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9th March 2021

1. Welcome

1.1- Public Question Period

Were North Campus students evacuated because of the fire? No, but housed some of the displaced families in the gym.

1.2- Additions to the Agenda

1.3- Approval of the Agenda

Nicholas moved to approve and Deborah seconded. Approved.

1.4 Approval of the February and January Minutes

Re January minutes added Marco follow-up on posting agenda and minutes to website.

Removed ? from commissioner's report because no longer expecting written report.

5 Approved. 1 Abstained.

Re February minutes had to redo votes for 3.1 and 3.2

Re 3.1 Educational Project results. 5 Approved. 2 Abstained

Re 3.2 Budget MESURE still unclear whether voting on acknowledgement that the principal has informed us that the money has been received, or confirming that the money is in the account. We don't have enough information for the latter. Veronique will circulate by email and do the vote asynchronously.

After March 17th e-vote: 6 Approved. 1 Abstained

Re approval of February minutes, 7 approved.

2. Business arising from the minutes

3. Business requiring approval

3.1 Communication and principles

* agenda to be sent one week prior to the GB

* documents needing approval to be sent one week prior to the GB, and where not possible use electronic vote asynchronously with min 24hr to review.

* document votes – in favour – against – abstention

Had to clarify the votes in previous meeting, detailed in 1.4 above.

* questions asked need follow up and response

Discussion about how detailed to make the minutes. Secretary believes that it is important to provide the context for a decision in addition to the votes and to document any discussions that would inform subsequent meetings and GBs as membership changes.

Examples from other schools vary re level of detail, so it is for our GB to agree after review.



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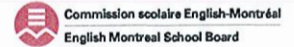
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3.2 Selection criteria for principals – see attached document

Document does not provide any criteria for review. GB wants to stress the desire for continuity of leadership at WPS.

4. Items requiring discussion

4.1 Renovation update and site visit

Attended by Sandra Poissant Project manager
Mario Cardin Director Material Resources
Pelagia Nickoletopoulos, Sector Director
Julian Feldman and 6 members of GB.

Can include pictures and GB have bigger say in next update to parents.
EMSB is approving communication and Marco will share draft with us.

New capacity of building is 1000, current registration is 430 so expected to facilitate whole school even if whole building is not ready.

Promised an update every two weeks to the principal to share with GB.

Asked for % completion – both on original schedule and actual completion.

Have not yet received update since the site visit, but Marco requested it.

Need to make final decision in May. The expected deadline is early June, so hopeful that even if there is delay into the summer the building could be ready for the next academic year.

4.2. Enrolment numbers

Is there a way we can put forward a campaign to attract new students?

Have created virtual tour on website. EMSB promotes all of its schools on regular basis.

Much of reduction in past year was international students who couldn't travel.

Dip the previous year was before Covid, more likely attributable to split. It will be difficult to contact former families, but can increase social media presence, promote new school when ready, do joint event or open house? Assume EMSB will do grand opening. Will ask communications department for banner or other promotional materials.

4.3 Discuss loss in learning due to the pandemic.

Discussion about Quebec program: depth and breadth of learning

After school homework and 20hrs/week tutoring to provide more support. Teachers recommend students who need tutoring; waiting list for others.

Also following online tutoring recommendations.

Students are expected to complete the progression of learning this year.



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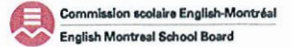
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5. Reports

5.1 Regional Parent Committee Report

No report b/c meeting later this week.

5.2 Teacher's Report

See attached pdf with pictures of Black History Month activities.

5.3 Daycare Report

- Emergency daycare north campus Mar.8-12.
- Income tax receipts issued on Mosaik Portal
- Daycare enrollment in both campuses has slightly gone up after March break. Respecting bubbles.
- Ped day March 19th-Sports Day/Wear your favorite Sports T-Shirt
- Ped Day March 26th- Educazoo will attending both campuses with different reptiles.

Students will be remaining in the gymnasium, in their respected bubbles(North Campus 10:00 am-11:00 am, South Campus 12:00 pm-1:00 pm)

5.4 PPO Report

none

5.5 Principal's Report

Principal and Vice-principal excused themselves for discussion of selection criteria for principals (item 3.2 above – it was discussed last)

6. Varia

7. Date of next meeting: 13th April 4pm.

Adjournment

V. Lescaut (GB Chair)

M. Gagliardi (Principal)