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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting #7

April 30, 2024 at 7:00PM (Microsoft Teams)

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Celzi, Cristina	Principal	P	Civitarese, Marco	Parent	P
Spilak, Ivan	Vice-Principal	P	De Ciccio, Angela	Parent	A
Barnabé, Valérie	IB Coordinator	P	Irrera, Angelo	Parent	P
Castonguay, Micheline	Teacher	P	Passucci, Stephanie	Parent	P
Caya, Annie	Teacher	P	Petrecca, Giovanni	Parent	P
D'Alessandro, Andy	Teacher	P	Ursino, Silvio	Parent	P
De Ciccio, Veronica	Teacher	P	Vasile, Mary	Parent	P
Di Viccaro, Alex	Teacher	P	Zaruso, Antonio	Parent	A
Pinto, Marcel	Teacher	P	Paoella, Vincenzo	Student	A
Potesta, Ramona	CLC Rep	A	Huard, Danica	Student	A
Tullio, Gerry	Community Rep	P			
Pietrangelo, Mario	Commissioner	A			

1. Welcome-Land Acknowledgement

- Delivered by A. Caya

2. Appointment of Secretary

- M. Civitarese appointed

3. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda by V. De Ciccio; seconded by A. Irrera; motion passed.

4. Adoption of the Minutes of the March 27, 2024 Governing Board Meeting

- Motion to adopt minutes by S. Ursino; seconded by A. Irrera; motion passed.

5. Business Arising from the minutes of the March 27, 2024 GB meeting

- N/A

6. New Business

6.1 Student Handbook/Code of Conduct

- Mr. Spilak presented the updated student handbook/code of conduct, highlighting changes from the previous year's version; noted that the term "Community Service" has been changed to "Service as Action".
- Mr. Ursino asked whether exceptions (i.e. children with special needs) should be included with the timetable. Ms. Celzi responded that exceptions are handled on an individual basis

- between the school and the individual student's family. Mr. Spilak also noted that the school is open earlier than class start time, therefore, students are encouraged to arrive early.
- Ms. Passucci asked if the school's cell phone policy aligns with the new policy established by the Provincial Government. Ms. Celzi noted that the school's policy is over and above the government policy. It aims to change students' behaviours, as the dependence on phones is a distraction in the classroom. Exceptions will be made for students who require a phone for medical reasons.
 - Ms. Passucci asked about how potential theft of cell phones from lockers will be mitigated. Ms. Caya responded that lockers are constantly monitored to ensure that they are locked, Mr. Spilak added that detentions are handed out to students whose lockers are found unlocked.

Motion to approve Student Handbook/Code of Conduct by A. Caya; seconded by A. Di Viccaro; all in favor, motioned passed to approve as presented.

6.2 2024-2025 school calendar

- Ms. Celzi presented the school calendar for the upcoming school year noting that January 17 is not a fixed day. It is a Board Day to work on the Educational Project.

Motion to approve school calendar by G. Petrecca; seconded by A. Caya; all in favor, motion passed.

6.3 LMAC Musical

- Ms. Celzi indicated that this idea was initiated by the Sec. 5 students
- Event will take place on May 15 in the LMAC Auditorium from 6:00 to 7:30 with refreshments beginning at 5:30
- Email will be sent to parents and advertised on social media platforms
- \$5 admission (free for students) will pay for operating costs (lighting, sound, material, etc.)

Motion to approve charging \$5 admission fee to LMAC Musical by V. Barnabé; seconded by M. Vasile; all in favor, motion passed.

6.4 Building Blocks tutorials

- Ms. Celzi indicated that parents will not be charged for end-of-year tutorial services as the government has provided schools with a budget for tutorials, including those provided by external providers.

6.5 End-of-year treat for students

- Ms. Celzi spoke about House Week, which will take place throughout the week of May 27; Houses Games will take place at lunch, with the House Winner being revealed on May 31. Gifts will be awarded to the winning House.
- End-of-year activities will also take place throughout the afternoon of June 7
- Other events will include the LMAC Academic and Sports Banquet (June 6) and Movie Night for the Sec. 5 students

7. Student Report

- See **Student Report** presented by Ms. Barnabé on behalf of Mr. Paoletta in **Section 1** of the **Addendum to Meeting Minutes**.

8. IB Report

- See **IB Report** presented by Ms. Barnabé in **Section 2** of the **Addendum to Meeting Minutes**.

9. CLC Report

- See **CLC Report** presented by Mr. Tullio on behalf of Ms. Potesta in **Section 3** of the **Addendum to Meeting Minutes**.

10. EMSBPC Report

- Ms. Passucci indicated that the next meeting will be on May 2nd at JFK. The last meeting included several topics:
 - End of bus strike
 - Allo Prof: website for elementary and high school students; helpful to practice for Ministry exams; includes games. Additional funding will be provided to develop site in English.
 - Bus situation for Rosemount High School: due to budgetary constraints, cannot serve school alone; proposing to merge service with VMC. Consultation will continue; Rosemount Principal will meet with STM.

