



Governing Board Minutes – April 17th, 2023
including recording of business arising from emails & e-votes to June 1, 2023

PRESENT:

Administration : Joseph Vitantonio

Parents : Franco Mazzariello (president), Tony Aversano, Joe Biunno, Sandra Greco, Marisa Papillo, Giovanni Ficara (replacing Tina Rubino as secretary), Daniela Marino, Liliana Zarlenga,

Parent Alternates : Patricia Suriano

Teachers : Paul Karpontinis, Clorinda Antonacci, Catherine Clarabut, Gabriel Latino

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine

Professionals : Casey Gagné

Guests : N/A

Students : Dante Zonin, Ariana Faucini

ABSENT: Grace Fanelli, Assunta Caruso, Angela Antonacci, Alessandro Conciatori (Alex), Tina Rubino, Tania Liciursi

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Mr. Franco Mazzariello welcomes everyone in person at the start of the meeting at 7:05 pm.
- All in favor to have the meeting recorded to assist in the minutes.
- Dante Zonin and Ariana Faucini read the Land Acknowledgment

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion was moved to adopt the agenda by Liliana Zarlenga, seconded by Sandra Greco. All in favor.

3. Adoption of the minutes from March 22, 2023, GB meeting

- Mr. Franco Mazzariello asked if anyone had any comments or corrections to make to the minutes of the last meeting and supporting documents.

- Motion was moved to adopt the minutes by Marisa Papillo, seconded by Patricia Suriano. All in favor with abstentions from Liliana Zarlenga and Franco Mazzariello who were not present at the last meeting of March 22, 2023.

4. Recording of Buisness arising from emails:

4.1. Recording e-votes in minutes: Alongé Fundraising Activity (April 12, 2023)

- a) Franco Mazzariello emailed GB members on April 6, 2023, with request for members to e-vote on the motion to approve the Alongé Fundraising Activity.
- b) The motion is to allow Mr. Della Posta from Allongé *ethics class* to hold some bake sales of which the money raised will be donated to various charities around the city; Sun Youth, Dans La Rue, The Montreal Children's Hospital etc.
- c) On April 12, 2023, Franco Mazzariello confirmed that voting was closed and that the motion passed. It was moved by Catherine Clarabut, seconded by Tony Aversano and resolved by LBP GB.
- d) The results of the e-Vote were;
 - YES= 10, NO=0, ABSTAIN=0
 - 8 members did not respond.
 - MOTION CARRIED

4.2. Recording e-votes in minutes: La Ronde Outing Approval (April 25, 2023)

- a) Franco Mazzariello emailed GB members on April 20, 2023, with request for members to e-vote on the motion to approve an outing to La Ronde on June 22nd, 2023.
- b) The motion is to approve LBP students to spend the day at La Ronde. The cost will be absorbed by the administration but a 20\$ deposit will be asked from each student to secure their spot. Permission forms and money collection will begin on May 1st with a deadline of May 12th, 2023. Seniors will have the option to remain at La Ronde on their own with parental consent.
- c) On April 25, 2023, Franco Mazzariello confirmed that voting was closed and that the motion passed. It was moved by Tony Aversano, seconded by Charles Prefontaine and resolved by LBP GB.
- d) The results of the e-Vote were;
 - YES= 14, NO=0, ABSTAIN=0
 - 4 members did not respond.
 - MOTION CARRIED

4.3. Recording e-votes in minutes: School Fee Approval (May 2, 2023)

- a) Franco Mazzariello emailed GB members on April 28, 2023, with request for members to e-vote on the motion to approval 2023-2024 school fees.
- b) The motion is to approve the 2023-2024 school fees that were attached along with the current 2022-2023 fees to the email and that resume as follows:

2023-2024 School Fees				
Grade	Total	Allonge	Sport Etudes (includes \$100)	Optional (Yearbook)
I	\$ 211.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 311.00	\$ 31.50
II	\$ 185.00	n/a	\$ 285.00	\$ 31.50
III	\$ 161.00	n/a	\$ 261.00	\$ 31.50
IV	\$ 146.00	n/a	\$ 246.00	\$ 31.50
V	\$ 196.00	n/a	\$ 296.00	\$ 31.50

