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## Governing Board Minutes – June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

(In person meeting) including new business from emails votes from September 8, 2023.

### PRESENT:

Administration : Joseph Vitantonio, Angela Antonacci, Assunta Caruso

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

Parent Alternates :

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

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine, Casey Gagné

Guests : N/A

Students : Dante Zonin, Ariana Faucini

ABSENT: Grace Fanelli, Alessandro Conciatori (Alex), Tania Liciursi, Liliana Zarlenga, Patricia Suriano

### 1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Mr. Franco Mazzariello welcomes everyone in person at the start of the meeting at 7:00 pm.
- Mr. Franco Mazzariello started the meeting by thanking everyone and announcing that this would be his last meeting as governing board chair and as a parent at the school and that he would not be returning next year.
- He also announced and thanked 4 other parents whose children will be graduating this year and therefore will no longer be returning as parents next year. The four are Tony Aversano, Joe Biunno, Liliana Zarlenga and Marisa Papillo.
- All in favor to have the meeting recorded to assist in the minutes taking.
- Dante Zonin and Ariana Faucini read the Land Acknowledgment

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion was moved to adopt the agenda by Marisa Papillo, seconded by Casey Gagné. All in favor.

### **3. Adoption of the minutes from April 17, 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.
- Mr. Vitantonio agreed to correct the attendance list and identify Gabriel Latino and Catherine Clarabut as teachers.
- Motion was moved to approve the minutes by Gabriel Latino, seconded by Casey Gagné. All in favor.

### **4. Business arising from the minutes:**

- Nothing new to report

### **5. Recording of Business arising from emails:**

#### **4.1. Recording e-votes in minutes: Mini-day schedule for September 28, 2023.**

- a) Franco Mazzariello emailed GB members on September 5, 2023, with request for members to e-vote on the motion to approve the mini-day schedule for the Welcome Back Lunch being offered to students on September 28, 2023.
- b) On September 8, 2023, Franco Mazzariello confirmed that voting was closed and that the motion passed. It was moved by Tony Aversano, seconded by Lily Zarlenga and resolved by the LBP GB members approving to hold a mini day for the 2023-2024 welcome back day which is being held on September 28, 2023.
- c) The results of the e-Vote were:
  - Vote: YES= 11, NO=0, ABSTAIN=0, 7 members did not respond. MOTION CARRIED.

### **6. New Business:**

#### **6.1. LBP Annual Report for 2022-2023 (Approval Required)**

- Mr. Franco Mazzariello read the attached annual report to the committee.
- Paul Karpontinis asked that a correction be made to remove raising funds for the foundation « Free the Children » on page 5.
- Motion to adopt the 2022-2023 annual report as attached was moved by Tony Aversano, seconded by Marisa Papillo. All in favor and motion carried.

#### **6.2. LBP Annual Financial report for 2022-2023 (Approval Required)**

- Mr. Franco Mazzariello presented the attached governing board annual report of expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2023, to be presented to the school board.
- There were 250\$ of revenues and 250\$ of expenses towards scholarship donations.

- Motion to adopt the 2022-2023 financial report as attached was moved by Sandra Greco, seconded by Gabriel Latino. All in favor and motion carried.

## **7. Reports**

### 5.1. Principal

#### **5.1.1. 2023-24 Budget Preparation – Secondary (Approval Required):**

- a) Mr. Vitantonio presented the proposed school operating budget of \$385 366 for 2023-2024 school year.
- b) Information and amounts proposed were based on student population dated Sept 30 of 2022. The amounts can change based on final counts come this summer's enrollment.
- c) The budget is preliminary and will be completed come the start of the school year. The amount proposed is presented to all it to be advanced to the school to start their operations July 1, 2023.
- d) Motion to adopt the 2023-2024 school budget was moved by Joe Biunno, seconded by Joe Biunno. All in favor, motion is to be carried.
- e) Resolution to be signed and sent to the board.

#### **5.1.2. School Supply List 2023-2024 (Approval Required):**

- a) Mr. Vitantonio presented the supply list for 2023-2024 school year.
- b) The list was approved by the school year.
- c) List is pretty much the same as last year.
- f) Motion to approve the 2023-2024 supply list was moved by Casey Gagné, seconded by Tina Rubino. All in favor and motion carried.
- g) The school supply list will be included in the June mailing to be sent to parents to start the school year.

