



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MARCH 27, 2023, 7:00PM**  
**RWA Library**

**Members Present**

David Stolow (Parent)	Jacqueline Stein-Elman (Parent)	Earl Rubin (Parent)	Jessica Houde-Woytiuk (Parent)	Tanya d' Alessandro (Parent)
Jaime Roskies (Parent)	Renée Figlarz (Parent)	Alison Crump (Parent)	Stella Wen (Parent Substitute)	Filomena Corrado (Parent Substitute)
Jeff Bateman (Teacher)	Henry Chen (Teacher)	Charles Northey (Teacher)	Sheila Macleod (Teacher)	Suzanne Amro (Teacher)
Chad Dumond (Non-teaching Professional)	Elysia Bryan-Banes (Community Representative)	Saige Shrier (Student)	Marilena Sahlas-Roy (Student)	

**Regrets/Absences**

Joseph Lalla (Commissioner)	Mahesh Sharma (Community Representative)	Sadia Di Pietro (Non-teaching staff)	Stephanie Germain (Non-teaching Professional)	Michal Wineberg (Non-teaching Professional)
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**Also Present**

Tony Pita (Principal)	Catherine Lumsden (Vice-Principal)	Steven Manstavich (Vice-Principal)
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**Guests**

Michel LeMoine de Martigny

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Meeting called to order by D. Stolow at 7:03 p.m.

<b>2.</b>	<b>Reading and Approval of the Agenda</b>
	Motion to adopt the Agenda with the addition of item 5.7. Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by J. Stein-Elman Vote: Carried unanimously

<b>3.</b>		<b>Adoption of the minutes</b>
<b>3.1</b>	approval	Meeting of February 23, 2023  Motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2023. Moved by E. Rubin; Seconded by F. Corrado Vote: Carried unanimously

<b>4.</b>		<b>Business arising from the minutes</b>
<b>4.1</b>		No business arising from the minutes.

<b>5.</b>		<b>New business</b>
<b>5.1</b>	Information	<b>Budget Update</b>  T. Pita provides an update on the budget. Everything is on track in terms of expenses.
<b>5.2</b>	Approval	<b>Academic and Career Guidance Content Motion</b>  Ms. Lumsden presents this item. New academic and career guidance content will be integrated in existing courses, rather than by creating new courses.  C. Lumsden reads the motion:  “WHEREAS The Minister has established academic and career guidance content without creating a new subject, in accordance with his power to prescribe content in the broad areas of learning (Education Act, s. 461). School staff members are entrusted with teaching this content. The conditions and procedures for integrating the ACGC into the school’s educational services are developed in collaboration with teachers and proposed by the Principal to the Governing Board for approval (Education Act, ss. 85 and 89).  WHEREAS the topics Preparation for post-secondary transition and Personal perceptions and the reality of the world of work will be covered in the Secondary 5 Financial Education course.”  Motion to approve the Academic and Career Guidance Content 2022-2023 Academic and Career Guidance Content Curriculum Plan. Moved by S. Macleod; Seconded by M. Sahlas-Roy Vote: Carried unanimously
<b>5.3</b>	Approval	<b>Governing Board Funds</b>  T. Pita explains that Fund 3 has \$517, which combines a roll over from last year and the \$250 allocated for the current year.

