

ROYAL WEST ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING January 16, 2023, 7:00 PM RWA Library

Members Present

David Stolow (Parent)	Jaime Roskies (Parent)	Jacqueline Stein-Elman (Parent)	Earl Rubin (Parent)	Jessica Houde- Woytiuk (Parent
Alison Crump (Parent)	Renée Figlarz (Parent)	Tanya D'Alessandro (Parent)	Filomena Corrado (Parent Substitute)	Suzanne Amro (Teacher)
Jeff Bateman (Teacher)	Sheila Macleod (Teacher)	Jason Chen (Teacher)	Charles Northey (Teacher)	Michal Wineberg (Professional Non-teaching Staff)
Saige Shrier (Student)	Zedekai Stiell- Mackenzie (Student; replacing Marilena Sahlas-Roy)	Dr. Mahesh Sharma (Community Representative)		

Regrets/Absences

Catherine	Joseph Lalla	Stephanie	Leigh	Stella Wen
Lumsden	(Commissioner)	Germain	Partington	(Parent
(Vice-		(Professional Non-	(Teacher)	Alternate)
Principal)		teaching Staff)		
Patrick Stewart-	Ginette Purdy	Elysia Bryan-	Marilena	Chad
Reid	(Teacher	Banes	Sahlas-Roy	Dumond
(Teacher	Alternate)	(Community	(Student)	(Professional
Alternate)		Representative)		Non-
				teaching
				Staff)
Sadia Di Pietro				
(Non-teaching				
staff)				

Also Present

Tony Pita	Steven Manstavich	
(Principal)	(Vice-Principal)	

<u>Guests</u>

No guests attended the meeting.

1.	Welcome
	Meeting called to order by D. Stolow at 7:01 p.m.

2.	Reading and Approval of the Agenda
	Motion to adopt the Agenda.
	Moved by J. Chen; Seconded by T. D'Alessandro
	Vote: Carried unanimously

3.	Adoption of the minutes of the Meeting of November 24, 2022
	Motion to approve the minutes of November 24, 2022. Moved by J. Stein-Elman; Seconded by C. Northey Vote: Carried unanimously

4.		Business arising from the minutes
4.1	information	Special Vote re: Trips
		D. Stolow provides an update regarding the email vote that was sent to GB members in December. The motion carried and was approved. Mr. Pita was informed on Dec. 13, 2022.
		Mr. Pita speaks about the Honour Band trip to Toronto (April 21-23, 2023), which was approved by the GB. Parents and the school are faced with high costs for the trip (\$922.72). The Honour Band Parents Committee has raised money and Mr. Pita asks the GB for a motion to approve using the funds raised (\$6000) to subsidize the costs after the trip has taken place, in the amount of funds raised before the trip (to be paid out to parents), which would reduce the cost by approximately \$300-\$400 per student.
		C. Northey asks whether this is a model that could be used for other trips. Mr. Pita has asked the EMSB.
		Motion to approve that students who attend the Honours Band trip in April 2023 at the cost of \$922.72 will receive as a subsidy, after the trip, an amount of \$6000 from previous years' fundraising and other funds that are raised prior to the trip. Moved by: S. Macleod; Seconded by J. Houde-Woytiuk Vote: Carried unanimously

5.		New business
5.1	approval	Mr. Manstavich presents this item. The Plan requires approval from the GB and then will be posted on the school website. Motion to approve the Safe School Action Plan 2022-2023. Moved by C. Northey; Seconded by E. Rubin Vote: Carried unanimously
5.2	Information	Mr. Pita provides an update and explains that spending is on track. He explains why the building fund (used for repairs and snow removal, for example) is slightly lower than anticipated at this time of year. There were unexpected repairs in the soccer field, and the school is not receiving a subsidy from the Town of Montreal West because the City has not been running any programs and using the field. There is a roll-over from last year, so this fund will be topped off. Mr. Pita also explains that the cost of snow removal was higher than what the school was given for this contract and there is a new requirement that the snow removal contract include a salting service, increasing the costs.

6.		Reports
6.1	information	Principal Report sent by email prior to the meeting. Mr. Pita adds good news that RWA received a very generous donation from an alumnus who created a scholarship in the name of her mother in the amount of \$5,000 per year to support a student in financial need and to use towards Cégep fees.
6.2	information	Teachers/Staff
		C. Northey reports that exams in December went smoothly, and many teachers are getting ready for upcoming trips in February. Music concerts are coming up in January (Winter Concert and Variety Show). The musical was a success and very well-attended. J. Bateman adds that \$9,647.13 was raised by SLA for Tyndale and congratulates SLA for their efforts.
6.3	information	Student Life Association
		S. Shrier reports that Tyndale was a big hit, and it is good to see school spirit. SLA is helping with the Variety Show.

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