#### **5.1.3. Catering for governing boards dinner of June 12, 2023 (Approval Required):**

- a) To minimize costs, in lieu of going out to dinner, the supper of June 12 change board was catered at the school.
- b) Motion to approve the catering fees for the night's dinner (of June 12, 2023) from fund 3 was moved by Clorinda Antonacci, seconded by Tony Aversano. All in favor and motion carried.

#### **5.1.4. Closing remarks (Information Item):**

- a) Mr. Vitantonio thanked everyone for their hard work and acknowledged their hard work and great accomplishments.
- b) Mr. Vitantonio explained briefly of his Italy trip after being approached by Casa Italia about exploring a possible student exchange program in the Molise region. Good overall and refreshing experience, noting that the students and general community in Italy show a lot of respect for their education staff. More information to come if this project becomes a reality.

5.2. Commissioner

- a) Nothing to report.

5.3. Chair/Regional Delegate

- a) Mr. Franco Mazzariello reported that he had his last meeting on June 1 at Pius. Several topics were discussed. Major topics discussed at the meeting included; (1) the acknowledgment of the success of the parent conference; (2) that a letter was sent to the administration asking what the school board will do to help promote mental health awareness; (3) that a letter to administration regarding uniforms, advising schools that they are not allowed to enforce the school uniform that students get from Top Marks for example, what is important is that the students wear school colors and that the school offers to students that request it, a school logo to have added to their clothes (Mr. Vitantonio later confirmed that students who have not been coming in with the school uniform have not been sent home provided that they were wearing school colors.); (4) A motion was also approved to support sending a letter to the MP Mr. Housefather to congratulate him on going against Bill C13 explaining how important it is for the English school community.

5.4. Secretary/Treasurer

- Nothing new to report

5.5. Student Council

The following items were reported for the June report:

**J'identifie j'agis**

The past year student council has partnered up with the city to improve the school's surroundings. We finally decided that we wanted to improve traffic around the school. So, a few days ago we held an event to promote this new initiative by handing out flyers and snacks to parents in order to encourage them to pick up and drop off their kids within a 5-minute walk to decrease traffic around the school premises.

**Baking cookies for pride fest**

We baked cookies for our school lunch activities on pride fest. We baked approximately 200 cookies that were going to be enjoyed by the students the next day.

**Pride fest/ purple shirt day**

On May 17th we held our first ever pride fest at LBP. We had free cotton candy, cookies, face paint, tattoos, slushy, "guess the flag", and a photobooth. This was a day proposed by a student to do something fun to decrease anti-lgbtq sentiment. This coincided with purple shirt day, which is the international day against homophobia and transphobia, all students were encouraged to participate free of charge.

**Decorating for pride**

We decorated the school in fun decorations for everyone to enjoy and to bring awareness to the disparities in our communities.

### **Improving the games room**

Council members built a replica NBA Jam Arcade cabinet for the games room and purchased a PS5 with 4 controllers for our students to enjoy come August.

### **Pinball**

We relocated the two pinball machines to the Café so that both spaces will have fresh features for the upcoming school year.

### **Selecting next year's council**

We held an application campaign and an interview process to choose next year's future VPs. We will begin 2023-24 with approximately 45 students. Our annual camp is August 21-22.

We would like to introduce Liana Gioia and Liana Wallace who succeed Dante and Ariana as presidents and GB representatives.

