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**Gerald McShane Elementary School**

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting  
Held on Monday December 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM  
School Staff Room

<b>Present:</b>		<b>Absent/Regrets</b>
Antonio Petosa, secretary	Vince Timpano, principal	Karine Gomez Silva Suzan Perera
Shane Fombuena	Karine Gomes Silva	
Claudio Prioletta	Elisa Baronello	
Lara Villani	Christina Gioia	
David Reda, Vice-chair	Pammy Lacroce	
Mary Di Fulvio, Chair	Sonia D'Addario	
Amalia Lavoratore, treasurer	Linda Matteo	
Angie Iadnardi	Silva Muzzo	
Sandra Renzi (alternate)	Elvira Corso	

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

**2. Adoption of Agenda:**

2.1 Sandra Renzi was not present at the last meeting (November).

Mover: Clemintina

Agenda Approved: Linda

Agenda approved unanimously (abstained by Elvira – because not present last meeting).

**3. Adoption of previous minutes:**

From meeting of November 12, 2024

Mover: Sonia; Second David Reda

**4. Business Arising from Minutes:**

- Camp Lift – awaiting response for reaching out for camps for boys.
- Possibility that camp does not work with elementary schools.
- Clementina suggested group Dynamics.
  - o Mary suggested older grade 5 and 6 children for rendering program.
  - o Angie – LDV elementary school brought in senior children to guide younger children to do this type of program.
    - Terry Fox school uses behavior tech to teach older children to guide older children to guide younger children in play.
- Fearless facilitator mentoring girls – is booked for the rest of the year. (next year they'll try to encompass the whole grade).
  - o Ms Muzzo states that teachers were not involved in selection.
- Mary – using school facility – that will bring in money for school
  - o Answer – EMSB rentals will have to decide this
- Shane: Creating a foundation for the school
  - o Committee and board need to be put into place.

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- Mr Timpano will investigate and research more information on this subject.

## 5. New Business:

5.1 ACGC plan (2024-2025) – teachers will implement in grade 5-6 year throughout curriculum.

5.1.1 Social influences (grade 5)

5.1.2 Self-Knowledge (grade 6)

5.1.2.1 Transitioning into high-school and teenage years

5.1.3 Knowledge of the world (school) and world of work

5.1.3.1 Approval from GB: Mover: Tony Second: Angie

5.2 Educational project action plan 2024-2028:

5.2.1 Review of scores and objectives for the year and for the next year.

5.2.2 U-Fly – literacy program suggested by Angie

5.2.3 Resolution of educational plan read by Mary

5.2.3.1 Motion: Tony Second: Elvira

5.2.3.1.1 Unanimous vote

5.3 Marketing for the school

5.3.1 To go out into the community to show off the school.

5.3.2 Want to market the school

5.4 Selection criteria for Principal of GMS

## 6. Reports

6.1: Commissioner Susan Pereira was not present for the meeting.

6.2: GB Chairperson

6.3: Principal Vince:

- Private open house coming up in January.

6.4: Teachers:

- Ms. Pammy: OMETZ program – social skills workshop – K4 and K5 came to an end – feedback positive

- preparing for holidays – K4 baking and K4 and K5 parents invited for hot chocolate.

- Ms. Muzzo: Cycle 2 – went to see Nutcracker – very well behaved.

- Choir represented GMS at Rosemount HS for EMSB

- Ms. Elisa Cycle 2: Reading response – French started new novel – working project of writing letter to Santa.

- Ms. Christina: Cycle 3 – Holocaust Museum, feedback moving experience – descriptive writing in English and French

6.5: Daycare (Ms. Clementina)

- November 21<sup>st</sup> – skating

- November 22<sup>nd</sup> PJ day

- January 6<sup>th</sup> – winter Carnival Day coming up.

6.6: EMSBC – as per meeting minutes from Claudio Prioletta: (following 2 pages)

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**Indigenous Teachings:**

Team is now 3 FT members who have assessed the current state of the program and who are working on developing a more robust program to support the school community.

