



**East Hill School**

**Minutes of Governing Board Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Location:** Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Present:**

<b>GB Parent Members</b>	<b>School Staff Members</b>	<b>Administration</b>
Marco Alessandrini	Catherine Laberge	Liboria Amato
Adrienne Taylor	Nadine Randoll	Cynthia Canale
Joseph Paglia	Laura Teoli	
Ivana Iulianella	Connie Parry	
Melissa Sanzari	Nadia Barrafato	
Annelisa Rende	Chloe Laliberté-Demarbre	
Nara Fachinello	Rocco Simone	

**Former Commissioner:**

Guiseppe Ortona

**Commissioner:**

Pietro Mercuri

**Regrets:** Jack Algieri

## **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Chairperson, Mr. Marco Alessandrini, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

**MOTION:** To adopt the agenda for November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Motion:** Annelisa Rende

**Second:** Melissa Sanzari

**VOTE:** 13-0-0

**MOTION PASSED**

## **2. Approval of minutes of October meeting**

Correction:

5.3 Change STEM to STEAM and to update Mme. Lusignan to Mrs. Amato

5.5 DAYCARE – Change to ‘children making lanyards. Also update ‘EMSB will not allowed new students who are not already registered in daycare (sporadic students will not be accepted)’

Change ‘Annalisa Rende’ to ‘Annelisa Rende’

11 – Update next meeting date to November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** To accept all changes made to the minutes of October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion:** Annelisa Rende

**Second:** Nadine Randoll

**Vote:** 13-0-0

**MOTION PASSED**

## **3. Business Arising from the minutes**

Nothing to report

## **4. Reports**

### **4.1 Chairperson**

Nothing to report

### **4.2 Regional Delegate**

Mrs. Annelisa Rende was present for the EMSB Parent Committee votes. She was also voted as the EMSB delegate to the transportation committee.

### **4.3 Principal**

Mrs. Amato proposed to install a tempo in the kindergarten yard. Due to Covid-19, parents cannot enter the building during pickup, so they have nowhere to wait for their children when raining, snowing etc. The tempo would be L-shaped and would cover a part of the kindergarten yard. There

would be a path towards both entrances (where parents pick up their children during pickup in the park and towards the main entrance of the school) Abri-Mondiale quoted East Hill for \$7000 for the tarp. East Hill has \$16000 in fund 3 which would be used to pay for the rental. Governing Board parent members suggested other uses for the Fund 3 budget, such as potentially using the money to pay the Hop Hop application subscriptions for the families registered in daycare (\$25/family per year) It was also suggested to revisit the dismissal routine.

The Minister of Education has announced that there will be 3 more ped days added to the school calendar. There needs to be 1 ped day added per month as of October 29<sup>th</sup> and there will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> to determine which days.

The Parent-Teacher interviews will be held virtually the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. As of term 2, Microsoft Teams will be available to book appointments, but for now there will online appointment bookings only. m 2 will be when Teams will be available.

The balls were brought back to the students to play with during recesses. Removing the balls was a teachable moment for students.

The digital plan will be available on November 6<sup>th</sup>. There are still glitches in the planning and execution process. In the meantime, the rollout will be delayed but everyone is working on fixing them. Virtual assemblies also have glitches, so the team is also working on making sure that the virtual tools work correctly.

#### **4.4 Teacher**

The negotiations with government are not going well regarding the collective Convention (condition de travail due à la covid-19 -- nurses, hospital, fonction publique) The government wants to raise the maximum students per class as well as eliminate resource teachers. Parents and Governing Board members support needed by writing to the government, commissioners etc.

#### **4.5 Daycare**

Nothing to add

#### **4.6 Commissioner**

Mr. Ortona – Chairman elect. Last meeting as commissioner. Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first day of mandate.