## 5.6. Teachers

- a) Paul Karpontinis and Daniela Marino (parent) thanked student council for the great work they did throughout the year and in supporting so many activities that promoted school spirit and student engagement. They also congratulated Dante Zonin for having been awarded the Governor general award.
  - b) Gabriel Latino mentioned that a week ago, he took the sec 4 fitness leadership group to the special Olympics at McGill, and it went very well. He received many compliments on our students' talents. Overall good recognition of our school. He also brought with him the Allongé group for experience.
  - c) Paul Karpontinis also acknowledged Mr. Monacchino working with the Allongé group that went on a fishing trip. He also acknowledged various activities done with the anthology class.
  - d) Paul Karpontinis mentioned that we had athletics awards last week and that we had a good year for gaming in sports with great classification and visibility. He thanked everyone that was involved.
  - e) Clorinda Antonacci mentioned that on May 5, 2023 Terry Fox had their annual walk. It was very successful. The teachers appreciated that there was very little interruption with the classes. She was also grateful for the Pierino ice cream as a treat.
  - f) Paul Karpontinis explained that the student council voted on 3 awards to honor their fellow graduates at the grad ceremony. It will be the second year that they will donate 3 \$200 awards to encourage students who showed merit and effort throughout the year and to award a student council member for their involvement.
- Franco Mazzariello thanked the teachers for having to deal with the recent sec 5 pranks and student challenges. He mentioned that having staff being afraid to come to school is sad and not acceptable and he is glad of the actions that the administration took to make the school safe for the student body and teachers.
  - Daniela Marino seconded what Franco Mazzariello said and the safety measures that were put in place by the administration team and thanked the school administration for having reacted so abruptly in putting in the measures in place.

### **Bench**

Student Council created a pride bench with the colors of the rainbow to show our support and acceptance for people a part of the LGBTQ community; we feel that it is important for everyone to be accepted.

### **EMSB Leadership Camp**

LBPHS sent 3 organizers, 4 animators and 10 delegates to the annual camp in April, everyone who came back had nothing but positives to say about their experiences.

### **Selling plants**

We sold plants that we grew to our parents, students, teachers as part of a pre-sale and then for a few days outdoors to neighbors in the community. We raised over \$1000 in sales.

### **Waffle Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday we serve free waffles and pancakes to the student body prior to period one commencing. This has now become a weekly tradition and is very popular.

### **Replacing decals**

We fixed decals that had been damaged and added positive decals around the school for our students.

### **Coffee house**

We planned and held our first coffee house of the year, students got to show off their talents in a fun and social environment.

### **Team building**

Council held our annual team building activity to end the year, we went out to skate at the atrium and played laser tag, 35 council members in all.

### **May 26 dance**

We planned and organized a dance, but the sale did you reach the support we needed to make the event happen.

### **Denim day**

We had a small turn out since denim doesn't seem as popular as it once was, so we held a \$2 non uniform on May 26th as well. We collectively raised 1750\$; 750 for the Cure Foundation, 500 for President's Choice Children's Charity and 500\$ for Breakfast Club of Canada.

### **Agenda cover**

Student Council Held an Agenda cover contest and chose a new student-produced cover for 2023-24.

### **Selling popsicles**

Student council sold popsicles to students in the track to enjoy at lunch time for 50 cents each during the last couple of weeks of school.

### **Refreshed outdoor garden by admin entrance.**

Student council weeded, planted school-colored flowers and laid fresh cedar mulch by the admin entrance in the last week of May.

### 5.7. Sport études Program

- Casey Gagné acknowledged two sec 4 students that got drafted in Quebec majors (Lucas and David, both goalies)
- Casey Gagné also acknowledged former LBP student who won silver in Spain this year.
- Casey Gagné also acknowledged Daniel that won memorial cup.

### 5.8. Guidance Initiatives

- Paul Karpontinis reported that the guidance department has set up a kiosk at recess time (during last weeks of school) to support students with mental health and exam anxiety.

## 8. Varia

- Mrs. Antonacci explained that the exams are being carried out gym to help empty out classrooms to allow the cleaners the time they need to have the school ready for august.
- Nothing more was added by anyone including support staff.

## 9. Public Question Period

- No questions

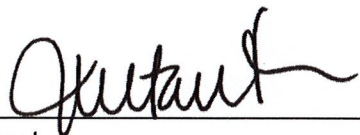
## 10. Next Meeting:

- No next meeting planned for 2022-2023 governing board.
- The next meeting will be planned for the start of next school year in September 2023.

## 11. Adjournment

- Franco Mazzariello and Tony Aversano thanked everyone including staff, teachers, student council, parents and administration for the great year!!
- Franco Mazzariello moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Aversano seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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



Principal



Chairperson