11. Question Period

N/A

12. Varia

N/A

13. Date of Next Meeting: June 12, 2024

14. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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ADDENDUM to Meeting Minutes

1. Student Report

English Montreal Student Advisory Committee (EMSAC)

EMSAC met last on April 16th, at FACE. During the meeting, members approved a bilingual statement expressing the committee's opposition to Bill 21, which bans teachers from wearing religious symbols. It has since been sent to Premier Francois Legault, Justice Minister Simon Jolin-Barrette & Education Minister Bernard Drainville. There is also the possibility that it eventually could be sent to members of the Opposition, and even a few Federal politicians. Members of the Subcommittee which wrote the statement are at tonight's board meeting to present it to the council of commissioners, as well as to the general public.

Other topics discussed during our last meeting included finding ways to promote our committee, so that the student population of the EMSB is aware of our work. An Instagram account has been created (@emsbstudentadvisory), so feel free to check it out to see our members in action.

EMSAC is set to meet next on May 14th at John F. Kennedy High School, which is likely to be the final meeting of the academic year.

House Council

Friday, April 19th was our most recent House Day. While no assemblies were held, a House versus House Golf Challenge was held. Students were able to play against a few of the House teachers, including Mr. Pinto, Mr. Della Posta, Mr. Sivilla and M. Laplante.

Ideas have been discussed for the final activities of the year, but plans have not yet been finalized. More info on closing ceremonies will be announced at the next meeting.

Media Club

Since early November, students have been working on posts & reels with the guidance of Lianne Castelino, a former journalist & sports anchor for CTV Montreal. April 10, 2024 was the last meeting with Mrs. Castelino, in which some projects were finalized, with a plan for next year currently in the works.

EMSB Leadership Camp:

Heroes Unite, Leaders Ignite! Last week was the EMSB's Annual Leadership Camp, held at Camp Papillion (Saint-Alphonse Rodriguez, Quebec). This camp is completely organized and run by students, under the guidance of C-J Turner, Special Education technician at Westmount High & Karen Kleihauer, the High School Physical Education Consultant at the school board. Through this camp, students were

given the opportunity to work on their team-building and leadership skills through experiential activities, which this year had a superheroes & villains theme. It was also a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet new friends from other schools across the EMSB.

Laurier Macdonald has sent 12 students, among them are two organizers (planning and running the camp) and two animators (leading groups through activities). As it looks right now, many among them are eager to return next year in higher roles, and we also hope to have more students from LMAC attending next year.

More information to be provided at the next meeting.

2. IB report

On behalf of Mr. Monachino:

Dress Down Day will be held on Thursday, May 2nd, with proceeds going to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, supporting a student EMSAC initiative as well as the Visionary of the Year Program.

Putting together the final baskets of the year for LMAC families with delivery dates slated for sometime during the 2nd week of May.

Écoquartier

LMAC participated in la Corvée de propreté organisée par l'écoquartier de St-Léonard. We had 9 participants from Sec. 1 to 5. We collected and divided the waste between compost, recycling and garbage. Our students worked well and were rewarded with homemade lemonade and pizza.

Projet contre l'intimidation

Les élèves du Bi de 2^{ème} et le groupe 22 de 4^{ème} secondaire ont travaillé ensemble afin de créer des campagnes de sensibilisation contre l'intimidation. Les vidéos gagnants seront mis sur nos réseau sociaux sous peu.

Personal Project Fair

Today was the IB Sec. 5 Personal Project Fair. Students were presenting their projects to judges and to the IB students of all levels. Parents were invited to come and see the great work done by this year's cohort. You will be able to see pictures on our social media soon.

And now it means that it's our secondary 4's turn to start the process!

Olympes de la Parole

Tomorrow is the final oral presentation. The girls are getting ready and practicing their speech. They worked hard all year and on May 9th it will come to an end at the Awards Ceremony.

3. CLC Report

CJE Service at LMAC

Our school has partnered with our local Carrefour Jeunesse Emploi to help secondary 3,4 & 5 students with CV writing, job searches, mock interviews and more. Monica Lara Celaya is a psychosocial worker that will be at LMAC providing this service. She will be in our school every Thursday from 10am-3pm. She will be available to meet with students between those times, including lunchtime. To schedule appointments with her, students must contact her directly via text or email. Her contact information can be found in the CLC and Guidance areas. As a result of our collaboration with CJE, we have received a \$1,000 grant. This funding will be utilized to establish an entirely new Social Justice Committee, comprising various subcommittees. The grant will be allocated for the Committee's fundraising and activity-related expenses.

MADD

On May 2nd, MADD will present their "Mothers Against Drunk Driving" presentation to our secondary 5 students.