



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019

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MINUTES

PRESENT: PARENT MEMBERS: K. BODANIS, N. GHARIBIAN, J. STEIN-ELMAN, A. MONEREAU, D. STOLOW, E. RUBIN, R. LEASK, R. ORTIZ, J. ROSKIES;
TEACHER MEMBERS: L. PARTINGTON, A. TETREAU, A. DILLON, S. AMRO, J. BATEMAN, S. MACLEOD;
NON-TEACHING STAFF: S. GERMAIN, A. SUPINO;
STUDENT MEMBERS: J. ABRAMS, N. CAMELOT;
ADMINISTRATION: A. VAUDRY, C. TANNOUS, C. JUHASZ, S. MANSTAVICH

REGRETS: V. PRINCZ, C. NORTHEY, D. PIVETTA, J. LALLA

1. WELCOME BY PRINCIPAL

1.1. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED: A. DILLON

SECONDED: E. RUBIN

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ELECTION OF:

3.1. CHAIRPERSON

3.1.1. NOMINATIONS

J. STEIN-ELMAN: NOMINATES A. MONEREAU

A. DILLON: NOMINATES R. ORTIZ – DECLINED NOMINATION

A. MONEREAU IS CHAIRPERSON BY ACCLAMATION

3.1.2. SHORT PRESENTATION BY NOMINEE

3.2. VICE-CHAIR

3.2.1. NOMINATIONS

A. MONEREAU: NOMINATES J. STEIN-ELMAN

J. STEIN-ELMAN IS VICE-CHAIR BY ACCLAMATION

3.2.2. SHORT PRESENTATION BY NOMINEE

3.3. SECRETARY

3.3.1. NOMINATIONS

L. PARTINGTON NOMINATES HERSELF

L. PARTINGTON IS SECRETARY BY ACCLAMATION

3.3.2. SHORT PRESENTATION BY NOMINEE

3.4. TREASURER

3.4.1. NOMINATIONS

A. MONEREAU: NOMINATES E. RUBIN

E. RUBIN IS TREASURER BY ACCLAMATION

3.4.2. SHORT PRESENTATION BY NOMINEE

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MAY 30, 2019

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED

R. ORTIZ: MOVED
N. GHARIBIAN: SECONDED

12 ABSTENTIONS
7 APPROVED

MOTION CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
NONE

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM
DISTRIBUTED.

7. INTERNAL RULES OF OPERATION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTERNAL RULES OF OPERATION WITH THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE DATES.

MOVED: J. BATEMAN
SECONDED: S. MACLEOD

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

MOTION TO INVITE DR. MAHESH C. SHARMA AND ELISA B. BAYNES TO BE COMMUNITY REPS FOR THIS UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.

MOVED: S. MACLEOD
SECONDED: J. STEIN-ELMAN

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS 2019-2020

NOV. 25TH
JAN. 23RD
FEB. 24TH
MAR. 26TH
APRIL 27TH
MAY 28TH
JUN. 8TH

10. BUDGET UPDATE

SURPLUS ALLOCATION: \$15 000 FOR RWA.
THE ADMINISTRATION WILL KEEP THE GB UPDATED ON WHERE THIS MONEY WILL BE SPENT.
THE FOUR ADMINISTRATORS HAVE DIVVIED UP THE TASK OF MANAGING THE BUDGETS.

THE MUSIC GRANT WAS NOT DEPOSITED AT TIME OF PRINTING OF BUDGET REPORT, SO DOES NOT APPEAR IN BUDGET PRESENTED

11. REPORTS

11.1 PRINCIPAL

- Sept. 4 – Meet the Sec I teacher; went well, good attendance. Parents had opportunity to hear about curriculum & meet their child's Sec I HR teacher
- Sept. 13 – Welcome Back BBQ; great turnout & weather. Kids & staff had a blast. Thank you to SLA for hard work organizing
- Sept. 20-22 - senior level canoe camping trip to Algonquin Park
- Sept. 24 – Open House. We had positive feedback about the flow of "traffic".
- Sept. 26-27 – Sec I grade level trip; always great opportunity to build friendships over those 2 days
- Sept. 26 – Attestation day; official count is 903
- Oct. 5-6 – Qualifying exams: Approximately 500 students wrote the entrance exam. A little over 100 students applied but did not show up to write the exam. Some speculation as to whether students wrote on the same day in other (private) schools.
- Difficulty with teaching vacancies this year, particularly with French language courses (FLM, études sociales, et mathématiques), as there is currently a province-wide shortage of qualified teachers, not to mention those who are proficient in French. All vacancies are now filled. For the History and Math courses, teachers are offering remediation both after school and at lunch until students are caught up. With respect to the new French teacher, who started earlier this week, she will be accompanied by a full-time tutor (in the process of hiring) to ensure that students are caught up. Remediation will be organized shortly.
- New staff: Ms. Angela Vaudry (Interim Principal); Ms. Partington (Math); Ms. Bridgman-Ibrahim (replacing Ms. Allison Holloway on mat leave who is replacing Ms. Chawki on mat leave); Ms. Tsagaroulis (replacing Ms. Cukier, on leave of absence); Mr. Lambert-Kirouac (Math & Science; replacing Ms. Zuccaro on mat leave); Ms. Amro (ELA); Ms. Greco-Giaccio (Math); Mr. Guay (French, presently on leave of absence); Ms. Mannard (Art & Social Studies); Mr. Mouafo (replacing Mme. Ouellette, presently on leave of absence); Ms. Reddy (replacing Ms. Cayer, mat leave); M. Tetreault (PPO & Social Studies); Mr. Vamvakas (ERC & Computers); Mr. Van Alphen (Computers, ERC & Music); Ms. Todi (resource teacher); Mr. Pomenti (Histoire); Ms. Bensoussan (math); Ms. Antonaci-Gama (French); Ms. Pungartnik (addictions counsellor); Ms. Scanlan (school nurse); Mr. Kris Bennett (school board technician); Ms. Germain (Librarian, returning from mat leave); Mr. Lourie (night caretaker); Ms. Flynn (cafeteria); Ms. Skyers (secretarial post); Mr. Linton (Special Education technician).