Mr. Mercuri – New commissioner and will be sworn in on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Update on Bill 21 court proceedings. As of Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, witnesses were being questioned. The trial will last for 5 weeks. Because of the ban of religious symbols, teachers have had to find employment in private schools. Experts have brought up the impacts that Bill 21 will have not only on teachers, but the students of religious minorities. Section 23 grounds – Supreme Court case that stipulates that linguistic minority educational institutions are allowed to control and recruit their own staff. The government can impose certain standards but setting religious symbols as a requirement for employment if unreasonable and infringes on the rights of school boards. There is a long battle ahead and it will be a few months before a written judgement. If need be, the case will be brought to a Court of Appeal and then the Supreme Court.

#### **4.7 Home & School**

No one is present from the Home & School.

#### **4.8 Treasurer**

\$250 was carried forward from last year but only \$97 is available. Possible error and needs to be looked over.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1 GB Internal rules 2020-2021 (tabled from October meeting)**

Added: AGENDA and documents need to be sent ahead of time.

**MOTION:** For the last point in Section 3 to be removed. "Use of electronic devices is permitted only for taking notes at governing board meetings and not for personal use."

**Motion:** Joseph Paglia

**Second:** Annelisa Rende

**VOTE:** 10-4-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve and adopt the Rules of Internal Management with changes

**Motion:** Annelisa Rende

**Second:** Nadine Randoll

**VOTE:** 14-0-0

**MOTION PASSED**

### **5.2 Adoption of GB's annual operating budget (250\$ budget)**

Tabled until next meeting

### **5.3 Follow-up on annual school budget**

Tabled until next meeting

Same measures as last year – Cours Ecole Vivante (new) activities that can do in school yard 7280\$. École Inspirante (activities for guests) 19208\$. École Active grant finished after 3 years. Sorties Milieu Culturelle 12965\$. New Fund 7 Capital Budget – digital sets \$12957 for Chromebook. If East Hill has to switch to virtual school, they are missing 20-25 Chromebook to service the students who do not have access to laptops. 5.4 Digital planning day and trail run

### **5.5 Transfer of fund 3 for Tempo rental**

Was discussed in Principal report.

### **5.6 Winter clothing plan for students with no locker**

What is the plan? Looking at locker use. Daycare uses lockers. Will be discussed Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> with staff. Lockers are split into halves so 2 students will have to share a locker. Backpacks will still be kept in class with student. What to do with snow pants? Snow pants will have to be in a bag on top, boots in the bottom of the locker and winter jack to be kept in classroom. The administration is even looking into a washer and dryer possibility. All parents will receive an update via email when there is a solution.

### **5.7 COVID-19 update**

Thank you to staff for going above. No cases so far at East Hill.

Kids seem to be adapting at all grades.

Virtual trial run – next ped day to be used for trial run. Booklets are being prepared and will be sent to parents.

Bullying and name calling – issue that needs to be dealt with. Game of Master has a lot of bullying and violence. Julie Descortes – student services to reach out and possibly use fund 3 to get speakers to help.

Emotional stress that comes out at home.

Race, anxiety, cyber bullying etc.

Need to get parents involved in how to deal with increased emotional anxieties, bullying etc. 6 months of being at home in front of social media. Emotional outbreaks and dealing with emotions due to situation is a teachable moment.

**MOTION:** To come up with solutions to help students navigate emotional repercussions of Covid-19.

**Motion:** Annelisa Rende

**Second:** Laura Teoli

**Vote:** 14-0-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**6. 5-minute open forum**

**7. Mission items (assigned/delegated) from meeting outcome for follow up to next GB meeting – Emotional wellness program**

**8. Suggestions of any new business items to be added to agenda for next GB meeting**

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** To adjourn meeting at 10:07 PM.

