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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 21st, 2022 7:04PM

MINUTES - MEETING #3(Virtual MEETING)

Present: Alex Kulczyk, Enrico Minicucci, Francesca Pitruzzello, Sandra Renzi, Maria Di Fulvio, Clementina Fraga, Christina Gioia, Pammy Lacroce, David Reda, Silva Muzzo, Sonia D'Addario, Nathalie Carrier, Jessica Colavincenzo, Karine Gomes, Andrew Sivilla, Mario Tromba, Isabel Deganutto, Melissa switched with (Ms Alongi)

Absent: Sophie DeVito, Melanie Mercadante, Kathy Vella

1. Welcome: Meeting began roughly at 7:04

2. Introduction of new members no, just announcement regarding Ms. Jessica Colavincenzo is no longer working at Gms but seeing that she is an Educational Consultant to students for the School Board. She has been tasked to our school so she will be helping with new students and special needs. She may be voted in to Board upon next staff meeting.

3. Additions to the Agenda no

4. Approval of the Agenda ..Maria D approves, Clementina F seconds

5. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting on December 6th, 2022..Maria D approves, Natalie C Seconds

Small correction to be done regarding the amount raised in the gymnasium during the world cup. Should be indication 260\$ NOT 26\$

Maria approved, Nat seconds

6. First Question Period

No questions

7. Business Arising from Minutes

Cotton candy and Bingo machines not purchased yet. 5 laptops have been received however.



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8.1 Sexual education plan

-Reviewed the Plan that was distributed earlier, this is to be used by the school. Taught by the homeroom teacher, Nurse or Behavioural Technicians, Pe teachers.

David R approved/Natalie C seconds

8.2 Safe School Plan

-Discussed the Action plan, was set up and prepared by some behavioral technicians & other specialists Enrico raised an issue on the wording between conflicts and bullying, explaining the difference. Also the difference between the confidentiality and the meaning pertaining to the level of what is being done, Pammy approved/Jessica seconds

8.3 PPO Funds for School

-Asked for approval to use PPO funds..1000\$ Francesca P approves/Isabel D seconds

8.3.1 Staff Appreciation approved/seconds

8.4 Principal Profile Principal stepped away for approximately 15/20 minutes total, we as group reviewed the principal report and any comments to be added. Signed profile will be forwarded to EMSB.

9. Reports

9.1 Commissioner ...sends regrets

9.2 Principal report.

- Stop Animation Project done with Grade 5 students and Ukranian Artist (see Facebook videos posted)
- started Sunyouth visits to work with students on football and basketball
- breakfast with Santa was successful. Thanks to all parents who participated
- Open House successful. 30-35 families showed up. On January 23rd we had Kindergarten registration and 12 reserved their spot.
- School Board Art Specialist came to run some workshops with our art classes
- on 27th we had gentlemen Malik Shaheed coming in. Spoke about activism and role education plays in dispelling some negative attituded towards racialized and gendered topics.
- Yummy Dough fundraiser was successful
- had our 100 days of school celebration on Feb 14
- Grade 1 and 2 going to Community Center for movie
- Literacy week coming up. Lara Button, author, came to speak about what it's like to be a writer and editor etc



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9.2.1 Marketing

-600 leaflets sent out

InterMarche advertising sign brought a lot of school pride to the building. Received over dozen photos of people mentioning sign. Discussion to do another ad at end of year saying 'Congratulations' to all who finished at GMS!

-Definitely going to get hats for each student and lanyards for the teachers. Will move forward with this then look into sweatshirts etc.

9.3 Teachers

Pammy

-100 day party Feb 14th. Paraded with both K4 and K5 as group. Popped 100 balloons and treated kids to cupcakes and Smarties. Also made pop tarts with Miss Kathy in the morning. Every child brought treat home to share with family

-For reading week Preschool chose the theme of Pete the Cat and decorated their door based on specific book

Miss Muzzo

-Musical was fun.

Melissa

-Cycle 2 story telling started. Stephanie Bennetto will come every week for workshop through to end of March. Includes Grade 4s including Sports.

Cristina

-Fusion Media Project will be weekly, 2 hours a day through June

-very proud of how all staff and teachers came together to make literacy week successful. Doors decorated, bookmarks being made and prizes will be given for best bookmarks per cycle.

Teachers volunteered their spare time or swapped teaching time and helped put together Camp ReadALot

-Cycle 3 as whole is working on Black History Month project. Exploring Black Canadians in history. Working on story telling in both French and English

-GMS festival happening March 21

Karine

-January 31st Mont Habitant Ski trip

9.4 Daycare

-Just wanted to thank all the parent for money raised for the Heart to Heart Foundation fundraiser. Raised \$452 that was brought to the Montreal Children's Hospital along with 4 students from Grade 6. Brought toys as well which will be distributed after staff disinfects them. Also visited EMSB section.

-have workshop with Miss Candy and Miss Rosie called Champions for Life (PreK to Grade 2). Teaching movement, how to balance, throw, catch under hand etc

-you can see photos on Facebook, our Instagram pages. Kudos to Miss Mac is on the ball posting photos regularly!



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9.5 Sports Concentration

- been visiting families and calling interested in sports
- aside from Open House, spoke to many families and given private tours with them. Any family interested can just call and tour can be arranged. Those that visited, saw our classroom, beautiful school, campus, gym etc were happy and once I get their answer we begin process looking into report cards and assessing behaviour/academics.
- was invited to Academie de Dance for their show on Sunday in Laval. Our dance troupe performed at mid year show. They were excited to be part of the visio dance representing GMS at the show. Owner of L'Academie de Dance did lots of promoting for GMS and the Sports Concentration Program.

9.6 CLC ...Kathy send regrets

9.7 PPO

- Planning a spring fling. It will not be a dance like last year but will be a gathering. Some hot dogs that PPO wants to make and everyone will be invited. They will get free food, music and dancing and hopefully some cotton candy.

9.8 EMSBPC ...

There was been a recommendation for next year's March break to be at same time with rest of island of Montreal school boards.

- discussion around Bill 96, bullying, parent/teachers, communication going more towards using Mosaic app.

11. Varia

- Not sure if we are still looking into karate or yoga as after school activity. No interest at this time

12. Second Question Period

- Raised the question that drop off is frustrating, parking spaces etc. issues discussed and try to find some way to make things easier/safer

13. Next Meeting (March 16th, 2023) / Adjournment

Clementina approved/ Karine seconds