11.2 PARENT DELEGATE

PRESENTED BY N. GHARIBIAN

- THE AGA MEETING OF THE PARENT COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON OCT. 17TH.
- CAROLINE PHANEUF WAS VOTED CHAIR AND JOSEPH BONDI, THE VICE-CHAIR.
- A. MONEREAU WILL BE THE OBSERVER FOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE
- THEY ARE 27 NEW MEMBERS ON THE PARENT COMMITTEE OUT OF A TOTAL OF 45

11.3 COMMISSIONER – NO REPORT

11.4 STUDENT LIFE ASSOCIATION

PRESENTED BY J. ABRAMS

- WELCOME BACK BBQ AND PEP RALLY WERE A SUCCESS.
- COMING UP: DANCE, HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES
- BIG SIBLING PROGRAM: 2ND YEAR, PROGRAM IS BEING EXPANDED. THE IDEA IS TO GET STUDENTS TO INTERACT WITH EACH OTHER.
GRADE 7 AND 8 STUDENTS FILLED OUT A FORM WITH THEIR INTERESTS AND THEY ARE PAIRED WITH GRADE 10-11 STUDENTS. AROUND 30 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED.

11.5 HOME & SCHOOL

PRESENTED BY S. MANSTAVICH

- LAST MEETING WAS ON OCT. 15TH
- NOV. 9TH AND 10TH: PAINTING WEEK – PARENT VOLUNTEERS WILL PAINT DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE SCHOOL. H+S TAKES CARE OF THE COSTS OF THE PAINT AND LUNCH. IN CONJUNCTION WITH ADMINISTRATION, THEY DECIDE WHICH AREAS NEED TO BE PAINTED. LAST YEAR, PARENTS PAINTED THE ENTIRE AUDITORIUM.
- PAPER COPIES OF THE PARENT INVOLVEMENT FORM WERE HANDED OUT IN HOMEROOM THIS YEAR BUT EVENTUALLY PAPERLESS IS THE GOAL.
- HOME AND SCHOOL RENOVATED OF THE SCHOOL STORE.

11.6 FOUNDATION

PRESENTED BY A. VAUDRY

- TWO MEETINGS SO FAR. EMSB HAS MADE A \$900 000 COMMITMENT TO REVAMP THE VENTILATION SYSTEM IN THE AUDITORIUM.
- THE FOUNDATION IS PLANNING AN EVENT ON NOV. 18TH.

12. TRIPS IN MONTREAL AND SURROUNDING AREA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GB GIVES PERMISSION TO THE PRINCIPAL TO APPROVE LOCAL FIELD TRIPS IN MONTREAL AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS. THIS INCLUDES CURRICULAR TRIPS, GMAA, NOTHING THAT REQUIRES AN OVERNIGHT STAY. THIS IS PROVIDED THAT PARENT / GUARDIAN CONSENT IS OBTAINED.

MOTION: N. GHARIBIAN

SECONDED: E. RUBIN

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SHORT NOTICED TRIPS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GB GIVES PERMISSION TO THE PRINCIPAL TO APPROVE ALL GMAA CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TRIPS OF A COMPETITIVE NATURE (I.E. DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS)

MOTION: K. BODANIS

SECONDED: A. DILLON

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. HOME & SCHOOL AND FOUNDATION MANDATES

GB GIVES A MANDATE TO HOME & SCHOOL TO OPERATE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 19-20

MOTION: A. SUPINO

SECONDED: S. MACLEOD

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB GIVES A MANDATE TO FOUNDATION TO OPERATE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 19-20

MOTION: J. STEIN-ELMAN

SECONDED: D. STOLOW

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. BARDOLATORS TRIP JUNE 2020 - TABLED BY A. VAUDRY

15. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

16. VARIA

NONE

17. QUESTION PERIOD
NONE

18. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:05PM

MOTION: S. MACLEOD
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



ANNE MONEREAU
CHAIRPERSON



ANGELA VAUDRY
PRINCIPAL

