

Gerald McShane Elementary School

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting
Held on Tuesday November 12, 2024, at 7:00 PM
School Staff Room

Present:		Absent/Regrets
Tony Petosa, secretary	David Lee, principal	Linda Matteo
Shane Fombuena	Karine Gomes Silva	Elvira Corso
Claudio Priolella	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 Iadinardi	Silva Muzzo	
Sandra Renzi (alternate)	Susan Pereira	

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

2. **Adoption of Agenda:**

Mover: Clementina

Agenda Approved: Sonia

Agenda approved unanimously.

3. **Adoption of previous minutes:**

From meeting of October 8, 2024

Mover: Karine; Second Ms. Pammy

4. **Business Arising from Minutes:**

None

5. **New Business:**

5.1 December 19 – breakfast with Santa

Requesting funds from school PPO

Approved by Clementina; Second Claudio

5.2 Received Calendar and adding January 29th as a ped day.

5.3 PPO – bake sale – November 20-21 (graduation fundraiser)

Approved Angie and Tony

6. **Reports**

6.1: Commissioner Susan Pereira- Up and coming report at next governing board meeting

6.2: GB Chairperson

6.3: Principle:

- Grade 3-6 Mathletics.

- Cycle 3 students – presentation from astronaut – ACGC curriculum – learn about careers.

- Apple picking

- Open house

- Terry Fox run \$5840 raised
- Halloween day – costumes – PPO haunted house + pumpkin decorating competition

6.4: Teachers:

- Ms. Pammy: K4 – hibernation + K5 play and hearing screening K4-K5
- Karine: Rewards for Terry Fox run + volleyball playday (LBP) – Tuesday November 19 + Remembrance Day celebration
- Muzzo: Cycle 2 – working on getting used to routines
- Elisa: Indigenous person coming to speak to classroom
- Christina: Cycle 3 – MSO concert – tied in with Greek mythology and legends with French + entrepreneurship – learning how to create their own business

6.5: Daycare

- started sports ball on Wednesday + skating and pyjama
- going to make smoothies with a bike system

6.6: Sports concentration

- meetings with the students to adapt to routine of work plans
- transition with workload and tutors – University students that take students alone or with teachers.

6.7: PPO

- Poinsettias: orders will be picked up at parent – teacher
- BO sapins orders can be ordered with another up-and-coming link that will be sent out.
- breakfast with Santa
- Bake-Sale.

6.8: EMSBPC: - email will come from Shane

- elections for different positions on PC
- last Thursday meeting (22 % turnout for elections)
- online tools that they are offering to the parents.
- campus corpus – CEGEP enrollment
- workshop for governing boards
- concussion workshop coming up
- bullying education program coming up
- corridor scolaire
 - Long conversation around safety around school drop off areas.
 - Many schools have trouble with through traffic and parent double parking for drop offs.
 - This was sparked by the incidents that happened earlier this year where children were injured.
 - Transport advisory committee is limited in what they can do to support this process.
 - Schools need to take matters into their own hands, connect with burough and SPVM as often as needed for change.
 - Parents cannot make recommendations BUT SPVM can be asked to come make an assessment of the safety around schools.
 - Some SPVM posts have Public Safety Departments that can support the efforts of schools & parents.
- conversation on truth and reconciliation day – fundraising for local organisations
 - Conversation around layering curriculum onto the reality of T&R.
 - Activate fundraisers around first nation owned businesses.
 - At McGill a relationship has been built with one of the local elders who participates and engages with the university.
 - The use of a ped day on September 30th is a hot topic for members of the first nations communities. There is a feeling that they should be free to process this day as they need rather than being forced to come to school.

- cybersecurity for internet safety EPCA
- Companies willing to donate items for ...
- Natural grocers
- conversation around governing board communication with parents – good drive account and e-mail. – clarity for whether acceptable.
- programs offered by other schools
- private donations to GB for tax receipts

6.9: CLC:

- Skip Canada came to deliver pizza
- October 28 – project – LOVE (12 weeklong project) – learn about writing little passages and articles – school publication (book) that can be given to future parents – photo / journalism project – promotional booklets
- 1st CLC workshop – beading project – handmade items
- Special guest speaker this week for cycle 3 students – judo athlete will speak to students on Thursday.

7. **Varia**

7.1 Stage risers: approval for shared cost (between school and PPO)

- 2 tier level stages - \$8000 total
- Avoids renting
- Approve- Clementina + Tony

7.2 Boys' Club (Mary D.): interest in a boys' club similar to the current girls' club. School will search for organizations that can offer similar services.

7.3 Skating (Mary D.): Will be made available for Pre-K, K, possible grade 1 – skate sizes

7.4 Daycare door: defective – repair must go through a ticketing system.

8. **Question Period**

- Andy Lee: (guest) – color calendar question and guest presence annotation in minutes
- Shane: Raffle fundraisers - sporting goods (Olympic teams) – for student activities
 - o Gym rentals are not run by school but must go through EMSB for permission and fees.

9. **Adjournment**

Clementina F. – second Ms Pammy. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Next meeting: December 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM (Teams).

Vince Timpano
Principal

Linda Di Fluvio

GB Chair

Antonio Petosa

Secretary