

Roslyn School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
Monday, February 20th, 2023
LIVE Meeting at Roslyn School
6:05pm – 7:45pm



Minutes of the meeting of the Roslyn Governing Board
February 20, 2023, 6:05pm- 7:45pm
Held In-Person

Minutes prepared by Vanessa Campbell

Governing Board Members Present

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)
Andrew Potter (Parent)
Meaghan Daniel (Parent)
Jo-Ann Wong (Parent)
Daniel Torchinsky (Parent)
Vanessa Campbell (RGB Secretary, Alternate)
Kori Betsalel (Alternate)
Daniel Khazzam (Parent)

Julie Marcus (Teacher)

Stephanie Iannelli (Teacher)

Noah Trister (Teacher)

Michael Derix (Community Rep)

Jennifer (Community Rep)

Jinan Paquin (Teacher)

Amelia Leighton (School Secretary)

Commented [VC1]: There were two other teachers present

Regrets

Jonathan Kruidbos (Community Rep)

Diane Biard-Goble (Teacher)

Kathleen Laranjeiro (Teacher)

Karaline Vlahopoulos (Teacher)

Prosanto Chadhaury (Parent)

Annick Davies (HandS co-chair)

Judy Kleinman (Teacher)

Amanda Garrido (Specialist sub)

Curtis Brissette (Alternate)

Commented [VC2]: To confirm

Also Present

Joanna Genovezos (Principal)

Mireille Tehbelian (Vice-Principal)

1. Welcome Adopted to start the meeting 6:13pm

*Adopted by Daniel T, Seconded by Meaghan
Motion to extend the meeting by 20 minutes by Daniel from one hour and forty minutes to two hours, seconded by Meghan
1 nay.
Three teacher abstentions
Yay-7 hands
Motion carried*

2. Adoption of Agenda (2 minutes) (For Approval)

3. Adoption of Minutes (2 minutes)

*3.1 Adoption of Minutes from GB Meeting on Tuesday Jan 17, 2023 (For Approval)
Motion by Daniel T, Seconded by Jo-Anne. All in favour*

4. First Question Period (2 minutes)

None

5. Business Arising from Last Meeting (5 minutes)

5.1 Website update (Mireille Tehbelian)

The school has been sending the documents to be uploaded to the website. Have not received anything else to be uploaded.

5.2 Class parents (Teachers)

*Teachers in charge to reach out to the parents.
Police checks have been coming in, being sent to the teachers and to HandS. Need to ensure to always include 2 pieces of photo ID.
Up to the teachers to choose parents.*

5.3 Quotes on play structures and fundraising updates

*Diagrams of play structures, no official quotes. To show the ballpark of what they look like.
\$20K-\$30K around Jambette is so far the nicest, most competitive. Good because they are the supplier of the existing structures.
Fundraising update- see below.*

6. Community Representatives Report (5 minutes)

*Michael D. Greene Center- After school going well. 8-10 per day. A lot of stage students coming to volunteer. March break camp has about 10 spots left. Summer camp hasn't started planning yet. Homework program incorporated with afterschool activities.
Jennifer from Tyndale- Still signing kids up for March break camp, still spots available.
Afterschool going well. Planning for summer camp. Homework program about 45 mins.
Jonathan from YMCA (absent, report read by vice principal on his behalf)- Before and afterschool programs running well numbers increasing. Ped days doing well. March break is full with a waiting list. Summer daycamp registration has started. If any other information to include in reports please let him know.*

7. Miss Nancy special guest report on Organized Play (10 minutes)

*Plan is to introduce organized play. Helps to encourage the kids to be more positive with each other and to create a less chaotic/more relaxed feeling in the playground.
Presented a mockup of the schoolyard and what the kids do in the different areas.*

Commented [VC3]: To confirm the spelling

Introduced boundaries with pylons to prevent injuries, etc. Helps to keep the kids within the boundaries.
She went to all the classrooms to discuss this with them.
Don't maximize the use of all the doors, leads to chaos. Will discuss with teachers this coming Friday at their meeting to optimize this, hopefully after March break.
Added new activities ie. Sleds
New games/activities for each season
Some kids don't like sports so friendship bracelets, chalk, etc. so they have something to do.
Kindness and respect program with K students.
Want to introduce safety measures ie. Kids go out before the teachers go out
Getting reflective vests for the supervisors outside so that they are more visible.
Question asked if part of her mandate is to look for ostracized/bullied students, Ms. Nancy is always on the lookout for that.
Leadership program- Potentially finding a way for grades 5 and 6 to receive official recognition for supervising younger kids. There is a complication that their recess is not at the same time, more volunteer recognition for the grades 5 and 6s will be considered in the future.

HandS Report (5 minutes)

Not present, will discuss next month

8. Teacher's Report (10 minutes)

Jinan Grade 5/6 French- Still in winter theme. Working on posters and French winter words. Also currently working on story telling program (school wide in cycle 3) so working a lot on drama and body language/miming.

Julie- Had author visit and they wrote stories. Got feedback from other classes. Grade 1 digital books complete and started doing secret stories for sounds.

Kathleen Grade 5/6 English- Also working on story-telling and the students tell a personal/non secretive narrative. Work on perseverance and black history month.

Commented [VC4]: To confirm the teacher's name

9. EMSB Parents Committee Report (5 minutes)

9.1 Follow-up on drafting a letter to support EMSB stance against Bill 96, 40 and 21

Suzanne went for Daniel K last month.

