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Governing Board Minutes
Meeting #3
December 1st, 2020 at 7:00PM (Zoom)

Table with 6 columns: Name of member, Role, P/A, Name of member, Role, P/A. Lists members like Celzi, Cristina, Carrié, Veronique, Serrecchia, Miranda, etc.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Annie Caya; seconded by Valérie Barnabé; vote unanimous

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the November 3, 2020 Governing Board Meeting

Correction was made by Gerry Tullio in Item 6 IB Report to state as follows: The Spiritual Animator, Bobbie Variantzas, Gerry Tullio, both Guidance Counselors and Valerié Barnabé did class visits to discuss the community service theme for this year, "Be caring. Spread the love. Be Safe."

Motion to approve by Mary Vasile; seconded by Annie Caya; vote unanimous

3. Arising from the Minutes of the October 7, 2020 Governing Board Meeting

3.1. Adoption of the minutes of the June 25, 2020 meeting

Motion to approve by Mickey Lemme; seconded by Valérie Barnabé; Approved, abstained by Annie Caya

3.2. Uniform Options

Ms Celzi informed us that because we do not have any samples at this time, we will bring the topic back on the table when samples are available. Dark colours for tops are an option because other schools are not using them. We're hoping to have the samples by the next meeting.

4. New Business

4.1. GB Members - Update

- We have 3 new members. Two students: Celina McGrath and Davide Sanzari and an additional teacher because we were one teacher short; Andy D'Alessandro. We are now officially a full Governing Board.
Francesco Fortugno welcomed the new members.

4.2. Sexuality Education Plan

- Ms.Celzi is tabling it because they are allowing us some extra time. We will look at it and approve it at our next meeting, but Ms Celzi stated that there will not be many changes to it.





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- Ms. Celzi said that she will send us the Education Plan before our next meeting so that we may look at it before the meeting.

4.3. Additional Ped. Days

- The Education Minister announced that 3 additional pedagogical days would be added to the school schedule. Two of which are placed by the School Board and one to be chosen by us. Administration proposed Wednesday, December 9, 2020. A workshop will be provided to teachers on that day.
- Motion to approve December 9 as a ped day by Linda De Young; seconded by Mary Vasile; vote unanimous
- The 3 cycle days that will be lost due to the ped days, will be brought back to the school calendar on the week where the mid-year exams were previously scheduled. An email will be sent to parents.

4.4. Fundraising

- We have supported St. Brendan's Church in the past years. They have made food baskets which have come back to our LMAC families in need. This year St. Brendan's is asking for monetary support so that they can purchase gift cards for groceries. The Administration is proposing a dress down day to support this fundraiser. No date has been confirmed yet.
- Our LMAC food drive will go to Gerry Tullio who is working with JFK where they will make food baskets for families in need in the East end of Montreal.
- Linda De Young inquired if students will be asked to dress in Christmas colours. Mme Carrié said that theme days should be kept separate from our dress down days as we do not want our students to pay for our theme days. Students should understand the concept of paying for their dress-down day and they should be allowed to wear what they want.
- Annie Caya asked if we could perhaps approve a dress-up day. Mme Carrié said that we do not need an approval for theme days.
- A motion to approve two back-to-back dress down days for St. Brendan's church was made by Linda De Young and seconded by Annie Caya. Vote unanimous.

4.4.1. Treasury Funds

- Francesco Fortugno asked to pass a motion to donate the money from the treasury fund in the amount of \$516.00 to St. Brendan's Church Holiday Fundraiser.
- Mickey Lemme passed the motion; seconded by Angela De Ciccio. Vote unanimous.
- Ms. Celzi asked for a motion to allow Administration a blanket approval for future fundraising in the course of the school year. Francesco Fortugno motioned to approve; seconded by Andy D'Alessandro. Vote unanimous.

4.5. Fieldtrips

- Ms. Celzi asked for a motion to allow Administration a blanket approval to organize fieldtrips in the course of the school year. Motion to approve by Gerry Tullio; seconded by Marcel Pinto. Vote unanimous.

5. Vice-Principal Report

- Mme Carrié reported that she met with 2 staff members this week regarding how to market our school and our vision for our school.
- Our focus is community and that we are a CLC school and an IB school – the two go hand-in-hand.
- Administration would like the parents to help build the community. Now that JP1 merged with LMAC the focus should be in school and how we can form a tight bond.
- The more we work on Community within the school, the easier it will be to change the reputation of our school.
- Some aspects of what needs to change within the school are the school rules. Basic rules such as our school uniform. A memo will be sent to parents reminding them how important it is that the students come to school with the proper school uniform.





