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Governing Board Minutes - October 23rd, 2018

PRESENT:

Joseph Vitantonio
Angela Antonacci
Clorinda Antonacci
Benny Berneti
Joe Biunno
Catherine Clarabut
Marco Fiore
Luigi R. Garofalo
Sandra Greco

Paul Karpontinis
Pierre Labrecque
Lyne Lacourse
Franco Mazzariello
Marisa Papillo
Jessica Paternostro
Chiara Petrocco
Tiana Pomponi
Rosanna Verrillo

1. Welcome

Mr. Benny Berneti thanked Ms. Marisa Papillo for taking the last Governing Board minutes. He also welcomed Ms. Angela Antonacci as the Acting Vice Principal replacing Ms. Patrizia Tummillo.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Marisa Papillo moved to adopt the agenda. Rosanna Verrillo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Adoption of the Governing Board Minutes of September 25th

Joe Biunno moved to adopt the minutes of September 25th, 2018. Marco Fiore seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. New Business

4.1 MESA Annual Report

Mr. Vitantonio reviewed the 2017-2018 Mesa Annual Report and highlighted the results. He noted that goal #4 is currently missing due to the fact that the students are in the process of doing the Tell Them from Me Survey. The results will be sent to the Governing Board by the next meeting. He also noted that there was a decrease in the Math 414 results, which is a graduation requirement, and therefore they will be meeting with the math consultant to see what steps need to be taken. Overall the results tended to have been maintained and were similar to the previous year. One area that showed improvement was the success rate of special needs students, which increased from 53% to 67.5%.

5. Reports

5.1 Principal

- i) MESA Annual Report
 - a. Resolution to be passed.
 - b. Goal 4 missing new data but will send it by email as soon as the survey is closed.
 - c. Paul Karpontinis moved the motion to adopt the report and Luigi Garofalo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- ii) New MESA
 - a. This year, the MESA will no longer exist.
 - b. The new plan for schools will be called the Educational Project.
 - c. It will be developed throughout the year for approval in March or April.
 - d. Part of the process will involve feedback from the community, and the school board is preparing a common survey to go out to each school community for this purpose.

- iii) Parent Teacher Interview Early Dismissal
 - a. We would like to dismiss students about 15 minutes early on Thursday November 29th in order to allow time for preparation before the evening begins.
 - b. Students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m.
 - c. Joe Biunno moved the motion for the early dismissal and Paul Karpontinis seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- iv) Junior Book Fair
 - a. Our English department has organized the annual book fair for the secondary 1 & 2 students from Nov. 15-20
 - b. The book fair will include both English and French books.
 - c. Students will visit the book fair with their English or French classes.
 - d. They will be reminded to bring some cash to purchase books on these days.
 - e. Clorinda Antonacci moved the motion to have the junior book fair and Rosanna Verrillo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- v) Supplemental Exams
 - a. Supplemental exams are taking place the week of January 11- January 18, 2019.
 - b. The classes affected by these exams are the Repeater History, Repeater Science (2 groups), the FLM group (writing the regular FSL exam early) and a couple of students for Scientific Math.
 - c. The students are all secondary 5 students.
 - d. Permission to dismiss following exams as any other exam day for these particular students.
 - e. A letter will be sent to the parent of these students.
 - f. Looking into hiring tutors for History and Science for Saturday tutorials to review before the exams.
 - g. Pierre Labrecque moved the motion to dismiss the students following their exams and Catherine Clarabut seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- vi) Graduation Hoodies & Spirit Wear
 - a. We would like to allow our students to wear their graduation hoodies after the Holidays as we did last year.
 - b. Orders for graduation hoodies would take place in December for an estimated delivery in January. Students would then be allowed to wear them during the day in class as of February 6 (following exams).
 - c. Spirit wear orders will take place at the same time.

- d. Students will not be able to wear the spirit wear to class once uniform are in effect, but will have an opportunity when we begin our Sprit days as we did last year once a month.
 - e. Mr. Karpontinis will share more about pricing.
 - f. Marisa Papillo moved the motion to have the students wear the graduation hoodies during school days by Secondary 5 students as was done in the past. Luigi Garofalo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.
- vii) Cin-École Movie Outing
- a. December 7, 2018.
 - b. Ms. Romain is organizing the event for all secondary 4 with the collaboration of the other teachers.
 - c. The title of the movie is ***La Disparition des Lucioles de Sébastien Pilote (Fiction)***
 - d. The students will leave school at the start of the day and return for Lunch. The movie is being viewed at Theatre Beaubien.
 - e. No cost to students as the school is subsidizing.
 - f. Clorinda Antonacci moved the motion to allow the trip to take place. Franco Mazzariello seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.
- viii) Take Your Kids to Work Day
- a. Wednesday November 14, 2018.
 - b. Annual event initiated by The Learning Partnership, where students step into their future for a day and get a glimpse into the working world.
 - c. The day involves students in secondary 3 spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host, where they experience and learn about the world of work.
 - d. Permission slips will go out to parents.
 - e. Joe Biunno moved the motion to have the event take place. Jessica Paternostro seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.
- ix) Proposed Overnight Ski Trip
- a. Mr. Fiore will speak to it.
 - b. Rosanna Verrillo moved the motion to have the ski trip take place. Catherine Clarabut seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.
- x) Tour for Humanity at LBP
- a. The Tour for Humanity is a mobile human rights education centre on wheels. It is a state-of-the-art, technologically advanced classroom that travels across Ontario and Quebec, designed to inspired and empower people of all ages and backgrounds to create positive change in their schools and communities.
 - b. All secondary 5 students will have the opportunity to learn about historical events from both national and global perspectives, in the hope that they will be empowered to raise their voices against hatred, injustice, and racism.
 - c. They will visit the bus on Thursday and Friday this week during one of their classes.
- xi) Italian Class Visit to Little Italy
- a. On November 1st, 2018 Ms. Anania will take her Italian class to little Italy for a walking tour.
 - b. They will travel by public transportation and students will be dismissed from Little Italy.
 - c. Cost of the trip for students is \$15.00
 - d. It is not considered an educational trip, but a cultural trip therefore no evaluations will be attached to the trip.