**Motion:** Annelisa Rende

**Second:** Joseph Paglia

**Vote:** 14-0-0

**MOTION PASSED**

**10. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday Dec 2nd**

*Marco Alessandini*

**007 - East Hill School**

Activity Description	(A) Roll-Over	(B) Budget	(C) Total (A) + (B)	(D) Revenue	(E) Expense	(F) Available (C) + (D) - (E)
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**Board Funds**

Fund: 5 - Decentralised Budget (F5)

	28,793	28,793	28,793		22,709	6,084
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Fund: 6 - Supplementary Allocation (F6)

12003	Directors' Days - Elementary	4,780	4,780		4,606	174
12300	Music Grant - Elementary	2,000	2,000			2,000
15216	Liberation des enseignants - E	4,302	4,302		3,265	1,037
22112	Library Activities	4,220	4,220	2,174		6,394
22119	M15104/M15212-Lit. Bks PreK-C1	339	339			339
23145	SA30204 -Support for Sp. Needs	23,781	23,781	694		23,087
23146	M11020 - Pre-K. Special Ed.Tech			9,830		(9,830)
23213	M15029 Cour Ecole Vivante/Secu	7,289	7,289			7,289
23237	M15024 - Support to Parents	2,158	2,158			2,158
23325	M15025 - Wellness Orient Sch	2,707	2,707			2,707
24203	M15025 Seuil Min. Serv (BOARD)			6,509		(6,509)
24424	M15025 - Homework Assistance	18,483	18,483	4,958		13,525
24500	PELO			34,374		(34,374)
24508	M15170- Initiative ELEM/SEC			8,036		(8,036)
24520	M15230 - École Inspirante	19,208	19,208	410		18,798
24521	Joining Forces	5,754	5,754	635		5,119
24563	M11024 - Mat 4 yo (Was M15214)	22,000	22,000	14,306		7,694
27310	M15023 - In School We Move	1,500	1,500	730		770

Fund 5: Summarized

\*\*\* Indicates that 100% of Current Year's Balance will be rolled over

Sorted by Region

English Montreal School Board  
School Budget Report (By Activity)  
Region 1 - Elementary School

Dofin-Intranet  
Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

**007 - East Hill School**

Activity Description	(A) Roll-Over	(B) Budget	(C) Total (A) + (B)	(D) Revenue	(E) Expense	(F) Available (C) + (D) - (E)
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**Board Funds**

**Fund: 6 - Supplementary Allocation (F6)**

27311 M15186 Sorties-Milieu Culturel		12,965	12,965			12,965
32700 MEES - Milk Program		8,519	8,519		1,820	6,699
32800 CAP - Campaign Against Poverty		4,585	4,585			4,585
		144,590	144,590	2,174	90,173	56,591

**Supplementary Allocation (F6):**

**Fund: 7 - Capital Budget (F7)**

12000 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION		2,135	2,135		3,269	(1,134)
22244 M50767 - Acquis. Digital Sets		12,957	12,957			12,957
22250 TIC M50761 - Regular Program	5,388	9,074	14,462		19,144	(4,682)
	5,388	24,166	29,554		22,413	7,141

**Capital Budget (F7):**

**Board Funds:**

	5,388	197,549	202,937	2,174	135,295	69,817
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Fund 5: Summarized

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English Montreal School Board  
School Budget Report (By Activity)  
Region 1 - Building

Dofin-Intranet  
Fiscal Year: 2020-2021

**507 - East Hill Building**

Activity Description	(A) Roll-Over	(B) Budget	(C) Total (A) + (B)	(D) Revenue	(E) Expense	(F) Available (C) + (D) - (E)
		34,109	34,109		28,200	5,909
<b>Board Funds:</b>						
		34,109	34,109		28,200	5,909

Fund: 5 - Decentralised Budget (F5)

*Maria Alexandrova*

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**East Hill School**  
**Report of Expenditures**  
**For month ending November 2020**

EMSB Funds 2020/2021	\$250.00
Carryover 2019/2020*	\$250.00
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>\$519.00</b>

Financial statement adopted at Governing Board meeting held on;  
\*carryover amounts provided by Ms Amato.

To sign off during the school year.

Joseph Paglia  
Treasurer

*Marco Alexandru*  
Chairperson