2022-2023 School Fees (Current Fees)				
Grade	Total	Allonge	Sport Etudes (includes \$100)	Optional (Yearbook)
I	\$ 180.00	\$ 52.50	\$ 280.00	\$ 31.50
II	\$ 160.00	n/a	\$ 260.00	\$ 31.50
III	\$ 147.00	n/a	\$ 247.00	\$ 31.50
IV	\$ 122.00	n/a	\$ 222.00	\$ 31.50
V	\$ 183.00	n/a	\$ 283.00	\$ 31.50

- c) It is to be noted that there is a price increase for all levels while only the yearbook pricing did not change.
- d) On May 2, 2023, Franco Mazzariello confirmed that voting was closed and that the motion passed. It was moved by Charles Prefontaine, seconded by Clorinda Antonacci and resolved by LBP GB.
- e) The results of the e-Vote were;
- YES= 13, NO=0, ABSTAIN=0
 - 5 members did not respond.
 - MOTION CARRIED

4.4. Recording email in minutes: Cancellation of Next LBP GB Meeting May 24, 2023 (May 2, 2023)

- a) Franco Mazzariello emailed GB members on May 2, 2023, to advise of the agreement he had with Mr. Vitantonio, to cancel the May 24, 2023, GB meeting.
- b) It was noted that all required subjects were covered and that Mr Vitantonio would be returning from his trip from Italy as well on that same day.

4.5. Recording e-votes in minutes: Agenda pages, Graduation & Prom (May 14, 2023)

- a) Franco Mazzariello emailed GB members on May 7, 2023, with a request for members to e-vote to approve 3 motions.
- i. The motion is to approve **LBP Student AGENDA PAGES for 2023-2024**. The email included an attachment with a copy of the 2023-2024 LBPHS Agenda, that included Yellow highlights sections which represent adjustments or additions made within that section. It was noted that staff council had already approved the pages.

- ii. The motion is to approve **LBP Sec V Graduation details:**
 - Will be held on **Monday June 26th, 2023 at 19:00 at Salle de Reception The Renaissance 7550 Boul. Henri-Bourassa est. Montreal, QC H1E 1P2.**
 - All graduates will be receiving 4 tickets with the option of additional Tickets should we have extra at a cost of 20\$ per ticket.
 - There is no pre-assigned seating for guests, the venue will be for general admission.
 - **GRADUATION GOWNS PICK UP**
 - All graduates have been sized and can pick-up their gowns and tickets at LBP - Pick up date to be determined, will be communicated at a later date.
 - **GRADUATION GOWNS RETURN**
 - **Tuesday June 27th, 2023, from 9:00-14:00** using the Sport Etudes Entrance.
 - A \$100.00 cash deposit per student is required for graduation gown rental. The payment is to be made when the students pick up their gowns and tickets.
 - Please note that a receipt will not be issued since the deposit will be repaid when the gown is returned to us at school.

- iii. The motion is to approve **LBP Sec V Prom details:**
 - Lester B. Pearson's prom will take place on Wednesday June 28, 2023 at the Club de Golf Metropolitan (9555 Blvd du Golf, Anjou).
 - Cocktails for students and parents begin at 5:00 p.m.
 - Dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. for students and staff.
 - Cost for graduates is \$80.00
 - All other guests attending cost will be \$120.00
 - Deadline for payment will be Friday June 2, as numbers need to be confirmed with the hall.

- b) On May 14, 2023, Franco Mazzariello confirmed that voting was closed and that all 3 motions passed. It was moved by Tony Aversano, seconded by Lily Zarlenga and resolved by LBP GB.
- c) The results of the e-Vote were;
 - YES= 11, NO=0, ABSTAIN=0
 - 7 members did not respond.
 - MOTION CARRIED

4.6. Recording e-votes in minutes: Calendar Changes (May 19, 2023)

- a) Franco Mazzariello emailed GB members on May 18, 2023, with a request for members to e-vote on the motion to approve Calendar changes.
- b) The motion is to approve changes to the revised 2023-2024 calendar as attached to the email.
- c) Last month, the school calendar for 2023-2024 was approved with some half day ped days. After review with the board, they advised that we cannot have these half day ped days. The staff council has reached out to their union about this, as they feel the time is crucial for department meetings and are awaiting a response.

