Royal West Academy

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

June 16th 2020

Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT				
A. Tetreault (teacher)	Jamie Roskies (parent)	Norm Gharibian (parent)	Earl Rubin (parent)	Kenny Bodanis (parent)
Sheila Macleod (teacher)	Rena Klisouris (support staff)	Vicky Princz (parent)	J. Bateman (teacher)	Andrea Dillon (teacher)
A. Monereau (parent)	Jacqueline Elman-Stein (parent)	David Stolow (parent)	Richard Leask (parent)	Anna Supino (support staff)
Leigh Partington (teacher)	Elysia Bryan-Banes (community)			

ALSO PRESENT			
Angela Vaudry (principal)	Christy Tannous (vice-principal)	Steve Manstavich (vice-principal)	

	REGRETS/ABSENT			
Charles Northey (teacher)	Dr. Mahesh C. Sharma (Community representative)	Joseph Lalla (commissioner)	Candice Madden (vice-principal)	Ryan Ortiz (parent)

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
   Motion of adoption of agenda
   Moved by N. Gharibian ; Seconded by J. Bateman
   Vote: Unanimous

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 28, 2020 MEETING**
   Motion of adoption of minutes
   Moved by A. Dillon; Seconded by K. Bodanis

Vote: Carried
Abstentions: 2

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

4.1 UPDATE ON SCHOOL MEASURES RE COVID-19

A. Vaudry mentioned that the last communication that was sent out is the information that we currently have. A. Vaudry said that she does not have any new information regarding the ministry's plan for September. The application of this plan by the EMSB is unknown at this time. The group discussed the ministry's announcement today.

4.2 CALENDAR 2020-2021 (ADDITION OF FEBRUARY 15, 2021 – NON-TEACHING DAY)

The modification is to adjust the cycle days to account for the addition of February 15th non-teaching day.

J. Bateman asked about the school trips that are still on the calendar and if we should remove them. A. Vaudry answered that they will remain in case next year's directives change.

Motion to approve the change to the calendar.
Moved by S. Macleod; Seconded by J. Bateman
Vote: Unanimous

4.3 OPEN HOUSE

A. Monereau asked if any plans were in place for a virtual Open House. There will be a feature video on the EMSB website. There will be 3 Q+As. There will also be an option for including a link to a video on our website.

A. Monereau suggested that if we are able to have an open house physically we should have a virtual one available as well.

4.4 AGA

Parents have been informed to keep an eye on the website for updates. The number of parent delegates is going to change in October and the EMSB hasn't given details on how this will work.

4.5 SLA ELECTIONS

S. Manstavich said that the new slate was elected two weeks ago. The presidents next year are Sofia Del Raso and Alyssa Mirarchi.

From the RWA website:
Winning Slate is ULTRA
Congratulations to Alyssa Mirarchi , Sofia Del Raso, Tani Bercuvitz and Marilena Sahlas-Roy

<u>Grade Representative Results</u>
Elected Grade 11 REP: Ella Barakett
Elected Grade 10 REP: Emily MacDonald

Elected Grade 9 REP: Sage Shrier
Elected Grade 8 REP: Alinna Diao

5. REPORTS

5.1 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **GRADUATE RECOGNITION EVENT**

A save the date was sent to parents of graduates (June 29). This event will not replace the graduation ceremony, as we are looking forward to holding our convocation in the Fall, if permitted (otherwise will delay to an alternate date in the new school year).

- **MOZAIK PORTAL**

We will not be able to distribute the final report cards as we normally do at the end of the school year. We are encouraging parents to register in the Mozaik Portal so that they may access the report cards online. This will greatly help to reduce our postage costs. Printed copies of report cards will be supplied to parents who do not have a Mozaik account.

- **MEES DIRECTIVES REGARDING EVALUATIONS**

An email was recently sent to parent informing them of recent directives:

SECONDARY 1, 2, and 3:

TERM 3 marks will be indicated as Pass/ Fail/ Not Evaluated. It will encompass any work done in class between February 7 and March 12 plus any observation of student competency from March 13th onward.

FINAL SUBJECT MARK will also be indicated as Pass/ Fail/ Not Evaluated. It will encompass marks from term 1 and 2, plus any assessment conducted in class between the end of term 2 and March 13, plus any observation of student competency from March 13th onward. NOTE: A student who was not successful in terms 1 and 2 in a particular subject can therefore be successful in that subject at the end of the year.

