



Royal West Academy
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

January 9th 2020

RWA Library

MEMBERS PRESENT				
Antoine Tetreault (teacher)		Norm Gharibian (parent)	Earl Rubin (parent)	
Elysia Bryan-Banes	Sofia Del Raso (student representative)	Vicky Princz (parent)	J. Roskies (parent)	S. Amro (teacher)
A. Monereau (parent)	Jacqueline Seitz (student representative)	D. Stolow (parent)		J. Bateman (teacher)
Leigh Partington (teacher) *left at 9:23	Anna Supino (support staff)	Charles Northey (teacher)	Dr. Mahesh C. Sharma (Community representative)	Jacqueline Stein- Elman (parent) *left at 9:25
Stephanie Germain (Non Teaching Professional)	Richard Leask (substitute parent) *left at 8:02	Norm Gharibian *arrived 7:15 *left at 9:00		

ALSO PRESENT					
	Christy Tannous (vice-principal)	Steve Manstavich (vice-principal)	Candice Madden (interim vice- principal)		

REGRETS/ABSENT						
Sheila Macleod (teacher)	Angela Vaudry (principal)	Kenny Bodanis (parent)	Joseph Lalla (commissioner)	Ryan Ortiz (parent)	Rena Klisouris	

1. **Welcome**

Meeting called to order by A. Monereau at 7:05 PM.

A. Monereau welcomed Ms. Madden, our new interim vice-principal replacing Ms. Dillon.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Motion to adopt agenda as presented

Moved by J. Stein-Elman ; Seconded by V. Princz

In favor 18 against 0 abstention 0

Motion carried

3. **Adoption of Minutes from the Meeting of November 25th 2019**

Motion of adopt the minutes from the November 25th meeting as presented.

Moved by A. Tetreault ; Seconded by A. Dillon

In favor 12 against 0 abstentions 5

Motion carried

4. **Adoption of resolution (email vote) to change date of meeting**

Motion was to move the next gb meeting from January 23 to January 9

Moved by A. Monereau; seconded by J. Stein-Elman

In favour 11 Against 0 Abstain 0

Motion Carried

5. **First Question Period**

No questions

6. **Business arising from the last meeting**

6.1 **Sexuality Education program**

The new program was explained and the documentation to be sent out to parents was presented to the Board members.

Motion to send letter to parents as presented

Moved by E. Rubin; Seconded: R. Leask

17 in favor 0 against 1 abstention

Motion carried.

6.2 **Grilles matières/ subject selection dates**

The Grilles matieres must be approved every year. This year there are no changes from last year

Moved: D. Stolow ; Seconded J. Stein-Elman

Motion carried unanimously

6.3 **Math flow chart 2020-2021**

The flow chart grade cutoff is now "from" instead of "below and equal to". If a student gets below a certain grade (depending on the course level), they are streamed into the regular program. After much discussion, the Board requested that this item be tabled to have the time to review some aspect of the flow chart.

Moved by R. Leask; Seconded: J. Roskies

Motion carried unanimously

6.4 **Principal Selection Criteria**

Monereau asked if anyone had any suggestions or modifications.

The letter was edited and suggestions were made. A. Monereau will complete the edits and sign the letter.

Letter approved with modifications.

Moved by: Anna Supino

Seconded by: Jeff Bateman

Motion to send the letter with modifications discussed passed unanimously

7. **Reports**

7.1 **Principal's report**

- **CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION:** We welcome our new interim Vice-Principal, Candice Madden. Ms. Madden comes to us from the EMSB's Student Services Department, where she served as a consultant. Her appointment means that our former interim Vice-Principal, Andrea Dillon, will return to her teaching post within our school.
- **TYNDALE WEEK:** Fundraising profiting the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre took place from December 9-13. Our Penny Wars competition raised \$ 2,169.68 and our Homerooms raised \$ 3,254.60 (total of \$ 5,424.28). Thank you to our students and

staff who participated in this important event. A special shout out to Mr. Bateman for overseeing this event.

- **HOLIDAY CONCERT:** Our Holiday Concert took place on December 5th and was a huge success. Thank you to our music teachers, Ms. Purdy, Ms. MacLeod, and Mr. Van Alphen for your leadership role in providing an opportunity for our students to shine.
- **OUR SCHOOL SURVEY:** Our students completed the Our School survey on December 4, 5, and 6. Data collected from the survey is instrumental in determining goals and interventions impacting student success, as outlined in our Educational Project.
- **MUSICAL PRODUCTION:** Our students presented the Musical "Hello Dolly" under the leadership of Ms. Kuch, Ms. Westlake, and Mr. Floen on December 16 through December 19. The cast and crew did a phenomenal job and represented our school very well.
- **FRIENDLY BASKETBALL GAME:** On December 19, Mr. Aiken brought some grade 8 and 9 students to John Grant High School for a friendly game of basketball. Our students were then invited to join JG for their Holiday Luncheon. Thank you to Mr. Aiken for partnering with JG teacher Anthony Fowler in organizing the collegial event.
- **HOME & SCHOOL PAINTING:** We would like to acknowledge our parent volunteers who have generously spent a weekend giving some of our walls a much needed face lift:
 - 2 guidance counsellor room (with accent walls)
 - Classrooms 209 & 310
 - Work Desk in Room 307
 - 2 Doors in room 308
 - Touch Ups in the Auditorium
 - Blue door touch-ups throughout the schoolThank you to the parent volunteers, led by Paras Tamakuwala and Cesar Aguilera.