**Past State Goals (2020+)**

- Looked for funding
- Developed resources and community contacts
- Cultural Programs
- Professional development (Cultural and Celebration)

**Present State**

- Programming – (more labs, more field trips, connecting with artists)
- Professional Development – ( UQAT Trainings, Cultural Leader Trainings)
- Student Support – ( Indigenous peer support, hired cultural support)
- Curriculum / Pedagogy – (Designing workshop, making links with educational services)

**Future State**

- Cultural Safety
- Systemic Growth
- % of EMSB Students exposed : 60%, plans to increase
- Programing for parents – To be created

If a school would like more services, principal to email Danika, Kurt, Raymond.

**Elementary Literacy Programs:**

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- 1) Early Literacy Project – K4/K5, available in 24 EMSB schools – Relating sounds to reading success.
  - 2) Billiteracy Project – Grade 1, Bilingual schools, Making the correlation of teaching between English and French
  - 3) Launch Literacy with UFLI - cycle 1, teacher in English core, Teachers to adapt structured literacy practices to improve reading.
  - 4) Literature Circles – 8 schools – 4,5,6 ELA teachers, using literature circles to support development. ( i.e. book club)
  - 5) Digital Literacy Project -12 to 20 self selected Grade 4,5,6 classes, more info to come, project in planning
  - 6) Life long Literary pilot project – 3 schools, increase professional development models

**STEAM Education:**

- East Hill School is on their 2<sup>nd</sup> year on the program. They are on boarding several new schools this year. Great way to introduce problem solving for students are all levels in the school.
- Real world problems solved by them, teacher sets up the situation, students come up with the solution.

**WEBSITE Questions:**

- EMSB has 3 FT employees who manage the infrastructure. If trained, individual schools can make minor modifications to the website. Changes can be sent to communication department, rush requests processed first. 2/3 FT employees manage site updates only. Ways to be more efficient?
- New website to standardize the host sites is ongoing, will take several years to complete the transition and for all schools to be on the same platform.
- If a school wants training, submit request to communications department. All schools should be trained. Speed up the new site implementation?

**GB Email Address:**

- As per GB Regional directors present, GB cannot have an email, seems to be an internal rule. We asked they go back and give us a concrete explanation. File 13 with that question?
- Questions can be sent to Principal, then transferred to us... Not an ideal case, will it limit the questions we get?

**Anti Troll Kit:**

- Helps counter cyber bullying : anti-trollkit.com – Site developed by a police officer in 3 rivers.
- Helps children/parents understand and deal with cyber bullying.

**Pas une autre mort de plus :**

- Rally on December 13th to push the government to reopen bill 48 and create the role of a Ombudsman for Child safety. Jason, signed a letter on our behalf to support this.

**Varia:**

- Mind school set up a babysitting program during parent teach interview night.
- Culture and Citizenship course – Is sex ed included in it? Should it be? Is it age appropriate?

**6.7: PPO – busy November**

- 1500\$ bakesale – very generous
- 312 plants sold approx.: \$1350

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- ongoing beau-sapin fundraiser
  - breakfast with Santa coming up
  - skating program coming up
  - chocolate fundraiser – coming up – February (before spring break)
  - staff appreciation – PPO asking for \$850 – mover – Clemintina – second – Elvira – all in favor.

6.8 – Sports concentration (Ms. Sonia)

- hockey play date set up for March
- Teams meeting coming up for friendlies.
- Preparing promotion adds

6.9: CLC (Ms. Linda):

- Linda - meeting and initiative with Canada Poste – children writing back to children –
- meeting with Canada wide – for food
- Saint Brendan's parish – fundraiser \$600 (dress-down)
- Cupcake day – donated by Maxi
- Galileo school – partnership with GMS
- socks in a box fundraiser
- acknowledging the land, we are on
  - will be informing ourselves with this.

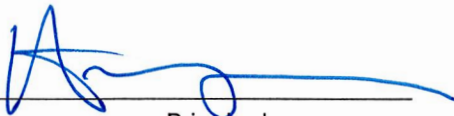
7. **Varia**

8. **Question Period**

9. **Adjournment**

Clementina F. – second Ms Pammy. moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 PM.

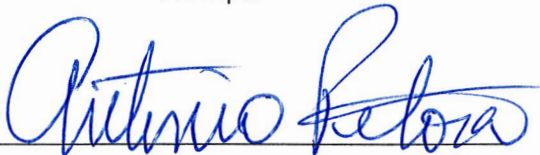
Next meeting: January 28<sup>th</sup> – In person.



Principal



GB Chair



Secretary