



**Royal West Academy**  
**GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**  
 November 25<sup>th</sup> 2019  
**RWA Library**

MEMBERS PRESENT				
Antoine Tetreault (teacher)	Kenneth Bodanis (parent)	Norm Gharibian (parent)	Earl Rubin (parent)	Ryan Ortiz (parent)
Elysia Bryan-Banes (Community representative)	David Pivetta (student representative)	Vicky Princz (parent)	J. Roskies (parent)	S. Amro (teacher)
A. Monereau (parent)	Juliana Abrams (student representative)	D. Stolow (parent)	J. Lalla (commissioner)	J. Bateman (teacher)
Leigh Partington (teacher)	Anna Supino (support staff)	Charles Northey (teacher)	Dr. Mahesh C. Sharma (Community representative) *arrived at 7:50	

ALSO PRESENT					
Mitchell White (RWA Foundation president)	Angela Vaudry (principal)	Christy Tannous (vice-principal)	Steve Manstavich (vice-principal)	Andrea Dillon (interim vice-principal)	Kevin Adams (student observer)

REGRETS/ABSENT						
Sheila Macleod (teacher)	Jacqueline Elman-Stein (parent)	Rena Klisouris				

**1. Welcome**

Meeting called to order by **A. Monereau** at **7:04 PM**.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion of adoption of agenda.

Moved by **A. Tetreault**; Seconded by **C. Northey**  
Motion Carried unanimously

3. **Adoption of Minutes from the Meeting**

Motion to adopt minutes of October 24th meeting as presented.

Moved by **K. Bodanis**; Seconded by **J. Roskies**

Approved: 14

Abstentions: 2

Motion carried

4. **First Question Period**

No questions

5. **Foundation Report and Update**

Presented by Mitchell White, RWA Foundation President

- The foundation was created to complete 3 major renovations to Royal West Academy.
- It has completed the gym renovation through its fundraising activities and with help from the government. The second project was the library. The school with the collaboration of the Home and School Association have done that renovation. The auditorium renovation is the next project that the foundation would like to tackle. It is an enormous undertaking and the Foundation has been raising money for it for years. In the meantime, the chairs of the auditorium (300) have been replaced with temporary chairs that belong to the EMSB and shall be returned to the EMSB once the RWA chairs are purchased. It is important to note that these are not the chairs that parents are buying.

6. **Business Arising from Last Meeting**

**6.1 Conflict of interest form**

The members that have not yet submitted their form must do so by the end of this meeting.

**6.2 Internal rules of operation**

As per last meeting, a revised copy of the internal rules was sent by email to all members. And clarification on to when an email vote would be called.

7. **Reports**

**7.1 Principal's Report**

- **CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION:** As you may already be aware, Ms. Chantal Juhasz has been assigned to the role of principal of Edinburgh Elementary School. We are very pleased for her promotion and are confident that she will serve the school well. On a similar note, we are happy to inform you that Ms. Andrea Dillon, formerly a teacher on the RWA staff, will be replacing Ms. Juhasz role as vice-principal.



- **BARDOLATORS:** RWA's annual fall production from Bards took place during the last week of October. This year, students performed Shake Up, Shake Down, featuring a selection of scenes both comical and tragic from Twelfth Night, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, and MacBeth. Our Toonie performance took place after school on Oct. 28, while our evening shows took place on October 29-30, and November 1. All 4 performances were well attended and received.
- A big congratulation to all of our wonderful Bardolators for an amazing performance. As well, this production could not have taken place without the hard work of Mr. Douglas Floen, Ms. Gloria Koyounian, Ms. Sidney Westlake & Ms. Teresa Kaiser.
- **REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY:** On November 7th, our school demonstrated respect to those who have served our country in Remembrance Day ceremonies, led by our Vice-Principal Chantal Juhasz. Our guest speaker was our very own Behaviour technician Dwayne Linton, who made a powerful impression upon our students as we remembered those who fought for our freedom over the years.
- **VOLLEYBALL:** The RWA girls volleyball teams have had a successful season this fall, primarily because the girls take pride in their inclusion in the programme and thoroughly enjoy it, and also because the Juvenile and Bantam teams won the GMAA top division league silver medals and the Midget team, the gold. In addition the Midget boys' team took home the league silver medal. All the girls' teams continue play in the Lac St-Louis French schools league.
- **TERM 1 REPORT CARDS:** Report Cards were distributed on Wednesday, November 20, in Homeroom. Parent-Teacher Evening was last Thursday afternoon and evening. Parent teacher night was very well attended.

## 7.2 Parent Delegate Reports

### 7.2.1 Presentation on Bill 40 (N. Gharibian) \*presentation attached

### 7.2.2 Delegate report

- Our last meeting of the EMSBPC was November 7, 2019
- We discussed the Major School change consultation and formed a subcommittee to prepare and submit our brief
- We had a presentation from one of our members on the structural changes in Bill 40.
- Our next meeting is on December 5, 2019
- We will be meeting with Ms. Marlene Jennings, named Administrator under the EMSB's trusteeship. During the beginning of the meeting.
- Today was the deadline for submitting application to fill the vacancy left on the Council of Commissioners when Ms. Patricia Lattanzio was elected to the Federal Liberal Government.

- The EMSBPC will be reviewing the application and we will be submitting our recommendations to Ms. Jennings. She will be making the appointment in her role as the replacement of the council.

### **7.3 Commissioner's Report**

None

### **7.4 Student Life Association Report**

- The school dance was cancelled. They were 100 tickets short of their goal of 365 tickets.
- In December they are having a thrift day (clothing swap).
- J. Abrams participates in EMSAC (English Montreal Student Advisory Committee) which is an exchange between student leaders. They spoke of Bill 40 and agreed that there should be more student representation. She also mentioned that they wished to make the EMSB a more environmentally friendly place.

### **7.5 Home and School Report**

- There will be a painting session the weekend of the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Sexuality Education Program**

Tabled

### **8.2 Budget update**

A. Vaudry said 8000\$ had been allocated to the music department. The tutoring program has also received some money (used for French). There are two new budgets: one for field trips (art, leadership, etc) and one for ECAs. The latter can be used for non-consumables, ECA coordinator salary, etc.

### **8.3 Grilles Matières**

Tabled

### **8.4 Math Flow Chart 2020-2021**

Tabled

### **8.5 Criteria for Principal Selection**

The letter was discussed, and drafts will be forthcoming.

## **9. Correspondence**

None

## **10. Varia**

Jacqueline Elman-Stein has agreed to write the RWA blurb for governing board.



11. Question Period

None

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at **8:34 PM** by **J. Bateman**, seconded by **S. Amro**

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

  
Anne Monereau  
Chairperson

  
Angela Vaudry  
Interim Principal