- d) As there is a very short timeline to submit the agenda pages for production, the CB is asked to approve as a plan B and second scenario the revised calendar where the half day ped days have been removed and replaced with a full day on November 3rd, 2023.
- e) On May 19, 2023, Franco Mazzariello confirmed that voting was closed and that the motion passed. It was moved by Catherine Clarabut, seconded by Charles Prefontaine and resolved by LBP GB.
- f) The results of the e-Vote were;
 - YES= 12, NO=0, ABSTAIN=0
 - 6 members did not respond.
 - MOTION CARRIED

4.7. Recording e-votes in minutes: Plan Moving Forward - Student and Staff Safety (May 28, 2023)

- a) Franco Mazzariello emailed GB members on May 25, 2023, with a request for members to e-vote on the motion to approve a plan put in place following a meeting with the regional director in regard to some events that occurred on May 19, 2023 that compromised the safety of students and staff.
- b) The plan to approve starting June 1, is to reduce the presence of the secondary 5 students in their classes. They will be required to come to school for their Math, Physics and Chemistry classes, and make appointments to come in if they have work to finish with the other classes. Work will be encouraged to be submitted electronically. ELA and FSL exams are taking place and will continue as per the exam schedule. For the students coming in by appointment with their teachers, they will come to the main office to check in with Ms. Sabrina before going to their appointment. This will give them some breathing room for study time as well, with the exam period coming.
- c) On May 28, 2023, Franco Mazzariello confirmed that voting was closed and that the motion passed. It was moved by Clorinda Antonacci, seconded by Catherine Clarabut and resolved by LBP GB accepting the motion to put the action plan for student & staff safety into place.
- d) The results of the e-Vote were;
 - YES= 10, NO=0, ABSTAIN=0
 - 8 members did not respond.
 - MOTION CARRIED

5. New Business

5.1. Calendar 2023-2024 (Approval Required):

- a) Mr. Joseph Vitantonio mentioned that the 2023-2024 calender was sent via email and approved.
- b) Calender is similar to the calender of 2022-2023 with the exception of the mid year exams which will be done differently. Exams may not happen over a reserved week, discussions are ongoing.
- c) Curriculum night was confirmed to be on the 21st of september.
- d) Motion to adopt the 2023-2024 calender as presented was moved by Liliana Zarlenga, seconded by Sandra Greco. All in favor and motion carried.

6. Reports

5.1. Principal

5.1.1. Terry Fox Walk-a-thon (Approval Required):

- a) Ms. Antonoacci member of the Terry Fox committee presented that the date of the event is planned for Friday May 5th. It will be a regular school day where students will be called down by period to walk a few minutes around the field. They will then be treated to some Pierino ice-cream.
- b) Secondary 2 & 3 students will be called to do the walk during Period 1
- c) Secondary 1 & 5 students will be called to do the walk during Period 2.
- d) Secondary 4 students will be called to do the walk during Period 3.
- e) Motion to adopt the school day interruption in support of the Terry Fox walk-a-thon was moved by Casey Gagné, seconded by Liliana Zarlenga. All in favor and motion is to be carried.

5.1.2. Building Block Tutorials (Approval Required):

- a) Review sessions take place at LBP.
- b) fee of \$60 paid and registration takes place on B&B's website.
- c) courses offered: sec 1-5 math, sec 4 science, sec 4 history.
- d) 4-hour sessions
- e) held on the weekend between May 27th- June 11th.
- f) Motion to allow the review sessions to take place at LBP as presented was moved by Gabriel Latino, seconded by Tony Aversano. All in favor and motion is to be carried.

5.1.3. Population Update for 2023-2024 (Information Item):

- a) 935 students
- b) This year we have 3 confirmed excess teachers as a result of the drop in numbers.
- c) Teachers have been notified.
- d) We need to work together to get word out early next year about registration, despite the reminders we send through social media and newsletters to parents.

5.1.4. Exchange Opportunity (Information Item):

- a) Casa D'Italia approached us about exploring a possible exchange opportunity with a school in Italy, in the Molise region.
- b) A movement from many regions to bring back tourism to the less travelled regions.
- c) Students worked on a project aimed at exploring traditions and connecting to their roots.
- d) Ms. Caruso and I met the delegates from Italy for this project before the holidays, and I will be going to visit 4 school in the Molise region to meet the principals and their teachers to work with.
- e) The exchange will take place beginning next year.
- f) Group of 18-20 students will be allowed to participate based on the age group of the students in Italy. It will be opened up to the levels of this age groups for participation.
- g) We will use an application process for the selection of students. It will not be limited to the Italian classes only.

