



MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022, 7:00PM
(via MS Teams)

Members Present

David Stolor (Parent)	Jessica Houde- Woytiuk (Parent)	David Spinner (Parent)	Jaime Roskies (Parent)	Alison Crump (Parent)
Tanya Radhakrishna (Parent)	Earl Rubin (Parent)	Jacqueline Stein-Elman (Parent)	Marie-Claire O'Neil (Teacher)	Jeff Bateman (Teacher)
Leigh Partington (Teacher)	Charles Northey (Teacher)	Michal Wineberg (Professional Non-teaching Staff)	Suzanne Amro (Teacher)	Sheila MacLeod (Teacher)
Emilie Bolen MacDonald (Student)	Tani Bercuvitz (Student)	Dwayne Linton (Support Staff)	Elysia Bryan Baynes (Community Representative)	

Regrets/Absences

Kenny Bodanis (Parent Substitute)	Antoine Tétreault (Teacher Alternate)	Ginette Purdy (Teacher Alternate)	Chad Dumond (Professional Non-teaching staff)	Jenna Mlynaryk (Professional Non- teaching Staff)
Joseph Lalla (Commissioner)	Mahesh Sharma (Community Representative)			

Also Present

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

Michael Roger (RWA parent)	Michel LeMoine de Martigny (RWA parent)
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1.		Welcome
		Meeting called to order by D. Stolow at 7:01 p.m.

2.		Reading and Approval of the Agenda
		E. Rubin asks to add item 8.1 to address Ministry's decision re: mask wearing Motion to adopt the Agenda subject to the addition of item 8.1 Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by J. Houde-Woytiuk Vote: Carried unanimously

3.		Adoption of the minutes
3.1	approval	Meeting of January 17, 2022 Motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2022 Moved by E. Rubin; Seconded by T. Radhakrishna Vote: Carried unanimously

4.		Business arising from the minutes
4.1	approval	Budget Building Consultation A. Vaudry presents the reference documents related to the budget building consultation. She draws attention to a proposed change to allocations based on enrolment as of Sept. 30, 2021 (attestation day). Central Management Advisory Committee - Resource Allocation Committee (CMAC-RAC) are proposing weighted average which takes into account student codes, rather than calculating allocations on unique counts. With the weighted average, RWA would be entitled to fill a 0.75 guidance counsellor position. A. Vaudry suggests maintaining the 4 objectives already listed on page 1 of 2, Appendix B, and adding three guiding principles (i, v, and vii from Appendix B, page 2 of 2). On page 1 of 2, A. Vaudry recommends adding "addictions counsellors." D. Spinner asks if CEGEP stagiaires could support in the guidance department. A. Vaudry responds that this could be a discussion to pursue.

		<p>E. Rubin asks how long it might take to address the guidance counsellor deficit. A. Vaudry responds that this budget consultation process is in reference to the next academic year.</p> <p>Motion to approve the budget building process document subject to the addition of "addictions counsellors" to Appendix B, page 1 of 2, and principles i, v, and vii to Appendix B page 2 of 2. Moved by J. Stein-Elman; Seconded by T. Radhakrishna Vote: Carried unanimously.</p>
4.2	information	<p>Uniform Prices</p> <p>A. Vaudry provides an update regarding uniform prices. At the request of Home & School, there will be a restructuring of the uniform pricing to list to include both a base price and a suggested price. Parents can decide if they want to voluntarily pay the suggested price and the difference will be a donation to H&S.</p> <p>H&S will put this in place in 2022-23 and are working on a detailed proposal. They will describe how funds raised are re-invested in the school so that parents can see how their donation will contribute to the school and that they will receive a tax receipt.</p> <p>The school administration is looking into how to track the donations paid by parents during the bigger uniform sales so that tax receipts can be provided. Non-required uniform items (e.g., hoodies) will continue to be sold without a suggested price.</p> <p>S. Manstavich adds that H&S provides most of the bursaries that are given out at convocation to deserving students. With information, parents will see the benefit of their donations.</p>

5.		New business
5.1	approval	<p>Collecte Info – Mesures protégées</p> <p>A. Vaudry explains that the Ministry requires that the school reports on certain initiatives, or specific allocations. The one we are being asked to approve has to do with the <i>Mesures Protégées</i>, some of which are Board-wide allocations and some that are specific to RWA.</p> <p>This includes the "<i>Aide alimentaire</i>" fund, which is used for the campaign against poverty. The Ministry calculates an amount that is allocated to each school. At the start of each year, students are invited to take part in the program. This fund is not fully used at RWA and the school has been donating a large portion of that fund every year to some of the needier schools in the Board.</p> <p>The <i>Mesures Protégées</i> also includes funding from the Ministry for a tutoring program to support students with pandemic-related delays.</p>

