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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting #3

December 14, 2022, 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	P
Barnabé, Valérie	IB Coordinator	P	Fortugno, Francesco	Parent	P
Castonguay, Micheline	Teacher	P	Labelle, Kitty	Parent	A
Caya, Annie	Teacher	P	Pescolla, Laura	Parent	P
D'Alessandro, Andy	Teacher	A	Petrecca, Giovanni	Parent	A
De Ciccio, Veronica	Teacher	P	Vasile, Mary	Parent	P
Di Viccaro, Alex	Teacher	A	Ursino, Silvio	Parent	P
Pinto, Marcel	Teacher	P	Pietrangelo, Mario	Commissioner	P
De Young, Linda	Staff	A	Paoella, Vincenzo	Student	P
Tullio, Gerry	Community Rep	P	Simancas Loffreda, Gianna	Student	P
Required for Quorum: 12 Present, 4 Parents			Actual: 17 Present		

Guest:

Regrets:

Late attendance: n/a

1. Call to order: 7:09 PM

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Valérie Barnabé; seconded by Marcel Pinto; all in favour, motion passed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the November 21, 2022 Governing Board Meeting

Motion to adopt by Marcel Pinto; seconded by Angela De Ciccio; abstained by Valérie Barnabé; motion passed.

4. Business arising from the previous meeting

Custom Sock Fundraiser

- Ms. Celzi provided some information on a potential fundraiser involving the sale of custom socks designed with the school logo. A minimum purchase of 30 pairs would be required, priced at \$13-\$15 per pair.
- Ms. Caya asked whether the school contacted the company (Hype Socks) or vice-versa. She also asked if samples of the socks could be provided and if this company has worked with other schools before. Ms. Celzi will follow up.
- Ms. A. De Ciccio expressed that it may not be the best source of fundraising.

- Mr. Ursino added that it was low risk and could add school spirit.

5. New Business

5.1 Donation of Governing Board Money

- Mr. Fortugno informed members that the LMAC Governing Board is awarded \$250 annually to cover administrative costs (ex.: transportation, end of year party, etc.). Over the last few years, the GB has elected to donate these funds to the LMAC Food Basket or Christmas Basket. He suggested that funds be donated once again this year to support St. Brendan Church.

Motion to agree to donate GB funds to St. Brendan Church.

Motion to approve by Francesco Fortugno; seconded by Annie Caya; motion passed.

5.2 IB Resolution for Ministry Grant

- New grant is available from Ministry to fund the IB Program, which would result in students no longer having to pay the \$130 annual fee. Governing Board resolution required in support of the application for new grant to fund IB Program.

Motion to approve application for new grant to fund IB Program.

Motion to approve by Veronica De Ciccio; seconded by Gianna Simancas Loffreda; motion passed.

5.3 Level Trips

- Mr. Pinto provided information regarding upcoming class trips available for Sec. 4-5, including itineraries for each destination; all information provided to be confirmed.
- School sent request for information to five tour providers, with only Omni Tours responding.
- All payments will be handled directly by Omni Tour.
- Cancellation 61 days before departure date is 100% refundable.
- **Sec. 5 trip to New York**
 - Being organized by Ms. Lombardo and Ms. Marcogliese.
 - April 3-6; lodging at the Hampton Inn.
 - Cost of trip will be \$852CA/student; two buses will be available.
- **Sec. 4 trip to Washington, DC**
 - Apr. 17-20; lodging at the Comfort Inn.
 - Cost of trip will be \$630CA/student; one bus will be available; change to itinerary may occur, which may impact cost - TBC.
- Mr. Spilak provided information regarding upcoming class trips available for Sec. 1-2-3, including itineraries for each destination; all information provided to be confirmed. Trip for Sec.3 looks like Boston, but not finalized yet.
- **Sec. 1-2 trip to Toronto**
 - 2-day trip to Toronto/Niagara Falls
 - 1st or 2nd week of April – TBC, with itinerary to be finalized; lodging at the Days Inn by the airport.
 - Cost of trip will be about \$600CA/student; two buses will be available.

