



DANTE SCHOOL

MINUTES

Governing Board Meeting # 5

DATE: Tuesday, March 23, 2021

TIME: 6:30PM

PLACE: Via Zoom

PRESENT: Alexandra Melnyk, Josie Nardelli, Chantal Dussault, Walter Cigana, Elaine Frenette, Cindy Knafo, Joseph Varga, Andy Lee, Antonio Zaruso, Angela Vella, Pina Ippolito, Elijah Mackongo

REGRETS: Angela Crispino, Angie D’Aiuto

GUEST: Caleigh Saucier, Mario Pietrangelo

PRINCIPAL: Giuseppe Schembri

1. Opening & Welcome

- The Chair, Alexandra Melnyk, welcomed all the members back.
- Andy Lee will take the minutes for the meeting.
- The meeting started at 6:35PM.

2. Additions and Approval of Agenda

- Add point 5.4 Dress Down Day for Grad.
- Add point 5.5 Grad T-Shirt/Hoodies
- Add point 7.2 East End Marketing

Chantal Dussault moved to adopt the agenda; Josie Nardelli seconded; the amended agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes, January 19 Meeting

- No changes to the agenda

Elaine Frenette moved to adopt the minutes; Cindy Knafo seconded; the minutes was approved unanimously.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Awning Day Care Door

- Principal Schembri emailed the Governing Board members the quote/info.
- 32' (\$1960) or 50' (\$2345)

- There will be no post and it will not be retractable.
- Vote for approval for \$3000 for awning.
- Motion was denied.

4.2 Lunch Supervision refund from Board

- \$18,000 should be paid by school board.
- Where is the extra \$5000 from? Principal Schembri will check for next meeting.

4.3 School Website

- The school board is revamping the website.
- Principal Schembri will choose a style.
- Logo/Crest – Keep the old one or make a new one?
- Principal Schembri will have 2 or 3 options for the Governing Board to decide on.
- Cindy Knafo motioned for a refresh of the logo/crest; Antonio Zaruso seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

5. New Business

5.1. Uniform Supplier renewal

- Moxo is our current uniform supplier.
- All issues with the supplier have been fixed.
- They are local and not moving.
- There will be a \$1 increase.
- 5% given back to the school.
- They are cheaper than Triangulum.
- The quality is good.
- They are accommodating.
- Will it be a 1 year or 2 years contract?
- There will be no discount.
- Possible to lock in the price? (Maybe a small increase of \$0.75)
- Tabled for next meeting.

5.2. Email Feb. 17 Approval Healthy Breakfast March 23, \$2,000 Fund 3

- Chantal Dussault moved to approve; Cindy Knafo seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

5.3. Email Approval Budget February 15, Minister of Education Funds

- \$17,439 deposited.
- Pina Ippolito moved to approve; Josie Nardelli seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

5.4. Dress Down Day for Grad.

- Date will be emailed. Either April 16 or 23.
- \$750 from Fund 3 plus the money from the dress down.
- Josie Nardelli approve the motion; Angela Vella seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

5.5. Grad T-Shirt/Hoodies

- Info was sent too early.
- All students' and teachers' signatures are on the back.
- Angela Vella approved the motion; Josie Nardelli seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Information and Reports

6.1. Principal

- Fund 3 - \$44,000
- COVID
 - Small outbreak.
 - Principal Schembri will continue with the communications.
 - There are rumors regarding Dante.
 - We have faith in our administrators.
- Smearing has been taken care of.
- It was half-truths.

6.2. Teachers

- Josie Nardelli
 - Book Fair - $\$340 + \$33 = \$373$ in credits
- Chantal Dussault
 - Yearbook is coming soon.
 - Grad pictures on April 6.
 - Graduation will be the same as last year.
 - Held outside
 - Receive diploma and gift
 - There will be no dance.
 - Will be held on June 22 or 23.
 - There will be a Facebook Live of graduation.
- Elaine Frenette
 - She would like to thank Principal Schembri and Pina Ippolito.

6.3. Daycare Technician

- Not present.

6.4. PC Delegate

- EMSB PC
 - All Grade 6 classes will receive 2 books
- EPCA
 - Better Learning
 - Virtual Parent Conference – April 18

6.5. PPO Delegate

- Nothing to report.

7. Varia

7.1. Fundraisers

- Options from Moxo and Big Box.
- Do we need fundraisers?
- Pizza Day still to be determined.
- Ice Cream
 - April 23 – 380 ice cream and 20 sorbets
 - Cost - \$1.60 each + \$10 delivery + tax
 - Staff Council approved.
 - Josie Nardelli approve the motion; Antonio Zaruso seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

7.2. East End Marketing

- East end schools have low enrollment.
- Need ways to market schools.
- Sub-committee of Joseph Varga, Cindy Knafo and Alexandra Melnyk.
- Includes all EMSB schools east of St. Michel.
- Alexandra Melnyk states that there are no ads from EMSB.
- What are the demographics?
- What about the grandfather clause?

7.3. Masks

- There are many discarded masks outside on the floor.
- Angela Vella informed the Board of her knowledge of companies that have mask-recycling programs which provide drop-off bins and pick-up. The Board seemed pleased with the idea given its Brundtland status. Angela will contact Principal Schembri with the names of companies that provide this service.

8. Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next GB meeting will take place on April 26, 2021. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Josie Nardelli; Cindy Knafo seconded; approved unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:33PM.

Mr. Giuseppe Schembri,
Principal

Alexandra Melnyk,
Chairperson