



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MAY 15, 2023, 7:00PM**  
**RWA Library**

**Members Present**

David Stolow (Parent)	Jacqueline Stein-Elman (Parent)	Earl Rubin (Parent)	Alison Crump (Parent)	Tanya d' Alessandro (Parent)
Jaime Roskies (Parent)	Renée Figlarz (Parent)	Filomena Corrado (Parent Substitute)	Suzanne Amro (Teacher)	Sheila Macleod (Teacher)
Jeff Bateman (Teacher)	Jason Chen (Teacher)	Charles Northey (Teacher)	Mahesh Sharma (Community Representative)	Elysia Bryan-Banes (Community Representative)
Saige Shrier (Student)	Michal Wineberg (Non-teaching Professional)			

**Regrets/Absences**

Joseph Lalla (Commissioner)	Marilena Sahlas-Roy (Student)	Jessica Houde-Woytiuk (Parent)	Sadia Di Pietro (Non-teaching staff)	Stella Wen (Parent Substitute)
Stephanie Germain (Non-teaching Professional)	Chad Dumond (Non-teaching Professional)			

**Also Present**

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

No guests joined the meeting.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	Meeting called to order by D. Stolow at 7:02 p.m.

<b>2.</b>		<b>Reading and Approval of the Agenda</b>
		Motion to adopt the Agenda. Moved by J. Stein-Elman; Seconded by T. d'Alessandro Vote: Carried unanimously

<b>3.</b>		<b>Adoption of the minutes</b>
<b>3.1</b>	approval	Meeting of March 27, 2023  Motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 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>	approval	<b>Student Fees 2023-2024</b>  Mr. Pita explains that RWA calculates school fees by course. There was no increase in fees for photocopies, but there was an increase for workbooks. There will not be a printed calendar next year, so there is no charge for the calendar. Ms. Lumsden notes that the student agenda includes a calendar. The most up-to-date school calendar will be on the Google calendar on the school's website.  There are various optional fees, mostly for Music, which vary depending on the instrument (e.g., mouthpieces, reeds), and for the yearbook.  Mr. Pita explains that there is a charge for locks for Grade 7 students only as students will keep their lock to reuse for subsequent years.  Motion to approve the Student Fees 2023-2024. Moved by J. Chen; Seconded by E. Rubin Vote: Carried unanimously
<b>5.2</b>	Approval	<b>School Calendar 2023-2024</b>  Mr. Pita talks through the school calendar for 2023-2024 month by month, indicating Ped Days, dress-down days, spirit days, exam days, parent-teacher evenings, March Break dates, and the tentative graduation ceremony date.  Mr. Pita explains that spirit days are days when students can wear their ECA tops with the rest of their regular uniform. This is new for next year.

		<p>Regarding January exams, the EMSB has chosen to divide exams over Friday and Monday to reduce pressure on students with a weekend to study. Adding January 24, 2024 as an RWA exam day ensures an appropriate spread over the January exam period.</p> <p>Mr. Pita notes that the graduation date is still tentative as it depends on venue availability. There is some discussion of potential venues that would be the right size.</p> <p>Motion to approve the School Calendar 2023-2024.  Moved by C. Northey; Seconded by T. d'Alessandro  Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
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<b>6.</b>		<b>Reports</b>
<b>6.1</b>	information	<b>Principal</b> Report sent by email prior to the meeting.
<b>6.2</b>	information	<b>Teachers/Staff</b> C. Northey discussed ChatGPT, which is raising concerns in terms of academic integrity.
<b>6.3</b>	information	<b>Student Life Association</b> S. Shrier reports on the recent SLA elections. This week is spirit week.
<b>6.4</b>	information	<b>Parent Delegate to EMSBPC</b> No report.
<b>6.5</b>	information	<b>Commissioner</b> No report.
<b>6.6</b>	Information	<b>Home &amp; School</b> S. Manstavich reports on the final meeting of the year, which took place last week. They discussed the upcoming convocation. He notes that Home and School is looking to fill some roles next year (e.g., treasurer). Mr. Pita adds that a \$5,000 grant was received from the Ministry for an entrepreneurship program.
<b>6.7</b>	Information	<b>Foundation</b> Report sent by email prior to the meeting. The Foundation and Mr. Lalla approached the Director General of the EMSB to request support for the active learning classroom project.
<b>6.8</b>	Information	<b>PPO</b> No report

<b>7.</b>		<b>Correspondence</b>
		<p>D. Stolow explained that he replied to the email from Ms. MacLean following the last GB meeting. She was appreciative of the consideration of her question regarding activities at the school for students who are not participating in school trips. Mr. Pita reports that the school has since tried to connect students who are not attending trips with teachers who are staying school during the Washington trip.</p> <p>A new email was received since the last GB meeting. Ms. Gravel's email was on the subject of land acknowledgements. D. Stolow</p>

	explains that this is an example of an important subject, though not one that falls under the purview of the GB. Mr. Pita indicates that RWA has implemented the land acknowledgement on the website, the Code of Conduct, and in the Daily Bulletin using the wording of the official EMSB statement. This is often also read at the beginning of large assemblies.
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<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>
	June 19, 2023.

<b>11.</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>
	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Moved by J. Stein-Elman; Seconded by J. Bateman Vote: Carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

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Tony Pita, Principal

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David Stolow, Chairperson