

**Subject:** Minutes of Governing Board Meeting No. 1 for 2018-19 School Year

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**Location:** PET Staffroom                      **Date:** September 11, 2018

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**Present: Parents:** Marie-Hélène Bédard, Sandra Greco, Frederick Lalonde, Rino Mancini, Alex Nemeroff, Dino Santelli

**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), Angelo Loffredi (Community Representative), Agostino Cannavino (EMSB Commissioner)

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**Absent / Regrets:** Justin Turner (parent)

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**1. Call to Order**

Anna, acting as chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for Meeting No. 6 (May 30th) were motioned for approval by Jennifer, seconded by Rino, and all voted in favour.

The minutes for Meeting No. 7 (June 22nd) were motioned for approval by Joseph, seconded by Jennifer, and all voted in favour.

**4. Election of Executive**

The following executive was elected:

- 4.1 Chairperson: Justin Turner
- 4.2 Secretary: Alex Nemeroff
- 4.3 Treasurer: Dino Santelli
- 4.4 PPO Delegate: Dino Santelli

4.5 Confirmation of Delegate: Marie-Hélène Bedard, with Frederic Lalonde as alternate.

## **5. Question Period**

There were no questions.

## **6. Business Arising from the Last Meeting**

There was no business arising from last meeting.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Le Doral**

Anna raised a point for discussion about a clause in the school's contract with Le Doral, the company that supplies school lunches. Clause 3.8 stipulates that parents who purchase lunches through Le Doral will not be reimbursed the cost of lunch if there is an unexpected school closing, such as due to a snow storm. As such, Anna has held off on signing the new contract until the board approves such a stipulation. The clause was approved as is once it was noted that the lunches prepared on such days would be donated by Le Doral to a local food shelter. Motion to approve Patty, seconded by Dino. All voted in favour.

### **7.2 Halloween**

Anna raised the question of how to spend money typically used for purchasing treats for the students on Halloween. A discussion ensued about whether to purchase some Halloween-themed, non-food item (such as a pencil) in place of sugary treats. It was decided that this issue would be raised at the upcoming PPO meeting and discussed there.

### **7.3 Outings**

#### **7.3.1 Pre-K and Kindergarten trip to Mont Royal**

- Anita outlined plans for a trip on October 5th to Maison Smith at Mont Royal.
- 31 students in Pre-K
- 50 students in Kindergarten
- 20 parent volunteers
- Asking Governing Board to cover the cost of buses, about \$380. (~\$190 + tax per bus)

#### **7.3.2 Seeds swimming**

- Juliet outlined plans for the Seeds classes to attend swimming lessons on Fridays.
- 10 sessions.
- Activity and facility costs covered by the city.
- Asking GB to cover costs of taxis, about \$400.

#### 7.3.3 Soccer Play Day for Grades 5 and 6

- Patty outlined plans for a Soccer play day on September 26th.
- Asking GB for \$264, which covers STM buses (\$102 each, times two, and registration fee of \$60).

#### 7.3.4 Volleyball Play Day for Grades 5 and 6

- Patty outlined plans for a Volleyball play day on November 28th.
- Asking GB for \$332, which covers STM buses and registration fees.

#### 7.3.5 Halo Road Race for Grades 3-6

Patty raised this topic, but it was tabled until ancillary costs are better understood. As such it was not part of the subsequent vote and approval.

#### 7.3.6 Terry Fox Run

- Patty outlined a request to ask parents for \$1 contribution.

All outings were approved as such:

Motion to approve all by Dino, seconded by Anita. All voted in favour.

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 Commissioner's Report**

Tino reported the following:

- The recent class-action lawsuit has been settled. A firm has been assigned to assess the outcome. It looks like compensation to parents affected will be about \$28 per student.
- PET was selected for press at the beginning of the school year, which allowed for some good exposure in the media.
- The school board meeting happening tomorrow is effectively a continuation of the meeting held on August 29th, focused on the agenda for the year. He will report outcomes from this meeting at an upcoming Governing Board meeting.

## 8.2 Principal's Report

Anna reported the following:

- We've had a great start to the year; much has been done in a short period.
- Enrollment is up; currently at 330 students.
- There is a new gym floor.
- A number of rooms have been painted.
- The re-designed library will be ready in about two weeks.

## 8.3 Teacher's Report

Jennifer reported the following:

- Teachers are focused on teaching a "growth mindset"
- You can follow school news and happenings at @PET\_EMSB on Twitter.

## 8.4 PPO Report

There was no PPO Report since the first PPO meeting of the year is coming up next week.

## 8.5 Daycare/Lunch Report

Mara reported the following:

- There are 180 regular attendees in daycare, and about 25 sporadic attendees.
- On September 24th (a Ped day) the kids will visit the ostrich farm
- On October 1st, the kids will visit the "Magie de la pomme" orchard for apple picking. Cost would be \$15.50 per child.
  - Dino motioned to approve this, Patty seconded it. Approved by all.

## 9. Dates of next GB Meeting

The next GB meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4th at 7pm.

## 10. Varia

None.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

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Justin Turner  
Governing Board Chair

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Anna Sanalidro  
Principal