



**East Hill School  
Minutes of Governing Board Meeting**

**Date:** November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Location:** Special COVID-19 Virtual MS Teams meeting

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Present:**

<b>GB Parent Members</b>	<b>School Staff Members</b>	<b>Administration</b>
Jack Algieri	Catherine Laberge	Steven Rebelo
Annelisa Rende	Rocco Simone	Cynthia Canale
Tania Mendonca	Nadia Barrafato	
Andrea Furfaro	Antonella Andricciola	
Marco Alessandrini	Connie Parry	
Joseph Paglia	Chloé Laliberté-De Marbre	
Carmine Paglia	Laura Teoli	
Nara Fracchinello	Gaétane Sanolus	
Josianne Gelfusa		

Commissioner: Mr Pietro Mercuri

**Absent:**

<b>GB Parent Members</b>	<b>School Staff Members</b>	<b>Administration</b>

Minutes taken by Josianne Gelfusa acting as the secretary for the meeting.

**1. Welcome**

The Chairperson, Marco Alessandrini, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

nothing to add

**3. Adoption of the agenda**

Motion to approve the adoption of the agenda.

Motion: Catherine Laberge  
Seconded: Josianne Gelfusa

Vote: 16-0-0                      **Motion carried**

**4. Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of October 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

4.1 Documents pending.

No motion needed.

**5. Question period**

**5.1 Singing of national anthem in the classroom**

- Annelisa R. asks why the national anthem is not thought or sang in the classroom:
- discussion:
- administration's reply is that it would take away from teaching time
- Catherine Laberge and Rocco Simone concur
- administration also mentions that for organization reasons and concerns over political connotation, the anthem is not part of the morning routine at this time, it is also an administration decision and not one of the governing board

**5.2 VARIOUS**

- Annelisa: TD grant form to be submitted
- Open house video should be out shortly

**6. Business arising from minutes: nothing to report**

**7. New business**

**7.1 Educational project report (document provided)**

Motion: Catherine Laberge  
Seconded: Chloé Laliberté-De Marbre

Vote: 16-0-0                      **Motion carried**

**7.2 Budget review: information point only (document provided)**

Mr Rebelo explains the report to the board:

- available budget is explained
- intervention from Mr Paglia about the lunch fee
- special purpose fund: explanation about the accounting entry of 14K\$
- review of the decentralized budget

- note that building and school funds are separate
- no concerns or questions are raised by the members of the board

### **7.3 Sale of honey from beehive**

Mr Rebelo requires approval to sale honey made by school's beehives

- presentation of project
- costs and sale price at 5\$
- where profits would benefit: student life fund

Motion: Nadia Barrafato

Seconded: Catherine Laberge

Vote: 16-0-0

**Motion carried**

### **7.4 Selection criteria for the appointment of a principal (document provided)**

***HUIS CLOS: administration members need to be excluded, this point will be discussed at the end of the meeting***

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 Commissioner – Mr Mercuri: Report of meeting of November 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Tribute to Thomas Trudel, EMSB student deceased
- Nomination of 2 students for their charity activities
- Approval of audited financial reports for 2020-2021
- Covid costs analysis
- Approved a vocational adult program in pastry
- Approved fund program to help installations for Lester B. Pearson
- Compliment on the 1<sup>st</sup> hockey event held

### **8.2 Chairperson –**

- Comment about the 1<sup>st</sup> hockey event held and it's presence in the media's of the community
- Acknowledges great work on the new web site
- Was questioned by another parent about the indoor recess and the parent wasn't too pleased by how it plays out:
  - School staff explains how and why an indoor recess takes place (gymnasium is used with designated spaces, weather or safety reasons are why it would take place this way)
  - Board members are pleased by the answer
- Bus incident:
  - questions about a specific incident were brought to board members
  - Mr Rebelo explains mechanical failure, bus left late, parents not advised
  - Communication between Transco, school and parent are to be

perfected

### **8.3 Principal –**

- Mr Rebelo thanks staff members for accomplishments so far
- Vaccination information will be sent out December 15<sup>th</sup>
- New web site will be launched
  - Mrs Canale's and Mrs Barrafato's work is highlighted
- Mrs Canale:
  - Calendar of the month is presented for Holiday festivities
  - Highlights Home & School's help with the festivities

### **8.4 Teachers–**

- Retour sur les rencontres tenues en mode virtuel avec les parents
- Adaptation chez les enfants avec les circonstances du moment: rien à signaler

### **8.5 Daycare –**

- Getting busy with holiday decorations: window painting is greatly appreciated by the students as well as by the staff
- Planted 400 tulips: results in the springtime!

### **8.6 Home & School –**

- Chocolate sell: 6K\$ profit
- Duperie sell: numbers to come
- Upcoming fundraisers:
  - Pizza and doughnut sale
  - Bookfair
- Breakfast with Santa planning

### **8.7 EPC –**

- Report of last meeting from the regional delegate:
  - Committees and sub-committee in order for the information to come back to schools to improve scholastic and to share information and help EMSB with their services
  - low enrollment being an issue: what initiatives are put forward to deal with the issue

### **Mr Rebelo and Mrs Canale leave the meeting: time 20:40**

#### ***7.4 Selection criteria for the appointment of a principal (document provided)***

- the governing board supplies the EMSB with a list of criteria for the appointment of a principal
- document provided

- all agree the document as not been updated in the past years and does not reflect the actual mindset of the present board members
- a draft will be submitted, and the members will review it at the next meeting

## 9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 21:13.

Motion: Nara


Seconded: Andrea Furfaro

Vote: 16-0-0

**Motion carried**

**9.1 Date of next meeting: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

  
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Governing Board Chair

  
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Principal

