



East Hill School

Minutes of Governing Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 26th, 2021

Location: Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Time: 7:00 PM

Present:

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

Absent:

**Home & School
Representative:**

**Community
Representative:** Annelisa
Rende

Commissioner : Pietro
Mercuri

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairperson, Marco Alessandrini, welcomed the Governing Board and called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Andrea Furfaro was appointed to take the minutes.

1.1 Additions to the agenda

COVID rapid testing was added by Marco Alessandrini

MOTION: To adopt the agenda for October 26, 2021

Motion: Tania M.

Second: L.Teoli

VOTE: All in favour. Motion passed

2. Approval of September Minutes

Tabled to next meeting.

3. Questions

No questions

4. Business arising from the previous meeting

Mr. Rebelo sent out invitations to possible community representatives, all were declined. Mrs. Annelisa Rende will serve as our community representative.

5. New Business

5.1 Home and School Fundraisers

Question regarding alternative treat for students who cannot have sugar was asked. Home and School has not looked into alternatives and stated that the fundraisers are not obligatory, parents do not have to participate if their child cannot have sugar.

La Diperie and Big Box fundraisers were approved previously by email vote.

MOTION: To approve Home and School fundraisers for the 2021-2022 school year

Motion: Josianne

Second: Catherine Laberge

VOTE: All in favor. **Motion passed**

5.2 Daycare Handbook 2021-2022

The handbook was emailed to all members.

MOTION: To approve the daycare handbook.

Motion: Chloé Laliberté-Demarbre

Second: Catherine Laberge

VOTE: All in favor. **Motion passed**

5.3 COVID rapid tests

Parents have expressed concerns about the testing to be done at school. The school will proceed as follows: Students will be tested at school if they develop COVID symptoms (according to the guideline provided by the government) while at school. Only students with consent can be tested, however the school will call the parents prior to testing the child. When called, the parents may refuse the testing even if they have agreed on the consent form. If the child is tested at school, the parents will always be notified of the result. The school has not received the tests yet.

6. Reports

6.1 Commissioner

- Declaration of land will be made at beginning of each meeting.
- At the October 6th meeting students of the month were recognized, budgets were approved and additional partners to recruit international students were discussed.
- On October 18th, the school board is going to superior court regarding Bill 21.
- Mrs. Nadia was thanked for her work on media literacy.
- Question was asked regarding the new Quebec culture program-EMSB has not discussed this yet.

6.2 Chairperson

- Hockey program has been met with lots of opposition (transportation issues, arena issues, etc.) The latest is that the number of students enrolled has decreased due to conflicts with the students' existing hockey schedules. Along with Mr. Romano, a new version of the program has been created. This new program take place on ped days with students getting on and off ice training. The hockey team will also participate in at least one tournament. The format of the program will be looked at again for next year. The program will be promoted on social media.
- Soccer program is going well. Students are eager to participate. Another session will be offered in January.

6.3 Principal

- A workshop for new governing board members is being offered. The information was emailed to all members.
- PIRLS research is done every 5 years in grade 4. It was supposed to take place last year but was postponed to this fall. Two grade 5 classes are participating currently and parents are aware.
- Progress report will be available on November 16th. Parent-teacher interviews will be held virtually on November 18th, information will be sent to the parents soon. Open house will be on November 25th.

6.4 Teachers

- Mme Catherine: students are looking forward to Halloween, teachers are preparing for progress reports and everyone is following safety procedures.

6.5 Daycare

- Students are adapting well to the daycare.

6.6 Home and School

- Total profit from fundraising: \$21 653, La Diperie: \$1468 ?? \$5515 others ??
- Halloween activities planned-haunted house, decorating school & treats for the students.

6.7 Regional Delegate

- The general assembly was held. The same chairperson as last year was nominated. Minutes from the meeting will be distributed once received.

7. Adjournment

Meeting dates will be added to the school calendar in order for parents who would like to attend a meeting are aware of when they are.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Motion: Catherine Laberge

Second: Josianne

VOTE: All in favour. **Motion passed.**

Next meeting: November 30th, 2021 at 7:00 PM.


Governing Board Chair


Principal