including fun day, graduation, end of the year workshops.

Snack and nutrition programs will continue next year.

Breakfast program will end June 14th

8.6 Daycare Technician

Ped day June 4th activity, build a bear

There is an Instagram account EMSB B.A.S.E which is posts some of the GMS gardening activity pictures.



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8.7 EPC Delegate

Anti racism committee has been established and a tool kit was presented, with links to educational resources. Information available on the parents committee Facebook page

Parents committee conference was held and the workshops were very informative.

9. Varia

N/A

Date of next Governing Board Meeting -Thursday June 10, 2021 @7:00

Meeting Adjourned @8:04pm

Clementina Fraga approves / Enrico Minicucci seconds.

Principal
Steven Rebelo

Chairperson
Francesca Pitruzzello