Want to set up a fund for families who lose someone.

They will draft a letter for Bills 96, 40 and 21, will receive more information later on about the EMSB stance and if we want to support the position/letter.

Calendars when set to have more oversight ie. Jewish holidays, etc. => To follow up for April meeting

Email from EMSB that there is a virtual information session on parents on March 1 in the evening.

10. Vice Principal Report (10 minutes)

February 1- had a presentation on Tracking Black Canada done with all grades 3-6 students. Spiritual animator did presentations with grades 3-6. Also working with Pre-K and K on March 16 to do a black history presentation.

In-person visit of Lewis Cohen (former Roslyn student and brother of creator of Stranger Things) to help with career planning and discussions.

Feb 13-17 Staff Appreciation Week, thank you to HandS and School administration. Was also kindness week at EMSB, had 3 Roslyn students participate in a video that is on YouTube.
Feb 13 Marymount Academy Steel Pans Band did presentations by grade level, as part of Black History Month. Musical and history presentation.
Feb 15 select student of Caribou Math contest wrote another competition, still 2 left to do.
Feb 17 100 day of school celebration for Prek and K students.
Feb 22 pink shirt day, anti-bullying day. Will be holding assemblies to highlight this.
Feb 24 ped day
Feb 27 closing off black history month DJ Malik coming to the school to do a virtual presentation with grades 3-6.
Feb 28 dress down day to raise funds for graduating class
All activities being done at the school are consistent/emphasize with the EMSB respect campaign. Kindness, building empathy and respect.

11. Principal Report (10 minutes)

Thank all the teachers and support staff for all their hard work. Everyone celebrated last week.

Thank VP Mireille.

Enrollment for next year 583 students, expecting some more. Will staff conservatively for next year because still an on-going teacher shortage. Will potentially have some split classes in the older grades. A conversation ensued suggesting informing parents mid-August about the potential for split classes, along with details about what that means for the students (such as it is for independent learners and usually very successful, etc)."

In April volunteer EMSB banquet

12.1. EMSB Respect Campaign at Roslyn

All activities coincide with Respect campaign.

12.2. Hot lunch reusable cutlery (with Approval)

New law has come into effect involving banning single-use plastics ie. Utensils.

For food supplier Merenda and as of March 28 they will cease to provide the utensils.

Proposal to ask them to continue supplying these utensils until the end of the school year. Need to decide this.

In the new class year, they will no longer provide students with plastic utensils. Will have to decide how students will be provided with utensils. (1) can charge the parents for eco utensils (2) not charge the parents but increase price of food and provide eco utensils.

For today=> Do we continue asking Merenda to provide utensils until the end of the year.

Mireille- For the parents to change things end of March will create a lot of situations of students with no utensils and creating a lot of traffic in the office. So as a school it would be better to let them supply it until the end of June. But then starting fresh next year for hot lunch need to have utensils.

Suzanne- A lot of traffic in the office already. It wouldn't stop us from doing the cutlery fundraiser at the same time.

Vote-> To propose Merenda to continue to supply until the end of June 22, 2023. Merenda will no longer supply the students utensils after March 28, 2023. Roslyn chooses the option they will be obligated to supply the utensils until June 22, 23.

Moved by Daniel K, seconded by Jo-Anne. No nays or abstention. All in favour.

12. RGB Chair Report (10 minutes)

13.1. Speakers and Paint Night

Had a parent meeting with 4 parents present.

Will have a speaker on April 20, Alyson Schafer. Will send a list of topics.

All thought to go ahead with paint night, hopefully end of March. Will come up with dates.

More of a community spirit event.

Bamboo cutlery fundraiser everyone likes the components. Have big and little kits.

Some sort of treasure hunt where the students are raising money. With a go fund me page. To have something more active. Some sort of activity where they sponsor children, to raise money for the play yard. Someone will need to plan all the activities.

HandS has offered to let us use their website for the cutlery and for whatever other types of activities.

13.2. Proposal to establish a fundraising sub-committee

Prosanto (not present), Meaghan, Jo-Ann, Prosanto, Suzanne, Kori, Vanessa (as much as possible), Daniel (as much as possible).

Daniel T left

13. Principal Selection Criteria (15 minutes Approval)

If Joanna (principal) were to leave what criteria would be used

-To add about increasing racially diverse

-5 year previous administrator is potentially a lot. Maybe add in a clause preference for...or "equivalent skill set/experience" Leadership experience in an academic setting.

-Para 21- Inclusive setting- lead an inclusive learning environment for all children of all races, colors, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, civil status, age, religion, political conviction, languages, social condition, handicap. [Quebec charter].

-Para 14- "desire to communicate with them" TYPO of communication

Motion to adopt Meg, seconded by Jo-Ann for all of them

No nay, no abstain, all approve

14. Good and Welfare

N/A

15. Question Period (5 minutes)

Motion to end the meeting 8:13pm Joanne and Meg. All in favour.

16. Next meeting date: Mon Mar 20, 2023

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D- Governing Board has the power to decide without necessarily receiving a proposal,

AD- Governing Board has the power to change, adapt, add or remove one or more elements of a proposal submitted by the Principal.

AP- Governing Board has the power to either accept or reject a proposal as submitted, without the possibility of making changes. If rejected, a new proposal must be submitted for approval before implementation.

C- Governing Board is consulted on a matter and may influence the final decision

I- Governing Board is provided information regarding a decision made by the Principal