

Subject: Minutes of Governing Board Meeting No. 3 for 2018-19 School Year

Location: PET Conference room **Date:** November 13, 2018

Present: **Parents:** Justin Turner, Marie-Hélène Bédard, Sandra Greco, Frederic Lalonde, Alex Nemeroff,

Teachers: Patty Foschi, Anita Sacco, Joseph Glicakis, Jennifer Lacroix, Juliet Oppong-Nuako

Also present: Anna Sanalidro (Principal), Mary Nitti (Community Representative), Mara Filippone (Daycare Tech),

Absent / Regrets: Dino Santelli, Rino Mancini, Angelo Loffredi (Community Representative), Agostino Cannavino (EMSB Commissioner)

1. Call to Order

Justin called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned for acceptance by Jennifer, seconded by Patty, all voted in favour.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for Meeting No. 2 (Oct 4th) were motioned for approval by Jennifer, seconded by Joseph, and all voted in favour.

4. Question Period

There were no questions.

5. Business Arising from the Last Meeting

5.1 Electronic votes

The following items were voted on via e-mail since decisions needed to be made in advance of the board meeting date:

5.1.1 Teacher's Convention: We propose to provide \$50.00 to each teacher who attends, to be spent at the convention on November 8th or 9th.

5.1.2 Trip: Grade 1/2 split class (only): Dance/theatre show on November 15th at 11:00 (1 hour show) at Usine C in the plateau. Entrance fee covered (donation) cost of bus \$200+ tax covered by (Montreal Schools for All).

5.1.3 Trip: Grade 3: Montreal Museum of Fine Arts Monday, November 19th Entrance and bus covered by Montreal Schools for All.

The motion for all three received 9 votes for approval, no votes against and no votes to abstain.

5.2 Breakfast program

Anna provided an update: The school no longer qualifies for the breakfast program so it will not be offered.

6. New Business

6.1 MESA

Anna presented the annual report of the Management and Educational Success Agreements (MESA), and the Governing Board passed a resolution approving the communication of the MESA report. Motioned by Jennifer, seconded by Juliet, approved with one abstention.

6.2 Principal Criteria

Anna presented the approved criteria from last year. It was proposed to amend point 8 to include "STEAM" such that it now reads: "Proven success in promoting excellence and innovation in pedagogical services (e.g. QEP and STEAM)." Motioned by Patty, seconded by Sandra, approved by all.

6.3 Trips

6.3.1 Patty presented a trip to the **Halo Road Race**. She asked that we cover the cost of the buses (4 or 5 depending on numbers), at \$230 each (so a potential total of \$1150). Parents will be asked to pay the \$5 registration fee separately. Motioned to allow the kids to go by Frederic, seconded by Patty, approved by all. Motioned to

approve the costs by Jennifer, seconded by Frederic, approved by all.

7. Reports

7.1 Commissioner's Report

No commissioner present; no report.

7.2 Chairperson Report

Nothing to report.

7.3 Principal's Report

Anna reported the following:

- The first "STEAM Hallowe'en" event went well. Around 60 kids and 60 parents attended on a Saturday.
- We've had two successful spaghetti nights (workshops offered by McGill University) that have been successful.
- Photo retakes went well.
- Vaccinations went well.
- Student numbers have grown; school population is currently at 336.
- A new split class (Grade 1-2) has been created.
- The French book fair is coming up at the end of the month; to coincide with Parent-Teacher interviews.
- We made about \$5000 from the Indigo adopt-a-school program.
- The library is still not open due to the slow arrival of the new furniture.

7.4 Teacher's Report

Jennifer reported the following:

- New Grade 1-2 split means a couple more teachers full-time.
- Grade 6 moved into the Maker Space to make room for the new class.
- \$17500 provided in a "Movement Grant" whereby equipment was purchased and kids will be encouraged to move more in smaller increments throughout the day.
- Four teachers attended a microbit workshop exploring coding and as a result we received some microbit hardware to use in the school.

- Teachers attended the Teachers' convention, which was well-received, and would like to say thank you to the GB for the 50 dollars to spend at the convention.
- Grade 6 is building a working R2D2 model with 3D-printed, moving parts.
- Teachers have been working on report cards, as they are to be issued soon.

Juliet reported the following:

- Ecole Montrealaise covered the cost for the Seeds trip to the Museum of Fine Arts.

Anita reported the following:

- Pre-K went to a coding workshop as well.
- Pre-K has been working on their projects for the open house.

7.5 PPO Report

Anna reported the following:

- We have \$11,000 in our budget, \$2,000 of which is from the bingo night, and \$9,000 from chocolate.

7.6 Daycare/Lunch Report

Mara reported the following:

- On Oct 19, Concordia came for science and sports activities, the cost was \$700.
- On Oct 9th, kids went to see the movie the Grinch. Acceptance motioned by Patty, seconded by Frederic, approved by all.
- A vote was taken as to how to handle last-minute decisions on trips outside school; it was decided to to handle these cases as follows (motioned by Sandra, seconded by Marie-Helene and approved by all):
 - Where time allows, a vote will be taken at the Governing Board meeting.
 - Where time does not allow (i.e. decisions need to be taken at the last minute), it will be handled through electronic voting.
- The kids will have an upcoming excursion to Funtropolis. Daycare will cover the cost of the busses (\$330 per bus, up to 5 busses). Outing and budget approved through a motion by Marie-Helene, seconded by Joseph, approved by all.

- Registration currently stands at 194 regular attendees, and 52 sporadic attendees.

7.7 CPC Delegate Report

Marie-Helene reported the following:

- In the first CPC meeting in October, A new board was elected with lots of new people.
- Dino attended the second CPC meeting, however due to his absence today he will report on the meeting at the next GB meeting.
- There is an upcoming Parent Conference with workshops dealing with varied topics like the new Sexual Education program, handling Cannabis and kids, Kindergarten entry for special needs students, etc.

8. Dates of next GB Meeting

The next GB meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 15th at 7pm.

9. Varia

9.1 School web site

The new EMSB web site was launched, which means that PET's new site will be launching soon, though no exact date is known.

9.2. Fundraising for Christmas trees

Sandra suggested that we send out the fundraising notice for the Christmas trees. Anna is taking this under consideration.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

Justin Turner
Governing Board Chair

Anna Sanalidro
Principal