- Mr. Ursino asked about the accommodations to be provided to students requiring a CCW. Ms. Celzi confirmed that accommodations will be made to have someone accompany the student, however, it may not be the student's CCW.
- Mr. Fortugno asked about what protocols will be followed if a student tests positive on the trip. Mr. Pinto explained that if a student tests positive, the insurance company (Manulife) will pay for room/transportation/food for the infected student. Infected students will need to remain in room throughout remainder of trip. More information required about what happens if students test positive throughout trip.
- Mr. Ursino asked about what form of identification the students will be required to bring with them. Mr. Pinto responded that a valid passport is required.
- Mr. Ursino mentioned that students with special needs will require a letter from physician to ensure that they are fit to travel
- Mr. Fortugno asked if the tour operator, Omni Tours, provides insurance. Mr. Pinto confirmed that they do, but additional insurance may be purchased by parents with a provider such as Blue Cross.
- Mr. Civitarese asked about accommodation for students with food allergies/intolerances or dietary restrictions. Mr. Spilak indicated that the tour operator will require the names of the students and their allergies/intolerances/restrictions - they will coordinate with restaurants. They have been very accommodating in the past.
- Mr. Civitarese asked about the ratio of students to adults on the trip. Mr. Spilak responded that it is usually 8 to 1 or 11 to 1, depending on the grade.
- Ms. Caya asked if there was any flexibility in the dates, possibly taking advantage of Ped days to avoid students missing school days. Ms. Celzi confirmed that there is no flexibility in the dates.
- Ms. Celzi outlined next steps: Email to be sent to students, by grade, to vote on whether or not they want to participate in the trips. Authorization letter to parents will follow. This should all be done before the next GB meeting.

5.4 Update on programming/coding course

- Ms. Celzi confirmed that the school is working on providing this course as new extra-curricular activity. The school librarian can teach the course. Currently working with the EMSB's procurement department to find computer equipment. Funds from the Ministry will be spent on the equipment.

5.5 Selection Criteria for Appointment of a School Principal

- Ms. Celzi and Mr. Spilak left the meeting.
- Mr. Fortugno presented the topic. This is something that is done every year. He proposed keeping the same criteria as last year. Ms. Pescolla agreed.
- Ms. Barnabé proposed that wording should be added to indicate that the role should be open-minded about the IB program.
- Ms. Pescolla proposed to send criteria to GB members by e-mail (excluding Ms. Celzi and Mr. Spilak), followed by an online vote.
- Ms. Celzi and Mr. Spilak returned to the meeting.

6. IB Report

- Ms. Barabé provided an update, as found in Section 1 of the **ADDENDUM to Meeting Minutes**.
- Ms. Caya asked how we can put pressure on the EMSB to remove single-use plastic bottles from the school.

- Mr. Ursino suggested crafting initiatives for waste reduction, highlighting the school's efforts and raise awareness.
- Ms. Pescolla proposed the use of a re-useable utensil kit.

7. CLC Report

- Mr. Tullio provided an update, as found in Section 2 of the **ADDENDUM to Meeting Minutes**.

8. Parent Committee Report

- Report not available.

9. Public Question Period

- Ms. Vasile asked Ms. Celzi how the class valedictorian is chosen. Ms. Celzi informed her that it is the student with the highest overall average from the Rélevé de Notes.
- Mr. Ursino mentioned that there was a low attendance at the Building Blocks tutorial last Saturday, with tutorials available for Sec. 1 and 2 only. Ms. Celzi indicated that Building Blocks may come back for June. We will prepare questions for them in anticipation of June exams.