- h) Students will share virtual classes throughout the year with the students in Italy. Eventually, our students will be able to visit the school and spend 7-10 days in Italy.
- i) The idea will be that host families will house the students, and in exchange, when they come to visit us, the LBP families will host their students.
- j) The details will be ironed out, once we know which school we will be working with, and how many students are interested in participating.
- k) Flights would need to be covered by the participants, but housing would. Be coordinated through the host families.

5.1.5. Things to do in the coming weeks (Information Item):

- a) Approval of school fees – proposal to approve the school fees by email was accepted by the committee.
- b) Approval of Agenda pages - Code of Conduct and Policies – next meeting will have highlights on the modifications.

5.2. Commissioner

- Nothing new to report

5.3. Chair/Regional Delegate

- Document attached explaining to the parents how the school Ministère moderates and converts school marks.
- Flyer attached to Save the date for the 2023 parent conference. Anyone interested in assisting to any of the conferences are welcomed to visit emsbparents.ca to register starting on April 17.
- Franco Mazzariello explained that a volunteers diner is planned on April 25. The volunteer night this year will be extremely small, and it won't be the same as in previous years. This year, only the EMSB Parents Committee executive team is invited, thus the reason why no GB members have received an invitation.

5.4. Secretary/Treasurer

- Nothing new to report

5.5. Student Council

The following items were reported for the march report:

Planting seedlings and watering

Members of the green committee have begun to plant and tend to vegetables we have planted. We are currently in the process of re-potting and will be done by the end of the month and are intending to sell them to the people and surrounding community later in the year.

EMSB Leadership Camp

Planning for leadership camp, currently 3 organizers, 4 animators and 10 delegates. Students will be going to Westmount high to organize the leadership camp in april.

Wednesday lunch activities

For the past few months, every Wednesday, student council has held activities for students in the plaza like spot-it and catch the light relay to enjoy over their lunch period. We have recently added other board games as students have made requests and also added giant cup pong to the rotation.

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In the second two meetings council members mapped out the problems and potential solutions for the lbp area, we have a 5th meeting on April 18th.

Decorating for easter

We put up Easter and Ramadan decorations all over the plaza and the office. We installed several inflatables and stickers on the glass. This was to celebrate the events and make the school a fun environment.

We removed the easter and ramadan decorations once the festivities were over.

Cookie Baking for Easter

We baked cookies for our school lunch decorating for Easter. We baked approximately 200 cookies that were going to be enjoyed by the students the next day.

Cookie decorating for easter.

We were supposed to hold a cookie decorating session at lunch for the students, prior to the easter break. This was canceled as there was no school during the ice storm.

Pride Fest

On May 17th there will be a pride fest. May 17th is also the international day against homophobia. On this day students are encouraged to wear purple. To stand up against homophobia. Student Council is planning some fun activities such as, free colourful cotton candy, slushes, free LGBTQ stickers and informative items to normalize LGBTQ issues in our student community.

Pancake morning

We are in the planning stages to offer a free pancake breakfast at some point this month, provided with help from breakfast club canada.

5.6. Teachers

- Just got back (the night earlier) from the Europe trip. All went well, the trip was amazing. (it was noted that having the extra teacher assist the trip allowed one student to get light medical attention while not impacting the curriculum for the others) Liliana Zarlenga thanked all the teachers and staff that accompanied the students and made the trip a memorable one.
- Teachers are preparing for the upcoming Niagara and New York trip.
- Post covid student life returning to normal.

- Nothing more to report for this month.

5.7. Sport Études Program

- Nothing new to report.
- Reminder to look at web site for daily bulletin that gets published on-line highlighting student achievements.

5.8. Guidance Initiatives

- Nothing new to report

7. Varia

- Nothing more was added

8. Public Question Period

- No questions

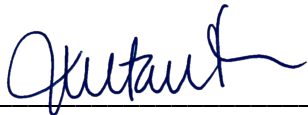
9. Next Meeting:

- The next meeting is planned for May24th 2023 (Teams).

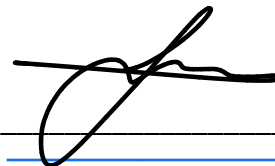
10. Adjournment

- Tony Aversano moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Biunno seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



Principal



Chairperson

[Franco Mazzariello \(13 juin 2023 09:40 EDT\)](#)