



East Hill School

Minutes of Governing Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday December 2nd, 2020

Location: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Time: 7:00 pm

Present:

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

Commissioner:

Pietro Mercuri

**Home & School
Representative:**

Nadia Posteraro

Regrets: Pietro Mercuri

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairperson, Marco Alessandrini, welcomed the Governing Board and called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for December 2nd, 2020

Motion: Annalise Rende

Second: Nadine Randoll

VOTE: 14-0-0 **MOTION PASSED**

2. Approval of November Minutes

Corrections:

Annelisa – change Annalisa to Annelise

MOTION: To accept the corrections made to the minutes of November 4th, 2020

Motion: Annelisa Rende

Second: Nadine Randall

VOTE: 14-0-0 MOTION PASSED

3. Business arising from the minutes

Emotional Wellness Program

-Spoke with Mme Sandra about teachable moment. Ordered books and spearhead a program to sensitize children. Mme Sandra approached the administration and ordered books for classes to spearhead a program to introduce children to diversity.

CCW will have workshops dealing with friendship.

Ethics classes deal with bullying.

Follow up next month with more ideas.

Winter Clothing Plan

All children have their assigned lockers. During the winter, the student with the bottom part of the locker will keep their boots inside. The student with the top locker will keep their boots in front of the locker. Same idea for snow pants – one student will hang theirs inside and the other will hang theirs outside the locker.

School bags will continue to be brought into class and the lunchboxes will continue to be stored on the tablets. Students will go in shifts when accessing lockers.

4. REPORTS

Mr. Jack Algieri joined the meeting at 7:30 PM

4.1 Chairperson

Mr. Buonincontri, opened a hockey school in Montreal, coaches' students at East Hill. He would be interested in starting a Sports Études program at East Hill. Since East Hill finishes early, academics would not be cut, and program would be available for senior kids. Terrific opportunity to boost dwindling numbers. There was a similar program started at John Paul and it was successful.

Volunteers for a sub-committee: Mr. Joseph Paglia, Mr. Jack Algieri, Mr. Marco Alessandrini, Mrs. Adrienne Taylor, and Mrs. Nara Fachinello

MOTION: To form a subcommittee to pursue the creation of a Sports Études program at East Hill

Motion: Annelisa Rende

Second: Jack Algieri

VOTE: 15-0-0 MOTION PASSED

4.2 Regional Delegate

It was brought up at the November 5th meeting that the third ped day needs to be voted on. January 22nd and February 12th have already been voted on.

The École Branché survey is being examined. The survey is used to determine what the parents need for virtual learning as well as any challenges they may encounter.

Mrs. Annelise Rende, the regional delegate, would like to email the parents of East Hill to present herself as the Regional Delegate.

4.2 Principal

Staff Council meeting tomorrow (December 3rd) to vote on 3rd ped day.

In the functioning Budget (main budgets that are usually approved by GB and are informative) –

The Special Needs budget is lacking resources due to Covid-19

PSBGM Heritage Fund cheques – for students excelling. Cheques will be sent out, received 3 weeks ago.

Surplus money is being used to pay for virtual school

Apologizes that H&S was not included in first meeting. According to the EMSB, H&S is a separate entity, so they do not need to have activities approved by the Governing Board.

However, asking parents for money requires Governing Board to approve. For the Laura Secord fundraiser, 62 families agreed to sell chocolates and 62 other families donated money directly to the H&S.

MOTION: To allow H&S to operate at East Hill from September 2020 to September 2021

Motion: Jack Algieri

Second: Connie Parry

VOTE: 15-0-0 MOTION PASSED

MOTION: To have H&S present all current and future fundraising activities for approval to the Governing Board.

Motion: Annelisa Rende

Second: Joseph Paglia

VOTE: 15-0-0 MOTION PASSED

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration pilot project. East Hill is in the top 5 schools that have the most line-ups so to avoid line-ups during the Covid-19 pandemic, parents can go online to book their registration appointment. Call backs will be done in order of registration and parents will be given an appointment to come in-person to complete their registrations. Registration will start on February 1.

December 9th Open House

Miss Nadia participated in the pre-k STEAM activity. They incorporated vinegar, baking soda, and food colouring. They observed the chemical reaction that created an art project. Looking to get more participation and money for projects

Letter – 17th and 18th December. Children will be home and be participating in virtual school. Activities will not be schoolwork, instead children will be participating in singing, reading, Christmas activities etc.

4.3 Teachers

Ped day selection. Teachers have to check schedules and will not choose a Friday or Monday ped day since most are usually scheduled during those days.

Online teacher parent meetings – They were easier to book and more convenient. Punctuality was good and teachers have received valuable feedback from parents.

Brought up that staff need to follow up with parents if teacher is absent with homework.

Next Teacher Union meeting is Tuesday, December 8th.

4.5 Daycare

December 17th and 18th will be closed by government, school and daycares. Parents will not be invoiced for both days.

Anytime the government closes a school, those dates are blocked off and will not be invoiced

4.6 Commissioner

Absent

4.7 H& S

Already discussed during Principal's report

4.8 Treasurer

Nothing to report

5.1 Three extra day ped days – already discussed during Principal's report

5.2 East Hill budget report – already discussed during Principal's report

5.3 H&S activities

Motion to approve Chocolate Drive – already approved during Principal's report

5.4 pre-k registration 2021-2022 – already discussed during Principal's report

5.5 STEAM mindset – already discussed during Principal's report

5.6 Covid-19 update - No cases – excellent work. Masks are being worn, friendly reminders every day to staff and children.

Thank you for doing an excellent job – last school with no cases. We should be celebrated. February- should be brought to EMSB and EMSB Parent Committee. Thank you to lunch monitors who in 1 hour clean, stick to their guns etc.

Parent Delegate, Mrs. Annelisa Rende was approached by other parents to find out how we got masks on most kids

Also, a big thank you to parents.

5-minute open forum

Mission items

Sports Études subcommittee

Suggestions for new topics

Adjournment

MOTION: To change meetings to Tuesday nights due to the EMSB requesting to keep Wednesday nights open

Motion: Laura Teoli

Second: Ivana Iulianella

VOTE: 15-0-0 MOTION PASSED

Governing Board meetings will not only be mentioned on East Hill's website and in the monthly calendar, but also on social media.

MOTION: To adjourn meeting at 9:53 PM

Motion: Annelisa Rende

Second: Connie Parry

Next meeting: January 11th at 7:00 pm (as of February, every first Tuesday of the month)