

**Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Board of Roslyn School
November, October 17th, 2022
Held in the staff room at Roslyn**

Minuted by Andrew Potter

Governing Board Members Present

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)
Daniel Khazzam (parent, PC delegate)
Andrew Potter (parent)
Prosanto Chaudhury (parent)
Meaghan Daniel (parent)
Jo-Ann Wong (parent)
Daniel Torchinsky (parent)
Vanessa Campbell (alternate)
Kori Betsalel (alternate)
Curtis Brissette (alternate)

Mary Stephanie Iannelli (resource teacher)
Julie Marcus (teacher)
Diane Biard-Goble (teacher)
Jinan Paquin (teacher)
Amelia Leighton (school secretary)
Kathleen Laranjeiro (teacher)
Annick Davies (HandS co-chair)
Heather Hodges (Greene Center; community member)

Also Present

Joanna Genovezos (Principal)
Mireille Tehbelian (Vice-Principal)

1. Opening Remarks

Suzanne Wexler welcomed everyone to the first in-person GB meeting since before the pandemic.

Motion to open meeting - 7:15pm

Motion by Andrew Potter; Daniel Khazzam seconded

All in favor

Motion to adopt the Agenda from Daniel Khazzam; Jinan Paquin seconded

All in favor

3.1 Vote for Governing Board chair

Suzanne Wexler ran unopposed.

3.2 Vote for GB secretary

Secretary: Vanessa Campbell nominated herself; Daniel Khazzam volunteered to be substitute.

Resolution: The governing board members are in favour of Vanessa Campbell taking the minutes for the meetings in 2022-23 with Daniel Khazzam as sub.

The motion passed.

3.3 Treasurer:

Daniel Khazzam volunteered to be treasurer.

The governing board approved.

3.4 Approval of minutes from May 2022 meeting

Prosanto Chaudhury moved, Andrew Potter seconded

Approved

3.5 Approval of minutes from June 2022 meeting

Moved by Andrew Potter, seconded by Suzanne Wexler

Approved

3.6 Adoption of annual report

Small change from Joanna Genovezos to the section about “challenges”

General reading from the document by Suzanne Wexler.

Motion to approve the report from Prosanto Chaudhury; seconded by Daniel Khazzam

Approved

4. First Question Period

Julie Marcus asked a question about the Scholastic book fund, Suzanne Wexler responded that she would talk about it later in the meeting.

5. Chair report

5.1 Suzanne Wexler presented the rules for the governing board and encouraged constructiveness and good intentions and emphasized general rules of governing board collegiality.

5.2 Ambitions of the Governing Board 2022-23

Chair presented general ideas as detailed in the agenda for the meeting and from the Annual Report.

Chair encouraged people to take the lead on things.

5.3 Parents speakers and scholastic book fair fund

Discussion from the Chair about the Scholastic book fund and how we might spend the money.

6. Community representative report

Heather Hodges from Centre Greene mentioned their Halloween party on October 28th; Discussed other activities going on; She mentioned how the Centre is back into full operation for PED days; Said they would be organizing a “parents night off” night (for kids ages 6-10); Culinary instruction is back.

7. HandS report by Annick Davies

Announced the welcome back corn roast; Pizza lunch is back full swing; Teacher appreciation week coming up; Need new volunteers.

8. Teachers’ reports

Kathleen Laranjeiro and Jinan Paquin reported for Grades 5-6, said things are cool; discussed things such as the Caribou Math competition.

Diane Biard-Goble mentioned students would be participating in a Quebec writing project through Blue Metropolis; theme is “fear and loneliness”.

Grade 4s are doing Gardening workshops.

Julie Marcus gave a Grades 1/2 English report — phonics, debates, reading/writing and so on.

9: Principal and Vice Principal report

9.1 School profile

Principal Joanna Genovezos declared Roslyn “post-Covid”; says all teachers are here, the school is fully staffed; Enrolment is 560; with coded students it counts as 670; All coded students have resources/behavioural techs and other supports. 130 students on IEPs; 73 of these are non-coded; 53 students are officially coded. Roslyn is the third largest school in EMSB.

Joanna Genovezos ran through the rest of the numbers — teachers, classes, and so on.

Resource teacher Stephanie Ianelli explained what she’s up to.

From Joanna Genovezos: More general discussion about the education plan and the school safety plan; the beautification plan and the need for parent donations.

There was general discussion around coding, assessments, funding.

Joanna Genovezos presented the Respect campaign from the EMSB.

Ends by saying she wants to see Roslyn thrive as it was before COVID; parents with a deep involvement in the school.

Vice Principal Mireille Tehbelian noted that on Sept 8-9 they held the first in-school assembly; the theme was values and the school motto (work hard, play fair, be kind); She said the school will hold one assembly a month throughout the school year

High school road shows took place during the month of September, where EMSB high schools come to Roslyn; This includes Westmount HS and Marymount.

Youth Theatre Canada came on Sept 12 and some students voluntarily participated for auditions. Call backs will be done by Youth Theatre Canada for selected students.

Parent workshop on Sept 22; package will be distributed to the community.

She then listed further details of activities at the school.

The first fire drill of the school year took place on Sept. 28th.

9.2 Enrichment

Mireille Tehbelian said she had met with Ms. Camelia Birlean about the enrichment program; Beginning with Caribou Math on Oct. 19th (Gr 3-6) This activity will be held once a month from October until May 2023; Other enrichment activities are to begin

later in the school year such as English Language Arts (debating and public speaking for grades 4-6, Battle of the Books and a science program for grade 6).

9.3 Playground Etiquette

Joanna Genovezos says it's better this year.

9.4 Respect campaign

Was covered during Joanna Genovezos opening remarks.

10. Good and Welfare

10.1 Vote in re-adoption of funds left over.

Motion: To give most of the GB budget of \$1500 to the school for art supplies and retain the rest for the GB purposes.

Motion from Diane Biard-Gable; seconded by Megan Daniel

All in favour, motion passed

Motion to adjourn from Daniel Khazzam; seconded Prosanto Chaudhury. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