		<p>The ECA budget allows the school to hire people to support the ECA program.</p> <p>There is a Library budget, and about \$10-12,000 spent on books every year for the school Library.</p> <p>The cultural outings fund was hard to spend last year, due to pandemic restrictions, but it is expected to be spent this year.</p> <p>J. Houde-Woytiuk asked if it is possible to choose which schools the food funds would be sent to. A. Vaudry responds that she can recommend schools.</p> <p>Motion to approve transmitting the report to the EMSB Moved by E. Rubin; Seconded by J. Stein-Elman Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.2	approval	<p>Local exam days (June 7, 8, 9)</p> <p>A. Vaudry explains the request to add 3 additional local exam days in order to spread out exams, so students don't have 2 exams every day at the end of the year. This would mean losing 3 teaching days.</p> <p>Motion to approve the addition of 3 local exam days on June 7, 8 and 9, 20220 Moved by E. Rubin; Seconded by C. Northey Vote: Motion approved by majority (17-1-0)</p>
5.3	approval	<p>Request for Funds (\$11,000)</p> <p>A. Vaudry is requesting authorization from the GB to use \$11,000 from Fund 3 (parents' budget) to purchase four additional Mac computers to complete the set for the sound engineering class.</p> <p>Motion to approve the request for \$11,000 for the purchase of 4 Macs from Fund 3 Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by T. Radhakrishna Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.4	information	<p>Budget Update</p> <p>T. Radhakrishna asks about roll over from this year (Fund 3) to next and whether there is a risk of losing it. A. Vaudry explains that there is no risk as this is the parent funds and belongs to the school.</p> <p>T. Radhakrishna asks if there are some projects that the funds could be used for. A. Vaudry would need to discuss with the teachers about uses for this (e.g., creative classrooms).</p> <p>J. Houde asks if a committee with parents, students, and teachers might be struck to brainstorm. A. Vaudry says this could be considered.</p>

6.		Reports
		Written reports re: items 6.1, 6.6, and 6.7 were provided in advance of the meeting on Teams.
6.1	information	Principal
6.2	information	Teachers/Staff Nothing formal to report.
6.3	information	Student Life Association Report will be posted on Teams.
6.4	information	Parent Delegate to EMSBPC Many of the topics in the report were discussed at the GB meeting. The report will be sent and posted on Teams. Other points that were brought up: 1. Parental concerns over the first report card was sent in late January. 2. Education Minister has changed the student ombudsman procedure – every school board has 1 student ombudsperson. New bill provides 1 ombudsperson per region, so English education sector is concerned about representation through this change. 3. Schoolyard beautification grant (\$25k grants); J. Houde-Woytiuk asks if the front grounds at RWA have been re-done. J. Houde-Woytiuk asks if A. Vaudry would be interested in partnering with another school. A. Vaudry says yes, a principal could contact her. M-C O'Neil adds that the front field was done about 10 years ago. A. Vaudry clarifies that dates for report cards are set by the Ministry.
6.5	information	Commissioner No report.
6.6	Information	Home & School
6.7	Information	Foundation

7.		Correspondence
		One email was sent by a parent to the RWA GB email regarding uniforms in connection with COVID. A. Vaudry responds that this was a complaint that was handled by the school administration and is not a GB matter.

8.		Varia
8.1		Minister's mandate to remove masks after March Break E. Rubin offers to answer questions about the latest news from the Ministry regarding masks after March Break and presents his opinion on this issue. A. Vaudry has not received any directives yet from the Ministry.

	<p>J. Stein-Elman asks if there will there be a vaccine clinic at the school for booster shots. A. Vaudry responds that it is a Public Health mandate and not something the school can request.</p> <p>T. Radhakrishna asks about how cases are being reported. A. Vaudry explains that there is Board website with data for each grade level.</p>
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9.	<p>Question Period for the Public</p> <p>Michel LeMoine de Martigny raises two topics (the Ed Tech program and school safety in connection with school incident that occurred in the West Island). A. Vaudry points out that both are topics that do not fall within the jurisdiction of the GB and should be raised with the school administration.</p> <p>D. Stolow indicates that he agrees with A. Vaudry that these are not issues with respect to which the GB has jurisdiction and reiterates that if parents have GB-related issues, they should be address them to the Chair.</p>
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10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: April 4, 2022</p>
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11.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by C. Northey Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
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Respectfully submitted:



Angela Vaudry, Principal



David Stolow, Chairperson