



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2021
(via MS Teams)

Members Present

David Stolow (Parent)	Jacqueline Stein-Elman (Parent)	Jessica Houde-Woyfiuk (Parent)	Sandy Chalkoun (Parent)	David Spinner (Parent)
Alison Crump (Parent)	Tanya Radhakrishna (Parent)	Kenny Bodanis (Parent Substitute)	Jaime Roskies (Parent Substitute)	Marie-Claire O'Neil (Teacher)
Jeff Bateman (Teacher)	Leigh Partington (Teacher)	Sheila Macleod (Teacher)	Suzanne Amro (Teacher)	Charles Northey (Teacher)
Antoine Tétrault (Teacher Alternate)	Chad DuMond (Professional Non-teaching staff)	Dwayne Linton (Support Staff)	Emily MacDonald (Student)	Tani Bercuvitz (Student)

Regrets/Absences

Earl Rubin (Parent)	Joseph Lalla (Commissioner)	/
Ginette Purdy (Teacher Alternate)	Michal Wineberg (Professional Non-teaching Staff)	Jenna Mlynaryk (Professional Non-teaching Staff)

Also Present

Angela Vaudry (Principal)	Steven Manstavich (Vice-Principal)	Catherine Lumsden (Vice-Principal)
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Guests

Abby Shyavitz (RWA parent)	Michel de Martigny (RWA Parent)	Kimberley Peppe (RWA parent)
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1.	Welcome
	Meeting called to order by A. Vaudry at 7:01 p.m.

1.1	information	Introduction of members GB members introduce themselves.
1.2	information	GB Role & Responsibilities GB Manual (September 2020 version) prepared by EMSB was uploaded to MS Teams. A. Vaudry presents information regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Governing Board.

2.		Reading and approval of the Agenda Additions to Agenda: Item 5.2: Uniforms Item 9.2: Parent consultation Motion to adopt Agenda with addition of items 5.2 and 9.2 Moved by S. Chalkoun; Seconded by J. Houde-Woytiuk Vote: Carried by majority (15-0-3)
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3.		Elections
3.1	approval	Chairperson Call for nominations for Chairperson. D. Stolow nominated by K. Bodanis and volunteered for the position. D. Stolow elected Chairperson by acclamation.
3.2	approval	Vice-Chairperson Call for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. J. Stein-Elman and D. Spinner volunteered for the role of Vice-Chairperson. J. Stein-Elman elected Vice-Chairperson by majority vote (6-3-9).
3.3	approval	Secretary Call for nominations for Secretary. A. Crump volunteered for the role of Secretary. A. Crump elected Secretary by acclamation.
3.4	approval	Treasurer Call for nominations for Treasurer. T. Radhakrishna volunteered for the role of Treasurer. T. Radhakrishna elected Treasurer by acclamation.

4.		Adoption of Minutes of Meeting of June 14, 2021
	approval	Motion to approve the Minutes of Meeting of June 14, 2021 Moved by J. Houde-Woytiuk; Seconded by J. Stein-Elman Vote: Carried Unanimously

5.		Business arising from the minutes
5.1	Approval	Email vote: GB Annual Report 2020-2021 D. Stolow informs members of the results of the email vote to approve the GB Annual Report 2020-2021. The GB Annual Report 2020-2021 was approved by majority (13-0-6).
5.2	information	Uniform A. Vaudry indicates that this issue, which had been raised during the June 14, 2021 GB Meeting, was being looked into by legal

	counsel at the EMSB and she would report back when she had more information.
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6.		New Business
6.1	Approval	<p>Internal rules of operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Chalkoun raises several comments/questions, including whether 3 GB members can call a special meeting of the GB. S. Chalkoun indicates that she will look into this further for determination as to whether she wants to address it at a subsequent meeting. • J. Houde-Woytiuk raises question as to whether an oral report can be provided, if necessary, instead of a written report. This is followed by discussion. D. Stelow explains preference for written reports in advance of meeting for efficiency purposes. • J. Houde-Woytiuk raises the question about the 10-minute question period for the public. A. Vaudry clarifies this is as per the GB manual and indicates that it typically comes at the end of the meeting. <p>Motion to approve the Internal rules of operation, subject to the correction of "Ten" to "Eleven" in the second line of section 4, entitled "Quorum" Moved by K. Bodanis; Seconded by D. Spinner Vote: Carried by majority (17-1-0)</p>
6.2	Approval	<p>Dates and Times and Formats of Meeting</p> <p>Discussion about location of meetings and possibility of in-person meetings if all members of GB voluntarily disclose double vaccination status and all members are adequately protected. Discussion about issues surrounding parental participation if meetings held in person.</p> <p>Motion for meetings to be held via Teams regardless of potential disclosure by GB members of vaccination status. Moved by K. Bodanis; Seconded by S. Chalkoun Vote: Carried by majority (12-6-0)</p> <p>Dates and times of Meetings 2021-2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 22, 2021 • January 17, 2022 • February 22, 2022 • April 4, 2022 • May 2, 2022 • June 2022 (TBD) <p>(all starting at 7:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Motion to approve the dates and times of the GB meetings for 2021-2022 Moved by S. Chalkoun; Seconded by K. Bodanis Vote: Carried unanimously</p>