- xii) Remembrance Day Ceremony Outing
 - a. Taking place on November 7th 2018 for all secondary 4 students.
 - b. The event will be attended by over 750 students from various English Montreal School Board high schools.
 - c. The ceremony will honour our Canadian Veterans past and present along with Holocaust survivors, and will also be commemorating the 100th year anniversary of the end of World War 1.
 - d. Students will be bussed to and from the venue.
 - e. Since it is a Wednesday, we are asking that all secondary 4 students arrive for 8:30 a.m. for a departure of 8:45 a.m.

- xiii) Digital Exchange Program
 - a. Mr. Karpontinis reported that our school will be hosting 9 students and a teacher from Italy. They will be discussing global economic issues and will be working on a project. There will be 4 days of academic work on the project and the rest of the time will be spent shadowing our students. They will also be going on some field trips. Some possible locations include St. Joseph's Oratory and a Montreal museum.

- xiv) Graduation Rings
 - a. The Jostens representative will present at lunch on Nov. 7-8 to take orders for graduation rings for the secondary 5 students.
 - b. Students received the information Monday to help them plan their order ahead of time.

- xv) Sex. Ed. Pilot Project
 - a. This year all grades will be involved in themes and learning content.
 - b. We were part of the pilot project last year, which gives us an advantage to planning for this year.
 - c. We are currently working on the plan and will come back to GB for approval once it is finalized.

- xvi) Uniform Update
 - a. Draft Letter has been prepared.
 - b. Sub-committee to review it and finalize it when the time comes.
 - c. Delivery on October 29

5.2 Commissioner

The commissioner was not present, therefore there was no report.

5.3 Chair/Regional Delegate's Report

Benny Berneti reminded everyone that there is the 2nd Annual Parent Conference being held and that all the parents were emailed the information regarding this event.

5.4 Treasurer

There was nothing to report.

5.5 Student Council

The following items were reported on:

- **Open House:** On October 4th student council members helped administration and staff perform a successful open house, it provided a glimpse into the Pearson life for future students and parents. We had fewer tours but a big outcome overall.
- **Placement Exams:** On October 20th, Members of Student Council helped register the students, supervise exams, helped admin and provided snacks and water to grade 6 students their exams.
- **We Scare Hunger:** Our We Scare Hunger campaign began September 28th, we are still encouraging students to donate nonperishable food items for our fundraiser. We have already collected around 200 food items.
- **Walk to End Hunger:** On October 29th, our students and staff will walk together for our Free the Children campaign We Scare Hunger. On this day, we encourage students to give in non-perishable food items. Elementary School Gerald McShane will also join us on the walk
- **Halloween Activities:** Starting the 26th student council will be hosting different Halloween activities at lunchtime in the plaza. On the 26th we'll be pumpkin decorating, and on the 30th we'll have an eating activity in the plaza (bobbing for donuts) and on the 31st we will have our annual costumes contest and door decorating contest. We will also be delivering candy grams the morning of the 31st and selling them before for the cost of 2\$.
- **Haunted House:** Student council is currently working on our haunted house for this year, it will be available to students and teachers on the 31st since teachers sign up their classes for tours.
- **CLAN:** Chosen sec 5 student council members had their first meeting with Ometz and their first workshop with Gerald McShane students. The meetings have consisted of learning about children's rights and experiencing ice breakers with the kids. Looking forward to more meetings to come.
- **We Day Ottawa:** On November 14, 30 council members will be attending Canada's national We Day which takes place in Ottawa. Here member will learn leadership skills, witness inspirational speakers and have the opportunity to create experiences.
- **Fall for Pearson Dance:** On October 23, student council members met after school to discuss Pearson's next school dance which will be "Fall for Pearson" themed. We will begin selling tickets the first week of November as the dance will take place on November 16th.
- **Vow of Silence:** On November 20th student council members will be taking a vow of silence to raise awareness on children's inequalities. Donations will be going to Me2We charity for education in Ethiopia.
- **Movember:** Once again this year, we plan to raise money for men's health issues. We began creating the committee.
- **Special Thanks:** Thanks to Smyth who donated a very large amount of Halloween decorations.

5.6 Teachers

There was nothing to report.

5.7 Sports Études Program

There was nothing to report.

5.8 Guidance Initiatives

Ms. Natasha Krsteski was not present, so there was no report.

6. Varia

6.1 R.D.P. Facebook Page

Franco Mazzariello brought forth that there have been complaints posted on the R.D.P. Facebook page in regards to the sprcial busses. Mr. Vitantonio mentioned that the bus situation was problematic during the STM pressure tactics, but everything seems to be back to normal. There only seems to be some issues with the 48 bus that they are aware of. Mr. Vitantonio is in contact with the STM in regards to the bus issues.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on November 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

8. Adjournment

Joe Biunno moved that the meeting be adjourned. Marisa Papillo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

Principal



Chairperson

