

Roslyn School  
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES  
Monday Dec 18th, 2023  
Virtual Meeting via Teams  
6:20pm – 7:40pm

Attending:

Suzanne Wexler, Chair

Joanna Genovezos

Mireille Tehbelian

Julie Marcus

Vanessa Campbell

Karen Bejjani

Marie Laure Casa-Martin

Jo-Ann Wong

Amanda Henry

Annick Davies

Debbie Stock

Daniel Khazzam

Meaghan Daniel

Bianca Jorin

Melanie Fernandes Dinis

Minutes taken by Meaghan Daniel

**1. Motion to start the meeting:** MarieLaure Casa-Martin. Seconded: Vanessa Campbell. All in favour.

**2. Motion to adopt the agenda:** Bianca Jorin. Seconded MarieLaure Casa-Martin. All in favour.

**3. Motion to adopt the minutes:** All approved in evote, with Andrew Potter abstaining (wasn't in attendance at meeting) and Daniel Khazzan voting live.

**4. First Question period:** no questions

**5. Business Arising from Last Meeting**

5.1 Survey results were sent to everyone by email

SW : Reviewed the issues that emerged that are pertinent to this current educational project.

5.2 Proposed RGB schedule

- The dates look fine. If last minute issues arise JG will advise.

## **6. Community Representative Reports**

Tindale sends regrets

Centre Greene sent regrets

Jon K from YMCA: We are putting in program plan for 2024, it is still being worked on.

Question asked about starting an intramural program. Jon would want to sit down and brainstorm logistics, not out of the realm of possibility.

## **7. HandS Report**

- Annick and Debbie recently attended the fall conference, learned about different partners in QHFA, brought a lot back to membership.
- Pizza lunch is successful, but had to cancel a lunch because it fell on strike day, trying to wait to reschedule to see if indefinite strike happening.
- With respect to activities coordinator – at the moment, Heather is filling in, put a proposal together for her to ideally accept the job, she declined. Annick and Debbie are going to sit down and see if she will negotiate. At the moment, Heather is running it with Annick.
- HandS needs more members, particularly executive members.

Parent asked if they have a description or 1 pager that describes what the expectations are for HandS volunteers or activities co-ordinator?

Debbie says will get that to you on paper. Action item.

## **8. Teacher's Report**

MLCM said doesn't have much more to say since haven't been in classroom much from strike but lots of special activities planned, today was treat, tomorrow pancake breakfast, ready to celebrate upcoming holidays also

JM said Gr. 2s are doing digital storytelling, are making cool stories. In January, inviting the Gr. 2s to watch each other's videos, Gr. 1 is doing phonics, Gr. 2 are also doing very concise book reports and gearing up to write own stories.

## **9. EMSB Parents Committee Report**

SW went to the meeting, discussed school survey. Report from Roslyn re # of participants surveyed on Educational Project was impressive and considered a model job. Also, there was a presentation with AI, to encourage teachers to use AI, will have tutorials available. Also, brought up the idea that a lot of kids are using google translate, and next year and in the future that teachers will want to think about that or before, this is the reality of what is happening.

## **10. RGB Chair Report**

The Scholastic books orders from our fundraiser went over the amount raised and the administration volunteered to pay for the surplus.

Speaker Alyson Schafer can't come back until Fall 2024. Mireille sent a name regarding executive functioning and study skills.

Meeting about fundraising we have talked about, and didn't get a large response. There is a lot going on with strike and recession, and didn't seem like a great time for it. Unless there is a lot of interest from someone to spearhead this with lots of corporate connections, don't see us moving forward with this right now. Other parents agree.

## **11. Vice Principal Report**

- Had a workshop on diversity, acceptance, and inclusion.
- Rescheduled dental appointments for Grade 2.
- Grad committee ended online auction.
- Week of treats and holiday fun for students.

## **12. Principal Report and Items for Presentation**

JG says it is a very difficult time with strikes, thanks to teachers who are working grace under fire. Parents have called in to see what they can do. We still miss Debbie, but Annick and Debbie have come through for us, and are keeping us afloat. If you can spare the time, join HANDS. Let's keep our spirits up.

## **Snow Removal Plan**

- Roslyn pays into having entrances and exits for the snow to be removed, and lots cleaned.
- The yard isn't covered by this, the caretakers will do some salting.
- Can't get into the schoolyard with a plow.
- When it gets too difficult children are kept inside.
- Staff does their best to keep it safe.

SW asks about problems with icicles and how to prevent kids from being inside too much during recess because of the ice. How does the salting schedule work?

JG says school has people who keep snow or ice buildup off of roof, and fence off dangerous area. Administration tries to limit the days children spend indoors.

SW asks if there's someone who helps with identifying the weather pattern and when salt is needed?

JG says they do follow and anticipate need, except weekends when no one can come in. A teacher adds that the yard is too large. When a child gets hurt they try to stay in. So far school has done a good job of getting outside and so far there hasn't been a lot of snow or ice.

### **Educational Project updates**

A doc was shared to give idea of what Educational Project document looks like, which needs to be passed in January.

14 points that emerged most often from stakeholder answer from various questionnaires that were sent and objective for 2023-2027 are outlined.

Look at end of cycle results in English, French and come up with objectives to meet from now until 2027.

This is the document as a whole and the governing board is invited to go through it in detail. After it is approved it will be placed on the school's website.

Antibullying document previously approved is at board to be uploaded onto website.

SW clarifies to the Governing Board that our educational project was last updated in 2019 and that we have waited a long time to get these results with the pandemic breaks, etc. This is a positive thing to focus on.

### **School Budget Summary**

The Governing Board is sent an explanation, a spreadsheet, and a draft resolution. JG reviews funds and explains that we cannot transfer money from fund to fund, some budgets rollover and some do not, but parameters are specific.

Culture in schools special fund 4064 dollars, allocated to schools every year, 18K plus school can apply for additional fund to receive grants from school to get artists, or venues that are in the repertoire of the culture in the school's program.

Ecole Inspirante is the field trip fund, not necessarily field trips going out, but also activities coming in, like Educazoo.

Joining Forces – budget for salaries directed at student retention and success. Getting more people willing to tutor, all of this starts in January.

There is a lot of support for kids physically, socially, nutritionally, there is no rollover. Fund 7, for furniture and digital acquisitions – get 5\$ per student. JG wanted to put a reserve amount of the money for a climbing wall – It’s a big amount can be used to enhance the building. JG is going to look into this. ACTION. **Rollover from teacher fund – if not use as a climbing wall, how do we change the mandate?**

### **School Budget Projection (Resolution)**

Joanna reads resolution  
Daniel moves  
Bianca seconds the resolution  
Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0  
All approved

### **6 Question Period**

- Everyone reminder to read educational project.
- Next meeting date: Jan 15, 2024
- Don’t know if this is live or not yet, depends on whether we do principal criteria.
- Meeting is closed at 7:41

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Signature – Governing Board Chair

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Signature – Principal

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Date