6.3	approval	<p>Home & School and Foundation Mandates A. Vaudry indicates that GB gives mandate to Home & School (H&S) and to Foundation to operate. Motion to confirm that GB gives mandate to H&S and to Foundation to operate. Moved by S. Macleod; Seconded by J. Bateman Vote: Carried by majority (16-1-1)</p>
6.4	approval	<p>Trips in Montreal and surrounding areas Discussions about imposing a cap of \$40 per student, per trip, above which approval must be obtained from the GB.</p> <p>Motion to approve trips in Montreal and surrounding areas subject to a cap of \$40 per student, per trip above which GB approval must be obtained. Moved by K. Bodanis; Seconded by J. Houde-Woytiuk Vote: Motion defeated (6-10-2)</p> <p>Motion to approve trips in Montreal and surrounding areas Moved by K. Bodanis; Seconded by A. Crump Vote: Carried by majority (15-1-2)</p>
6.5	information	<p>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" to her. The form is on MS Teams.</p>
6.6	information	<p>Budget update A. Vaudry reviews Budget update.</p>
6.7	information	<p>GB email A. Vaudry informs GB that an email that is central to GB has been created (rwagb@emsb.qc.ca) and that while all members will receive these emails, the Chairperson is the official spokesperson of the GB and should be the only person responding to any emails received.</p>
6.8	discussion	<p>Community Representatives After discussion, Dr. Mahesh Sharma and Ms. Elysia Bryan Baynes will be asked by A. Vaudry, on behalf of the GB, to join the GB as Community Representatives.</p>

7.		<p>Reports D. Stolor explains last year's practice, which worked very well, of having written reports provided in advance of the meeting for efficiency purposes. Members can ask questions about a report at the meeting. Written reports re: items 7.1 and 7.6 were provided in advance of the meeting on Teams. No reports were provided re: items 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and 7.7.</p>
7.1	information	Principal
7.2	information	Teachers / Staff
7.3	information	Student Life Association
7.4	information	Parent Delegate to EMSBPC

7.5	information	Commissioner Report
7.6	information	Home & School
7.7	Information	Foundation

8.	Correspondence
	None

9.	Varia	
9.1	discussion	Asbestos/renovations request for written documentation, reports and/or updates. Questions from S. Chalkoun re: status of asbestos-related work. A. Vaudry explains that the area in question was not accessible to students or staff and that all work in this regard has been completed.
9.2	discussion	Parent consultation Questions from S. Chalkoun and discussion about parental consultation re: GB issues, and mechanics of how ECAs are organized. Following discussion, S. Chalkoun indicates that she will look into the issue of ECAs and decide if she would like this issue to be discussed at a subsequent GB meeting.

10.	Question period for the Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions from RWA parent, A. Shyavitz, regarding approach to staffing ECAs and lack of coaches for girls' basketball teams. Discussion on this issue by A. Vaudry, including that this is not an issue within the jurisdiction of the GB and that it cannot be imposed on teachers to volunteer for ECAs. Questions from A. Shyavitz regarding when Agenda for meetings and minutes of meetings will be available. • A. Vaudry and D. Stolow explain that Agenda will be available on school website one week prior to the meeting and that the minutes will be available on the website several days after they have been approved by the GB at the next GB meeting.

11.	Date of next meeting
	November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via MS Teams.

12.	Adjournment
	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Moved by J. Bateman; Seconded by J. Stein-Elman Vote: Carried Unanimously

Respectfully submitted:


Angela Vaudry, Principal


David Stolow, Chairperson