



**ROYAL WEST ACADEMY
GOVERNING BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
May 17, 2022, 7:00PM
(via MS Teams)**

Members Present

David Stolow (Parent)	David Spinner (Parent)	Jaime Roskies (Parent)	Alison Crump (Parent)	Tanya Radhakrishna (Parent)
Jessica Houde-Woytiuk (Parent)	Suzanne Amro (Teacher)	Joseph Lalla (Commissioner)	Jeff Bateman (Teacher)	Sheila Macleod (Teacher)
Ginette Purdy (Teacher Alternate)	Antoine Tétreault (Teacher Alternate)	Jenna Mlynaryk (Professional Non-teaching Staff)	Emily MacDonald (Student)	Tani Bercuvitz (Student)
Elysia Bryan Baynes (Community Representative)				

Regrets/Absences

Jacqueline Stein-Elman (Parent)	Charles Northey (Teacher)	Kenny Bodanis (Parent Substitute)	Earl Rubin (Parent)	Mahesh Sharma (Community Representative)
Leigh Partington (Teacher)	Dwayne Linton (Support Staff)	Michal Wineberg (Professional Non-teaching Staff)	Chad Dumond (Professional Non-teaching staff)	Marie-Claire O'Neil (Teacher)

Also Present

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

Renee Figlarz (RWA parent)	Ian Swain (RWA parent)	Caroline Dick (RWA parent)
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1.	Welcome
	Meeting called to order by D. Stolow at 7:02 p.m.

2.	Reading and Approval of the Agenda	
		<p>Motion to adopt the Agenda</p> <p>Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by T. Radhakrishna Vote: Carried unanimously</p>

3.	Adoption of the minutes	
3.1	approval	<p>Meeting of April 4, 2022</p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022 Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by A. Crump Vote: 11-0-3 (3 abstentions were those not present at April 4th meeting)</p>

4.	Business arising from the minutes	
4.1		No business arising from the minutes.

5.	New business	
5.1	approval	<p>Code of Conduct 2022-2023</p> <p>A. Vaudry provides an overview of edits to the Code of Conduct for 2022-23. Science Fair is being removed from the Code and will be treated as an ECA. Updates have been made to use more inclusive language, such as they/ them pronouns. As Home and School will no longer be selling uniforms, these references will be removed. The change of uniform sales will be discussed further in item 6.6.</p> <p>There were some comments from GB members, both in terms of minor grammatical edits, which were made during the meeting, and more generally about the use of gender inclusive language throughout the document. After some discussion, it was suggested that in the first instance, the document use he/ she/ they, and thereafter, they/ them or the student be used. There was also a suggestion to review the document for consistent use of parent and guardians, also to be more inclusive. All proposed changes were discussed and unanimously accepted. S. Amro offered to assist in making these changes.</p> <p>Some regret was expressed in terms of moving Science Fair to an ECA rather than a requirement for all students.</p> <p>There was a question about the process for enforcing school uniform regulations. A. Vaudry explains that this is not a GB matter, rather it is an Administration issue and that such cases are handled on a case-by-case basis.</p>

		<p>Motion to adopt the Code of Conduct 2022-2023 subject to: changes made during the meeting; the changes discussed throughout the document to consistently use gender inclusive language - he/she/they in the first instance and the student or they/ them; ensuring that document refers to parent and guardian, rather than just parent; clarifying that ear piercings are acceptable; and removing references to uniforms being sold by Home and School.</p> <p>Moved by J. H Houde-Woytiuk; Seconded by T. Radhakrishna Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.2	approval	<p>Calendar 2022-2023</p> <p>A. Vaudry presents the calendar and highlights changes from previous year. The calendar includes, for planning purposes, the trips that are usually held, but these trips are still subject to approval. The calendar reflects the return to 3 terms next year. Mid-year exams will be in December instead of January, as determined by the EMSB. March Break will be March 6-10, 2023. Change of name to May 5 from Cinco de Mayo to Hispanic Cultural Day.</p> <p>Motion to approve the calendar for 2022-23 Moved by S. Macleod; Seconded by T. Radhakrishna Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.3	information	<p>Budget Update</p> <p>A. Vaudry provides an update on the budget and indicates that they are on target for most budgets, but well under for ECA budgets.</p>

6.		Reports
		Written reports re: items 6.1, 6.3, 6.6, and 6.7 were provided in advance of the meeting on Teams.
6.1	information	<p>Principal</p> <p>A. Vaudry speaks to the change to the removal of the <i>français languge maternelle</i> (FLM), a course code that has been available only in the EMSB. The FLM code is being removed, so it will not be able to be offered. This will be replaced by <i>français enrichi</i>, a government course code, which will ensure the high level of French for RWA's students.</p>
6.2	information	<p>Teachers/Staff</p> <p>No report.</p>
6.3	information	Student Life Association
6.4	information	<p>Parent Delegate to EMSBPC</p> <p>A motion was passed by this committee to develop a Board level guideline to ensure the safety and respect students and staff through disciplinary processes.</p>
6.5	information	<p>Commissioner</p> <p>In-person commissioner meetings have resumed, and Mr. Lalla has resumed attending in-person Governing Board meetings at other</p>

		schools within the EMSB. Mr. Lalla also commented on the healthy number of RWA community members who attended the Bill 96 protest march on May 14, 2022.
6.6	Information	Home & School There was some discussion about the Home and School (H&S) report. A. Vaudry explains that selling uniforms without any profit that is donated to the school is outside the mandate of H&S as the Home and School mandate is to do fundraising. A. Vaudry is looking into options for a supplier for uniform sales. H&S still has an inventory they are working on depleting, and the June 2022 uniform sale is happening as planned. A question was asked about whether the school might be able to run a used uniform sale at the school.
6.7	Information	Foundation

7.	Correspondence
	No correspondence was received.

8.	Varia
	No items under this heading.

9.	Question Period for the Public
	A question was asked by RWA parent, I. Swain, who is also a member of the Foundation, about the budget, in particular a note in the February 2022 GB minutes about potential funds available (Fund 3) and the possibility of striking a committee to discuss ways to use the funds for classroom improvements. A. Vaudry explains that she has met with a teacher to discuss different possible uses of the funds. No further steps have been taken at this point. J. Houde-Woytiuk suggests that parents and students be on the committee when it is formed. D. Spinner offers to share his experience and insights from his experience at Dawson.

10.	Date of Next Meeting: TBD
	There will be a final GB meeting in June on a date to be determined.

11.	Adjournment
	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Moved by D. Spinner; Seconded by T. Radhakrishna Vote: Carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted:


Angela Vaudry, Principal


David Stolow, Chairperson