		<p>Motion to spend \$500 on five \$100 scholarships from the Governing Board funds on scholarships at graduation awarded to students who merit recognition as determined by the Administration and who are not recipients of other bursaries or scholarships.  Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by J. Houde-Woytiuk  Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.4	Approval	<p><b>Code of Conduct 2023-2024</b></p> <p>T. Pita presents changes made to the Code of Conduct 2023-2024. Some minor updates are suggested by GB members which are followed by some discussion, particularly on the dress code section, which has the most changes. These changes include: adding Top Marks as the supplier; removing specification about knee-high socks for students who wear the kilt; removing the footwear supplier and specifying that shoes must be all black, closed toe and heels, and non-marking; and removing references to conservative hair colour and style.</p> <p>Some of these changes were raised at Staff Council by SLA.</p> <p>S. Wen asks to revisit the recommended 1-2.5 hours of homework stated as a guideline in the Code of Conduct. After some discussion the following motion is presented.</p> <p>Motion to ask Staff Council to review the Homework policy section in the Code of Conduct to include the exact wording from the EMSB homework policy with respect the Principal and Teachers and Parents responsibilities.  Moved by S. Wen; Seconded by J. Houde-Woytiuk  Vote: 0-16-0. Motion does not pass.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Code of Conduct 2023-2024 with the changes discussed and presented by T. Pita.  Moved by J. Roskies; Seconded by A. Crump  Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.5	Approval	<p><b>EMSB Leadership Development Camp</b></p> <p>S. Manstavich presents the EMSB Leadership Development Camp, which will take place at Camp Papillon, April 26-28, 2023 for Sec 1, 2, 4, and 5 students.</p> <p>Motion to approve the EMSB Leadership Development Camp.  Moved by J. Houde-Woytiuk; Seconded by J. Bateman  Vote: Carried unanimously</p> <p>D. Stolow asks for a motion to continue the meeting past 8:30 p.m.  Moved by J. Houde-Woytiuk; Seconded by F. Corrado  Vote: carried unanimously</p>

5.6	Approval	<p><b>Bike Trip Proposal</b></p> <p>S. Manstavich presents the Bike Trip Proposal, May 20-21, 2023 for Sec 2-5 students.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Bike Trip.  Moved by S. Macleod; Seconded by A. Crump  Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.7	Approval	<p><b>Final Exam Schedule</b></p> <p>S. Manstavich presents the Final Exam Schedule that was approved by Staff Council today (March 27, 2023). The last day of class according to the EMSB is Friday, June 9, 2023. Administration is requesting 3 extra exam days to help spread the exams, and have the last day of class on Tuesday, June 6, with the blackout week starting May 31.</p> <p>Motion to approve the final exam schedule with 3 additional days.  Moved by J. Stein-Elman; Seconded by M. Sahlas-Roy  Vote: Carried unanimously</p>

<b>6.</b>		<b>Reports</b>
6.1	information	<p><b>Principal</b></p> <p>Report sent by email prior to the meeting. T. Pita adds that there was a webinar with Dr. Tamara Soles. Permission was granted to share material with all parents and staff. He also provides an update on plans to paint the stairwells. He congratulates the student leadership for the two sold out dance shows last Friday.</p>
6.2	information	<p><b>Teachers/Staff</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
6.3	information	<p><b>Student Life Association</b></p> <p>Thrift day is this Thursday. This is a fundraising event. They are discussing the idea of pet therapy.</p>
6.4	information	<p><b>Parent Delegate to EMSBPC</b></p> <p>Report sent by email prior to the meeting.</p>
6.5	information	<p><b>Commissioner</b></p> <p>No report.</p>
6.6	Information	<p><b>Home &amp; School</b></p> <p>After 3 ½ years, there was a painting weekend, with parents who volunteer to paint (306, 307, Art Room) they want to paint the West Wing hallway walls. There will be another session at the end of May.</p>
6.7	Information	<p><b>Foundation</b></p> <p>Report sent by email prior to the meeting.</p>
6.8	Information	<p><b>PPO</b></p> <p>Reported on the seminar with Dr. Tamara Soles. She referred PPO members to a school experience survey (Stanford survey of school experience). T. Pita looked into the use of surveys that hold data</p>

	outside Quebec with the EMSB and there is a law that data cannot be stored outside Quebec.
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<b>7.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>
	<p>An email was received on March 15, 2023 from A. MacLean regarding grade-level trips and opportunities at the school for students who do not attend the trips. While the content of the email is not a GB matter, T. Pita responds that this is an important question and a valid point for reflection. Due to ratios required for trips for chaperones, large trips can leave students who do not attend without some of their teachers. Trips require a lot of human resources and weighing of options.</p> <p>S. Macleod mentions that she takes some students in her classes during trips to spend the day with them.</p> <p>D. Stolow indicates that he will respond to A. MacLean's email.</p>

<b>8.</b>	<b>Question Period for the Public</b>
	No questions.

<b>9.</b>	<b>Varia</b>
	None.

<b>10.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> April 27, 2023
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<b>11.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.  Moved by J. Stein-Elman; Seconded by J. Bateman  Vote: Carried unanimously</p>

Respectfully submitted:

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Tony Pita, Principal

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David Stolow, Chairperson