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Governing Board Minutes – January 20, 2025
6:45 p.m. (Virtual)

PRESENT:

Administration: Joseph Vitantonio, Assunta Caruso, Grace Fanelli, Patrizia Tummillo

Parents: Sandra Greco (Chairperson), Sabrina Ficca (Secretary), Daniela Marino, Jocelyne Cacciatore, Jack Algieri, Annelisa Rende, Angela Antonacci, Dario Falso

Parent Alternates: Isabel Deganutto, Francesca Pitruzzello

Teachers: Paul Karpontinis, Gabriel Latino, Catherine Clarabut, Antoinette Licursi, Sara Di Maulo, Sabrina Pisaturo

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine

Students: Luca Di Fiore, Brianna Morello

Commissioner: Susan Perera

Absent: Casey Gagné

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Mr. Vitantonio and Ms. Greco welcomed everyone at the start of the meeting at 6:50 pm.
- Luca Di Fiore and Bianca Morello read the Land Acknowledgement.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- **Motion** was moved to adopt the agenda by Jocelynn Cacciatore, seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favour.

3. Adoption of the minutes from the December 16, 2024, Governing Board meeting

It should be noted that the secretary for the December meeting was not Daniela Marino.

- **Motion** was moved to approve the minutes with the changes by Luca DI Fiore, seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favour.

4. **New Business:**

4.1 Budgets (**Approval Item**):

- a. The yearly budgets are presented to represent a balanced budget with no roll-overs.
- b. The amount reflected in the report, are reflective of last year's spending.
- c. They are estimates on how the school plans to spend the budget by June 30, 2025.
- d. Resolution to be read and passed, provided by the board.

Motion was moved to approve the budgets by Antoinette Licursi, seconded by Catherine Clarabut. All in favour.

4.2 Educational Project Action Plan (**Approval Item**):

- a. This year, the Educational Project is summarized in an action plan, as we cannot report on the result yet.
- b. The EP came into effect in March 2024, so a full year has not passed yet.
- c. Resolution to be read and passed.

Motion was moved to approve the Educational Project Action Plan by Angela Antonacci, seconded by Daniela Marino. All in favour.

4.3 Promotion & Reach Back Credits: Changes to promotion Protocols (**Information Item**):

- a. The English board have received directives from the MEQ regarding subject promotion, and ensuring the Basic School Regulation is being respected and followed.
- b. This means that students, can no longer move up to the next grade level, without successfully completing the previous grade.
- c. This applies to secondary 3 and 4 in all subjects.
- d. Reach back credits will no longer be given. The term is called 'déboulage' according to the MEQ. This means that in the past, students going into secondary 5, not having passed the secondary 4 level would get credits for both sec. 5 and sec. 4 if they passed the higher level.
- e. The exception was History, Science and Math. In these courses, students had to repeat the course to gain the credits.
- f. These reach back credits are no longer in effect.

5- Reports

5.1 Principal

1) Mental Health Awareness Days **(Information Item):**

- a. LBP is hosting a Mental Health Awareness fair on March 19 & 20, 2025.
- b. March 19 is reserved for our students from LBP.
- c. The high schools in the east end including Lauren Hill will be taking part on March 20.
- d. Open to sec. 3-5 students since they need to be over 14 to access the resources.
- e. The schools invited are on the territory of the CIUSS.
- f. The activities are scheduled over a period of 1 hour, broken down into 20-minute segments on rotation. In that hour, students will see a presentation by a guest speaker, visit kiosks in the plaza for community organizations supporting Mental Health, and a mindfulness activity led by Camp Lift.

2)PISA **(Information Item):**

- a. The Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) is an important international assessment that measures the skills and knowledge of 15-year-old students in science, mathematics, and reading, as well as a newly introduced innovative domain: learning in the digital world.
- b. PISA has been conducted every three years since 2000. Approximately 90 countries participate in PISA, including Canada.
- c. Students will complete a computer-based test that will assess their skills and takes two hours to complete.
- d. More information to follow to those parents of students impacted by the assessment.

3)Hooked on Schools **(Information Item):** Reported by Ms. Caruso

- a. Week of February 17
- b. Sec. 1 students and some student council members will be going to Place Bell to participate in the kickoff event – Laurent Duvernay-Tardif will be speaking to students about perseverance.
- c. CCWs will be organizing activities during lunch.
- d. Teachers will be running some class activities.
- e. Student Council will also be running activities for the themed week.

5.2 Commissioner

Susan Perera reported that on January 23, 2025 the Supreme Court will render it's decision regarding Bill 21.

5.3 Chairperson

- Nothing to report.

5.4 Reginal Delegate

- Nothing to report

5.5 Treasurer

- Nothing to report

5.6 Student Council

1. President's Choice Children's Charity Grant After receiving our \$15,000 grant in September, we have \$3,000 remaining (with food in hand to take us into the middle of February.) We have increased our daily service from Breakfast Club of Canada to 100 servings per day, from the 80 that we were originally allocated. These foods support our morning service and pantry in the student council room.

2. Multicultural Day We won 500\$ from the EMSB to help fund our World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development in May.

3. Student CO-OP We will be preparing the first deposit of the year on Wednesday and it will be part of the next meeting's report.

4. Sec 5 - 4.5 Years Movie and Pasta Night We've begun filming for the 4.5 years movie and pasta night, which is a sec 5 only event. We will start compiling the video soon, so far we have 96 people confirmed.

5. EMSB Camp EMSB camp organizers have begun to attend their weekly meetings at Westmount High School as of January 8th.

6. CPR teambuilder We've also confirmed our CPR teambuilder for Feb 3 and, after our cancellation before the Christmas break, we've arranged for two new instructors to certify our members.

7. Valentine's Day We will be selling, assembling and delivering valentines grams, running weeklong activities between Feb 10 and Feb 14, and decorating for the day of on Jan 30th. These activities will run hand in hand with our hooked on schools initiative.

8. Guest Speakers We are also looking at hosting guest speakers to host optional assemblies.

9. **Sports** Futsal started back up again today, with the sec 2s having a game this afternoon. We were victorious, the team won 8-2!!
10. **Board Games** Student Council continues to meet for after school board games usually at the end of every week.
11. **Last Teambuilder of the Year** It seems early to be talking about the end of the year, but in order to save the date, we have confirmed our last teambuilder of the year, laser tag and skating for May 26th.

a) **Sports-études (absent Casey Gagné)**

- Nothing to report

e. **Varia**

- Nothing to report

f. **Next Meeting:**

- The next meeting will take place virtually on Monday, March 17, 2025.
- The secretary for next meeting will be Dario Falso.

g. **Adjournment**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Daniela Marino and seconded by Luca Di Fiore. All in favour.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.



Principal



Chairperson