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- The Administration will start sending students home if they are not wearing the proper uniform in school.
- Winter boots should be worn outside and changed into shoes when inside. Secondary 1 and 2 students are sent outdoors at lunch time so they should be wearing the proper attire for winter.
- Mme Carrié is asking parents, again, not to use the school parking lot as a drop off for students. Masks are mandatory and must be worn. Some students are disregarding the rules and there will be consequences. A second email will be sent out to parents reminding them not to use the parking lot and to talk to their children about the importance of wearing their masks.
- There are some behavioural issues amongst the Secondary 1 and 2 students which will also be mentioned in the memo to parents.
- In order to be a strong community, there has to be a respect. Students and their families have to show respect when Administration is enforcing the school rules. Respecting the school rules, each other and one's property plays a big role in being a community school.
- Annie Caya mentioned that we have been increasing our presence on social media; Facebook and Instagram. She asked parents to share the posts as much as we can.
- Ms. Celzi said that negativity is easily transmitted through social media. She asked us to spread the word that if parents have issues to call the school rather than write it on social media for everyone to see.
- Workshops are available to parents. An email was sent out to parents and we're hoping that parents will participate.
- Our mid-year exams have been cancelled but we will continue to work with Building Blocks Tutorial. They will continue to offer sessions for students who are falling behind or struggling. A memo was sent to parents with registration information for BBT.
- Francesco Fortugno asked if the mid-term exams will be replaced with in-class exams. Ms. Celzi said that the official exam week is cancelled which in turn helps to give back school days to the students and to ease off some of the anxieties amongst the students. Teachers are still able to give assessments but not in the same format as a regular exam week.

6. IB Report

- Valérie Barnabé wished to discuss the email that was sent for the yarn collection is a project that was initiated by a secondary 1 student, with the help of Bobbie Variantzas, the knitted items will be donated to La Maison de la Famille de St. Leonard. She will continue to report the outcome of this project.
- Mickey Lemme asked how the hours of community works. Mme Barnabé said that one ball of yarn will be given one hour of community work.
- Josie Triassi asked how a student can complete community hours if they are registered under the virtual learning from home. Mme Barnabé suggested that students can do anything that accounts to helping out the community. Students can help around the house and spreading the love. These hours can be recorded by filling out the forms, found on the LMAC webpage, or by sending pictures and videos of the students performing the activities to Mme Barnabé.
- Any questions can be emailed to Mme Barnabé.

7. CLC Report

- Gerry Tullio and Bobbie Variantzas, in collaboration with Portage Substance Abuse Community, have organized two webinars (December 7 and 9). The webinars will be hosted by Portage and focusing on who they are and the services they provide. Two testimonials will be given by a parent and a child who were in their program. The flyer will go out tomorrow.
- Gerry Tullio wanted to point out that substance abuse is not only in schools but a community issue.
- They will extend the invitation to other schools in our Community (Vincent Massy, Rosemont High and Pearson.)
- There will be a question period where all questions will be anonymous.





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- Francesco Fortugno asked how the flyer will go out. Gerry Tullio said that it will be sent out by school messenger. Once the registration has been confirmed, a zoom link will be sent.

8. PC Report

- Nothing to report.
- Next meeting will take place on Thursday, December 3rd.

9. Students Report

- Francesco Fortugno explained that this item is for students in the Student Council to report activities that are going on in the school that parents may not be aware of.
- Annie Caya said that there isn't much happening this year because of the social distancing.

10. Chairperson & Treasurer Report

- Francesco Fortugno said that there's nothing to add except for the money in this fund that we already discussed earlier.
- Francesco Fortugno mentioned the Board is asking for the Conflict of Interest Form to be filled out, signed and submitted to him.

11. Public Question Period

- No questions.

12. Varia

- Francesco asked if our next meeting will take place on January 5th or if we should move it to the following week. Ms Celzi said that it would be best to move it. Motion to move our next meeting to January 12th made by Linda De Young; seconded by Marcel Pinto.

13. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Annie Caya; seconded by Linda De Young.
- Meeting end time: 8:15 pm

Next meeting: January 12th at 7pm.

