
Subject: Minutes of Governing Board Meeting No. 5 for 2020-21 School Year

Location: Virtually on Microsoft TEAMS **Date:** February 9, 2021

Present: Parents: Sandra Gabriele, Dino Santelli, Daniel Tatone, Talia Dorsey, Jonathan Stein.

Teachers: Mary Cerone, Lidia Loren Niro, Nadia Di Mattia, Jennifer Lynn Lacroix,
Laura Annie Bouffard

Also present: Tanya Alvares (Principal), Mary Nitti (Support Staff), Mara Filippone
(Daycare Tech), Cannavino Augustino (Commissioner), Angelo
Loffredi (Community Rep),

**Absent /
Regrets:** Patty Foschi (Parent), Mara Filippone (Daycare Tech),

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by Dino Santelli

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Nothing to add to the agenda. Sandra motioned to approve the agenda. Daniel seconded. All in favor.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2021

Corrections to the attendee list. Correction to the date. Addition of the the criteria for principal to the minutes. Sandra motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections. Daniel seconded. All in favor.

4. Business Arising from the Last Meeting

4.1 Meeting with A. Loffredi:

Angelo advised the GB that a meeting is not required. He asked that a list of options be submitted for review with the foundation.

5. Question Period

No parent present to ask questions.

6. New Business:

6.1 Adoption of the Budget for MEES Mesures for 2020-2021

A discussion was had about the importance of the GB's adoption of the budget considering that it seems to be just a technicality. In comparison to the pervious year, none of the budgets presented were lost. Jennifer voted in favor, Nadia seconded. All in favor.

6.2 Consultation for Building Budget Process 2021-2022

The GB updated the list of priorities.

6.3 Resolution for Annual Report of Educational Plan 2019-2020

Since there were no exams last year, there is no reporting on the Educational Plan and there will be no changes to it. Jennifer motioned and Nadia seconded. All in favor.

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report:

Daniel reported on the parents committee. In the pre-break-out session it was reported that technology is being adopted faster. Concerns were brought up about differences in time allocated to online learning and the social effect on students who must adapt to online learning.

The PC touched on lead testing for water pipes – something already conducted at PET.

The board is hosting a GB Workshop on Feb 1st and 18th.

On April 18, the Parent Committee will be hosting online workshops as part of the Parents Committee Conference..

The online school enrollment has had mixed results. Tweaks are being made to improve the process.

Daniel also informed the GB of the marketing efforts of the Parents Committee through Facebook and Twitter. On April 18, the committee will host a Virtual Parents Conference with online workshops.

A new technology is being tested for transportation to track buses and register when student get on and off the bus.

7.2 Commissioner Report

There is a town hall being held tomorrow. There is a marketing initiative to promote the east end schools to increase student registration.

The hiring process for the Director General has started. The committee will be given the opportunity to review candidates.

7.3 Treasurer Report

No change.

7.4 Principal Report:

Tanya reported on the Virtual Open House held on January 28, 2021. The video was viewed over 3000 times and at its peak 175 were online during the broadcast.

The ministry is giving money to school boards for tutors. The student being selected for tutoring are those that demonstrate lower grades and/or lack of motivations. These sessions will be held virtually outside school hours.

Various activities are being organized for Black History Month. On Feb 25th, the Youth Stars Foundation will be present virtually to levels 2 through 6. For Pre-K to 1, a virtual performance on steel pans will be presented.

Report cards have gone out. Parents can communicate with teachers directly to discuss issues. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held virtually on Feb 25th by invitation first, and then opened to everyone.

7.5 Teacher's Report:

Pre-K and K will be celebrating the 100th days of school. Unlike previous years, there will be no parade through the school. However, classroom activities are being organized with handcrafted crowns and capes.

Laura-Annie reported about the STEAM activities completed at the end of January.

7.6 PPO Report:

Dino reported that the PPO requested an additional \$580 for staff appreciation. He also reported that many items are being donated. Dino motioned, Daniel seconded. All in favor.

7.7 Daycare/Lunch Report:

Received letter from the Board of the option "Hop Hop" application, whereby children are ready upon arrival of the parents. . The cost is \$26/year for parents who are interested and this is a contract between the company and the parents. Concerns were brought up about the privacy policy of this app.

8. Varia

No varia added.

9. Date of next meeting: March 9, 2021.

10. Adjournment:

At 8:45PM Mary motioned to adjourn the meeting, Talia seconded. All in favor.