SECONDARY 4-5:

Term 1 is worth 40%; Term 2 is worth 60%

TERM 3 competency marks will be indicated as Pass/ Fail/ Not Evaluated. It will encompass any work done in class between February 7 and March 12 plus any observation of student competency from March 13th onward.

FINAL SUBJECT MARK will be indicated as a percentage mark. It will encompass marks from term 1 and 2, plus any assessment conducted in class between the end of term 2 and March 13, plus any observation of student competency from March 13th onward. NOTE: A student who was not successful in terms 1 and 2 in a particular subject can therefore be successful in that subject at the end of the year.

Relevé des apprentissages:

- For secondary 4 and 5 students, the school board will transmit final percentage results by competency to the Ministry.
- These percentage results will be converted to pass (réussite- REU) or fail (non réussite- NRE), and this is what will appear on the official transcript.
- The indication "Réussite du programme" (success in the program) on the transcript will signify that the student has obtained the credits as per the Basic School Regulation.
- The CEGEPs will receive the subject result shown as percentage marks.

A. Vaudry thanked C. Madden for her contribution to the administration team. She also thanked S. Manstavich for his time at RWA and wishes him the best during his

sabbatical year. J. Bateman echoed this sentiment. S. Manstavich said a few words about his time at RWA. The group applauded his service to RWA.

5.2 PARENT DELEGATE REPORTS

A. Monereau said a few words about N. Gharibian, who has served on GB for the last 5 years. She thanked N. Gharibian for his service. N. Gharibian said the experience has been eye-opening and challenging.

N. Gharibian talked about the recent parent meeting with the DG on June 4th. There were many unanswered questions due to the changing nature of the COVID situation. He recommended that parents keep an eye on the website.

5.3 STUDENT LIFE ASSOCIATION REPORT

No report.

5.4 HOME AND SCHOOL REPORT

S. Manstavich sent out an email to parents that the June uniform sale is canceled. There are plans to have a uniform sale in August.

5.5 FOUNDATION REPORT

The foundation has not met since February. No report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 SAFE SCHOOL ACTION PLAN 2020-2021

The administration is required to provide a Safe School Action plan every year. The adjustments that were made were highlighted for Governing Board. S. Manstavich also highlighted some of the changes to the board. The inclusion of discrimination is new to the document, as is Orange Shirt Day. The document also wishes to highlight the importance of Black History Month activities. The daily mindful moment was added.

J. Bateman asked about the school nurse and why this individual wasn't on the Safe Schools committee. S. Manstavich replied that the nurse wasn't typically included in the Safe Schools plan as it traditionally pertained mostly to bullying and violence.

Motion to approve the Safe Schools 2020-2021 document.

Moved by N. Gharibian; Seconded: D. Stolow

Vote: Unanimous

6.2 PARTIAL ANNUAL BUDGET 2020-2021

A. Vaudry spoke about the allocations. The first allocation is based on last year's attendance count in September. The second allocation is for caretaking (supplies, uniforms, snow removal). There is also a 5$ allocation per student for furniture. This amount rolls over every year and so many schools wait until a more significant amount accumulates. On page 5, the breakdown of the school fees is presented. The

numbers reflected for enrollment is based on what is in the system currently. There are some new upper graders but many refused acceptance due to the pandemic. A. Vaudry expects the number of students to increase once the school year starts. Motion to approve the partial budget.
Moved by A. Tetreault; Seconded: N. Gharibian
Vote: Carried
Absent for the vote: 1

6.3 GB End of Year Financial Report 2019-2020

No monies were spent. There is a rollover of $267.
Motion to approve the end of year financial report and to rollover the amount.
Moved by J. Bateman ; Seconded by A. Dillon
Abstention: 1
Vote: Carried

6.4 GB Annual Report 2019-2020

This is a draft version of the report. A. Vaudry asked everyone to check the attendance and to inform her if there is an error. There is also a list of every approved decision. The report is not complete yet as it is missing the Chairperson's report.

7. Correspondence

There are many questions from parents about the COVID situation. There are no other topics being discussed.

8. Varia

9. Adjournment

A. Monereau thanked everyone for their time and wished everyone a great summer. N. Gharibian also congratulated A. Vaudry for surviving a tough year.
Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM
Moved: D. Stolow
Seconded: E. Rubin
Vote: Unanimous