10. Varia

- **None.**

11. Adjournment: 8:45 PM, motioned by Annie Caya; seconded by Gerry Tullio.

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ADDENDUM to Meeting Minutes

1. IB report

- Mr. Laplante 's sec. 5 class went to the city of St-Léonard to participate in a mock conseil jeunesse. It was to demonstrate how teenagers can have a voice and participate in the municipal life. The students had to come up with ideas that can improve the quality of living for the teenagers in the arrondissement of St-Leonard. This was part of the publicity campaign to have teenagers register to take part in the real Conseil jeunesse.

<https://journalmetro.com/local/saint-leonard/2935938/le-temps-dune-simulationtester-le-conseil-jeunesse-de-saint-leonard/>

https://www.instagram.com/cj_stleonard/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y%3D

- The week of Remembrance day: Poppy Campaign collected 136, 85\$. The royal Canadian Legion (Légion Royale Canadienne) sent us a Thank you Letter for our donations, shown below:



- La classe Rouge for sec. 5 happened on Nov. 9-11. Students had an amazing time. They participated in different activities such as ‘ trouver le chevreuil’, hébertisme, olympiades du bûcheron, They learn survival skills and of course they had S’Mores and sausages on the camp fire at night.
- Compost project: Since the start of our composting the quantity of garbage decrease significantly (this info is coming from the caretakers). We started by filing 1 medium compost bin per week to now 2 and more recycling bins are full with recycling waste such as aluminum foil, juice boxes, etc. We are also now using compostable plates, which helps with the whole process. Students are getting the hang of this, they are now more versed, in composting. The Concordia group involve with us in the project will be coming back for a follow up waste audit in January. With this, we will be able to see the progress made since the start of the school year. The numbers from the 1st audit: Lmac produces about 12, 6 tonnes of waste. The goal is to reduce it to 4,2 tonnes. It will be achieve by composting and recycling.
- Personal Project raising awareness about seizure: Luca Cognata Children’s Hospital; Neurological department 451, 35\$
- Message sent to the community fundraiser for les Olympes de la paroles Christmas tree. On December 6th, it was the official launch of the contest. Mr. Spilak went with the team.
- LMAC food drive is still happening until Friday December 16th. Mr. Monachino will be delivering the boxes all next week. We have collected many non-perishable items, enough to replenish our LMAC pantry and to donate to organization. To complete the food drive, on Tuesday December 22nd, there will be a Dress down day. The money raised will be donated to St-Brendan’s Parish and will serve to buy gift cards that will be donated with our boxes of food.

2. CLC Report

Art Therapy

Sessions were completed last week for the fall. We will resume sessions in January 2023.

Camp Lift – Inner Warrior (boys’ groups)

Sessions ended last week. They will resume in January 2023.

Pacte de Rue – Girls’ group

The first girl’s group was held on Nov. 30th and will meet again on Dec. 21th. Then resume in January. This group meets every two weeks.

**Special note, students participating in these groups are clearly told that they are responsible for their class work and that any quizzes, tests take priority*

Headstrong Summit

Our Headstrong Committee for mental health has met and the students have come up with some great ideas starting promote Mental health and fight stigma. We also received a \$1,000 grant from our community partner REISA to help fund this committee and their projects.

John Abbott Police tech

On November 21st and 22th, our sec 4 and 5 groups received a presentation from the John Abbott Police Tech department. The presenter, Mr. Joe Tomeo, a retired RCMP international drug and money laundering expert with over 30 years' experience. Feedback from students and parents was excellent, very informative and important presentation.

In planning

- Workshops on Internet Safety and Cyber Dependence both for students and parents.
- Red Cross Leadership/Babysitting Certificate course
- Improv against Bullying – with our community partner REISA and MSOPA, in the new year.

From our Guidance Counselors

CEGEP google classroom

Mme. Laporte has the google classroom open with CEGEP information and more, examples: Writing a letter of intent, qualities and Characteristics. This page is for sec 4 and 5 students and is accessible to parents through their kids.