



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2020 (via MS Teams)

Members Present

Suzanne Amro (Teacher –Alt)	Siobhan Babkine (Parent substitute)	Jeffrey Bateman (Teacher)	Kenny Bodanis (Parent substitute)	Samira Chawki (Teacher)
Jason Chen (Teacher)	Jessica Houde-Woytiuk (Parent)	Rena Klisouris (Non-teaching professional)	Alyssa Mirarchi (Student)	Charles Northey (Teacher)
Marie-Claire O'Neil (Teacher)	George Pollack (Parent)	Tanya Radhakrishna (Parent)	Jaime Roskies (Parent)	Earl Rubin (Parent)
David Spinner (Parent)	Jacqueline Stein-Elman (Parent)	David Stolow (Parent)	Anna Supino (Non-teaching staff)	Andre Vamvakas (Teacher)

Regrets/Absences

Sophia Del Raso (Student)	Jaimie Dimopoulos (Non-teaching professional)	Stephanie Germain (Non-teaching professional)	Sheila Macleod (Teacher)
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Also Present

Angela Vaudry (Principal)	Michael Creamer (Vice-Principal)	Jody Cayer (Vice-Principal)
Joseph Lalla (Commissioner)		

Guests

Paul Robichaud (RWA parent)	Sandy Chalkoun (RWA parent)
Ella Barkett (Student)	

1.	Welcome
	Meeting called to order by A. Vaudry at 7:10 p.m.
1.1	Introduction of members GB members introduce themselves.

1.2	GB Role & Responsibilities GB Manual (September 2020 version) prepared by EMSB was uploaded to MS Teams.
2.	Reading and approval of the Agenda Additions to Agenda: Item 9.1 : Uniform Item 9.2 : ECA costs Motion to adopt Agenda with addition of items 9.1 and 9.2. Moved by J. Chen; Seconded by G. Pollack Vote: Carried Unanimously
3.	Elections
3.1	Chairperson Call for nominations for Chairperson. D. Stolow was nominated by J. Roskies and accepted the nomination. D. Stolow elected Chairperson by acclamation.
3.2	Vice-Chairperson Call for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. J. Stein-Elman nominated herself. J. Stein-Elman elected Vice-Chairperson by acclamation.
3.3	Secretary A. Vaudry recommended S. Chawki for the role of Secretary. No other nominations. S. Chawki elected Secretary by acclamation.
3.4	Treasurer Call for nominations for Treasurer. E. Rubin was nominated and accepted the nomination. E. Rubin elected Treasurer by acclamation.
4.	Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of June 16, 2020 Motion to approve Minutes of Meeting of June 16, 2020. Moved by K. Bodanis; Seconded by J. Roskies Vote: Carried Unanimously
5.	Business arising from the minutes
5.1	GB Annual Report 2019-2020 Anne Monereau (outgoing Chair) presented this at the AGA. Motion to approve the GB Annual Report 2019-2020. Moved by J. Stein-Elman; Seconded by D. Spinner Vote: Carried Unanimously
6.	New Business
6.1	Internal rules of operation 6.1.1 Substitution Motion to approve the internal rules of operation, subject to the correction of "Ten (8)" to "Ten (10)" in rules for quorum.

	Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by J. Chen Vote: Carried Unanimously
6.2	Air Purifier Implementation Project proposal Document re: project proposal available on MS Teams in advance of meeting. A. Vaudry indicated points from EMSB. Guests were involved in discussion and indicated approximate costs of \$2,000 to \$3,000 for initial study by Engineer of electrical needs. Discussion regarding possible funding sources and steps involved. After discussion, Motion proposed by G. Pollack to authorize a study into the feasibility and cost of the installation of an air filtration system in the classrooms on the condition that the required funding is authorized by Home and School (H&S)(or from other sources); Seconded by J. Roskies Vote: Carried Unanimously
6.3	ECA credits 2020-2021 Discussion re: Ministry of Education position concerning ECAs and what is permitted. Staff council has approved that ECAs for 2020-2021 school year will be optional, with no mandated credits. Motion to approve that ECAs for 2020-2021 school year will be optional Moved by J Bateman; Second by S. Amro Vote: Carried Unanimously
6.4	Dates and Times of Meetings 2020-2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 23, 2020 • January 25, 2021 • February 22, 2021 • March 22, 2021 • April 26, 2021 • May 17, 2021 • June 2021 (TBD) (all starting at 7:00 p.m.) Motion to approve the dates and times of GB meetings for 2020-2021 school year. Moved by J. Houde; Seconded by David Spinner Vote: Carried Unanimously
6.5	Home & School and Foundation Mandates A. Vaudry indicated that GB gives mandate to H&S and to Foundation to operate. Motion to confirm that GB gives mandate to H&S and to Foundation to operate. Moved by J. Houde; Seconded by J. Stein-Elman Vote: Carried Unanimously
6.6	Trips in Montreal and surrounding areas A. Vaudry indicates that although there are no plans to have field trips at this time given COVID-19, should RWA be permitted to do so, she requests approval from GB for her to approve, on behalf of GB, field trips in Montreal and surrounding area. Motion to grant RWA's Principal the authority to approve, on behalf of the GB, trips in Montreal and surrounding area. Moved by J. Stein-Elman; Seconded by E. Rubin

	Vote: Carried (1 Abstention)
6.7	Conflict of interest form A. Vaudry reminds GB Members to complete and submit the form "Declaration of a Potential Conflict of Interest for Governing Board Members" which is on MS Teams.
6.8	Budget update Budget update reviewed by A. Vaudry.
6.9	GB email A. Vaudry informs GB that an email that is central to GB has been created: rwagb@emsb.qc.ca
6.10	Progress Reports A. Vaudry discussed new MEES directives which have changed the reporting structure for schools. The first report card will be issued no later than January 22, 2021 and the final report card will be issued no later than July 10, 2021. A progress report is mandated no later than November 20, 2020.
6.11	Community Representatives After discussion, Dr. Mahesh Sharma & Ms. Elysia Bryan Baynes will be asked by A. Vaudry, on behalf of GB, to join GB as Community Representatives.

7.	Reports
7.1	Principal A. Vaudry reviews attached report provided in advance of meeting on MS Teams.
7.2	Teachers/ Staff No report given.
7.3	Student Life Association SLA is working on coordinating activities that respect COVID-19 guidelines.
7.4	Parent Delegate to EMSBPC No report given.
7.5	Commissioner Report J. Lalla advises that EMSB is under trusteeship until November 6, 2020. At that time, new Council will be sworn in.
7.6	Home & School See attached report provided in advance of meeting on MS Teams.
7.7	Foundation See attached report provided in advance of meeting on MS Teams.

8.	Correspondence
	None

9.	Varia
9.1	Uniform

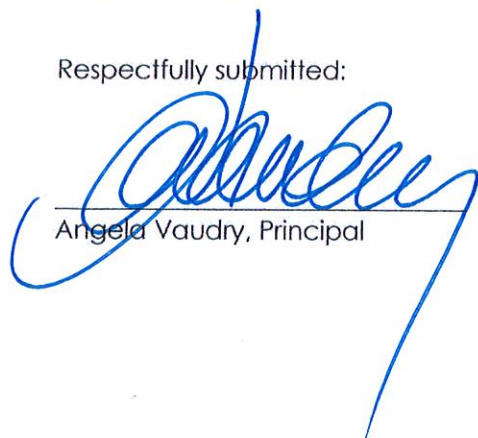
	School council has approved a change in uniform policy in connection with COVID-19 due to windows being kept open and the weather getting cooler.
	Motion to approve a change in uniform policy to allow students to wear RWA or ECA sweatshirts and/or RWA or ECA jogging pants. Moved by J. Houde; Seconded by J. Stein-Elman Vote: Carried Unanimously
9.2	ECA fees Discussion regarding charging ECA fees given that ECAs will be optional in 2020-2021.

10.	Question period
	Lockers: A. Vaudry responds to question and advises that RWA will coordinate locker use in the next few weeks in connection with outdoor wear. Lockers will be shared between two students in each-bubble so that a distance of 2 meters between bubbles can be respected.

11.	Date of next meeting
	November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via MS Teams.

12.	Adjournment
	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Moved by E. Rubin; Seconded by J. Stein-Elman Vote: Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted:



Angela Vaudry, Principal



David Stolow, Chairperson