7.2 Parent delegate reports

Our last meeting of the EMSBPC was December 5, 2019

- Ms. Marlene Jennings introduced herself to the members around the table and expressed her wishes for collaboration and respect between herself and the parents committee to bring back confidence to the Board. She looks forward to working with the parents and will be at the next executive meeting to discuss items with them. The members also had the opportunity to ask Ms. Jennings questions.
- **New Commissioner:** as reported last meeting the position of commissioner was left vacant with the departure of Patricia Lattanzio to the federal liberal government. In December Mr. Mario Pietrangelo was appointed to fill that position.
- **MAJOR SCHOOL CHANGES:** Maria Corsi and Stephanie Passucci presented the members the format, ideas and context of the brief that is being written by the subcommittee on major school changes. The Members made recommendations and gave comments for revisions. The final version will be email for a vote to all members. Hearings were held on the 8th and 9th of January. The final decision will be made by Marlene Jennings on or about January 20, 2020.
- **Appointment of ACSES Parent Members:** As prescribed by the education act the EMSBPC appointed, on the recommendation of the ACSES committee, 2 new members to fill recently vacant positions
- **Status Report on Water - Nathalie Lacroix-Maillette** gave the members an update on the status of the testing for the lead in the water. The Board has received guidelines from the Ministry and the testing is scheduled for completion by June 2020. Posters have been distributed to all schools and have been posted at water fountains and sinks.

- Norm Gharibian presented a synopsis of the last parent conference. See presentation from Norm Gharibian. It was moved by Natalie Richmire, seconded by Antonio Zaruso and resolved to continue with the parent conference. Vote: 29-0-4 Motion Carried It was decided that the item would be discussed in January.
- Our next meeting is January 16th at The Laurence Patterson Room of The EMSB, 6000 Fielding Ave., Montreal

7.3 Student Life Association report

Currently selling tickets for Variety Show

Promoting Winter Carnival (590 students must be registered for outdoor activities)

7.4 Home and School report

The painting weekend occurred and they were less volunteers than usual. That being said rooms 310 and 209, both guidance offices were painted. There were also touch-ups throughout the school.

7.5 Foundation report

- Raffle held on November 18 raised \$ 2910
- Foundation may hold additional fundraiser: Pub Quiz Night - Tentatively booked 2 dates (Feb21, Apr17). Profits expected around 600\$
- Other Events
 - Music Concert January 14-16
 - Dessert Concert March 27
 - Free Dress Day/ Foundation Event (???) May 26 – collection in homeroom

8. New Business

8.1 Budget Update

- The changes are on the 2nd page (Fund 5). Account 13300 (music grant) came from the ministry. Monies are being returned to the parent fund so that the school can use the money from the ministry first.
- Account 24300 is for the support of FSL.
- Account 27311 (Sorties en milieu culturel) – we have not yet decided on what this will be spent on.
- Account 27312 (Activités Parascolaires) – This new budget was implemented to help with ECA costs due to changes in fees resulting from the class action lawsuit. Royal West continues to charge parents because of its mandate to provide ECAs as part of the education experience (Education Act, article 240 status). There are restrictions regarding what we can spend this money on.
- Account 73001 (Practicum) – this budget comes from student teacher monies received. It will be used to purchase two new laptops for student teachers.

8.2 Change of meeting date in April

April 27th was the original date it should be changed to April 15th so that it will give parents, students and teachers enough time to review the final exam schedule, keeping in mind that many exams are held in May.

Motion to move the meeting date from April 27 to April 15

Moved by J. Bateman; Seconded: J. Stein

16 in favor 1 against 0 abstain

Motion carried

8.3 Budget Building Priorities

It was proposed that #6 be removed, as the washrooms and auditorium are slated to be improved already.

It was suggested that we bump up the technology support assistant or request one. N. Gharibian said that the budget Building Priorities is meant to be a document where broader priorities are highlighted. If many schools say they need an IT tech on-site, then the school board will steer the budgets towards these new initiatives. Once A. Monereau receives the wording from C. Northey, she will send out the new Budget Building priorities document out for email vote.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Code of Conduct review

A parent has requested to present their case to the governing board regarding what the parent views as a misapplication of the code of conduct. The parent is requesting a review of the cell phone policy. A. Monereau distributed email correspondence between the parent and A. Monereau to all members of GB.

- Being that the code of conduct is written in collaboration with Staff Council.
- Being that the code of conduct is reviewed on a yearly basis.
- And to ensure that the code continues to reflect the practice at RWA and today's reality. This issue will be at the top of the agenda of our next meeting, members have the time to reflect upon the topic till then.

10. Varia

none

11. Question period

None

12. Adjournment at 9:40PM

Moved by: E. Rubin

Seconded by: A. Dillon

Respectfully submitted:


Anne Monereau
Chair


Angela Vaudry
Principal

