

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Board of Roslyn School

7pm, June 14, 2022, via Teams Conference Call

Present:

Suzanne Wexler, Chair
Shannon Hurtubise, Parent
Eric Rowles, Teacher
Andrew Potter, Parent
Rayna Goldman, Parent
Neil Hopley, Parent
Maria Piscopo, Teacher

Also Present:

Joanna Genovezos, Principal
Mireille Tehbelian, Vice-Principal
Camelia Birlean, EMSB Enrichment Consultant

Regrets:

Hannah Trineer-Roberts, Teacher
Prosanto Chaudhury, Parent
Maria Grazia Piscopo Teacher
Oscar Casallas Nunez, Teacher
Elan Cusiatic-Barr, Parent
Sarah Tabah, Parent
Jonathan YMCA
Heather Hodges,
Jennifer Maxwell

Meeting called by Suzanne Wexler

Meeting begins at 7:06pm

2. Motion to adopt agenda: Rayna Goldman

Second: Shannon Hurtubise

3. No minutes to adopt. Will be done in the future.

4. Question Period

No questions asked

5. Business arising from last meeting

Moving beautification grant to summer or fall meeting.

6. Community Representative Report

No one present.

7. HandS Report

Leslie reported that the block party was a success. HandS members were both pleased and surprised by the turnout. Food truck line was too long, but otherwise everything was well planned and executed.

Debbie Stock and Annick Davies will be co-chairs next year. Rochelle Lee Hauser will be volunteer coordinator.

8. Enrichment Program Update

Camelia Birlean, EMSB Consultant and McGill Education Researcher, was present to provide an update on this year's enrichment program, including the Gifted and Exceptional Learners' Summary report.

Examples of initiatives that took place at Roslyn this year: International Math Competition (114 EMSB, 23 R), Public Speaking and Debating (79 EMSB, 23 R), and Let's Talk Sciences (44 EMSB, 8 R). Caribou Math Cup, Roslyn students performed very well in the top percentages internationally. Plans for next year include extending the competition into a weekly session basis with mentor. Fundamentals of public speaking in inter school debate tournament. Senior students won their final debate. Let's Talk Science Challenge is a Canadian competition with 350 schools participating to test STEM knowledge. Variety of topics covered. Worked on a weekly basis from February to May. Roslyn stood out in terms of the number of awards won. They won second place, and the Lorna Collins Spirit Award. Plans for next year could include classroom differentiation to include high achieving students - work with teachers to identify and engage these academically talented students per subject. Future Problem Solving International. Professional development workshops are needed for teachers and parents at Roslyn to help address needs of gifted and talented students. Raise awareness about this.

Suzanne requested that we send a parent broadcast about the enrichment program.

Teachers congratulated Camelia on great progress. A Parent asked about the percentage of students participating and encouraged teacher feedback loop for next year's decisions. Joanna clarified that the student assessments are strengths based, not IQ tests.

Takeaway message for parents is that you know your children best, pay attention and communicate with your school to keep their learning sparks alive!

Camelia leaves the meeting (8:02pm).

8. Teachers Report

No update.

9. EMSB Parent Committee

No update.

10. Principal and Vice-Principal Report

Joanna thanks the RGB for their work and commitment this year, especially Suzanne, as RGB Chair. Leslie will be missed tremendously next year.

Mireille thanks everyone for welcoming her to the Roslyn family this year. The month of June came quickly. Started the month with a great block party. Excellent feedback from parents and teachers. Great to be together. June 6th, MNA Jennifer Maccarone came to school to give out academic achievement and special awards for grade 6 students. Jump Rope for Heart ended June 10th. Total amount raised has not been tallied yet. Field Day on June 13th (senior students) and June 14th (junior students). Kindergarten students graduating tomorrow. June 17th graduation for grade 6 students. June 20th and June 22nd are the last days of school for workshops. June 23rd is the last day of school. Term 2 report cards are issued on that day as well.

French Immersion Pre-K class opens next year. Provincial government funding provides \$6,000 for materials and \$2,000 for furniture. May help with retention numbers. Resolution to approve Roslyn opening one MEQ pre-k class next academic year. Shannon Hurtubise moves to approve moving forward with the pre-k class opening next year. Suzanne Wexler seconds the motion. Motion is passed with one abstaining. No one disapproved.

Budget preparation: Joanna briefly reviews the preliminary operational budget of \$37K, bulk of which is for supplies and materials. Caretaking budget is roughly \$30k. Furniture budget is \$2,800. School activities budget is \$46,000. RGB budget is \$250. Lunch monitor fees include \$144,000 in salaries. Total gross revenues equal \$261,746. Expenses equal \$71,176, leaving a surplus of \$190,570 which would cover the lunch monitor fees and leave some surplus. Resolution to adopt the preliminary school operating budget. Rayna Goldman moves to pass the motion. Suzanne Wexler seconds. Motion is passed.

Transport for the 2022-2023 School Year - Roslyn was selected to participate in a new bus monitoring program, which is not available for special needs transport. With this application, the school will be able to monitor students on the bus in real time. First letter sent to parents inviting them to join tonight's meeting and learn more about this program. Second letter going out in September to confirm the start of the program. Bus passes will have a QR code. Bus drivers will be given tablets and trained on the app. Children will scan their QR codes on the tablet as they enter and exit the bus. Second phase will consist of parents downloading the app to monitor the route and their child's movements. All 100s and 200s school buses will participate in this program next year.

10. RGB Chair Report

Suzanne provided an update on the Scholastics Book Fair. Total raised was over \$5,000. Profits will go to teachers to purchase books in their classrooms, and to grow the furniture budget. Chair Annual Update: Congratulations to all administrators and volunteers. Thank you to all. Bravo!

Last round of questions: none.

Motion to adjourn: Shannon Hurtubise

Seconded: Eric Rowles

Meeting adjourned: 8:40pm

Next Meeting Date: September AGM