## Elizabeth Ballantyne School 314 Northview Avenue Montreal West, QC H4X 1E2

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

October 25, 2022

#### Present:

Lori Press, Melissa Robertson, Lori Krebs, Andrea Gruia, Omar Hernandez (parents), Adina Zairi, Bettina Paliotti, Scott Thompson (teachers), Kate Marien (support staff), Mélodie Charette (Daycare Technician), Sam Servello (Principal).

#### 1.Adoption of the Agenda:

On motion duly made (A Zairi) and seconded (L Press), the agenda was adopted as presented.

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of June 2022:

The minutes of the June 2022 meeting will be distributed prior to the next meeting.

# 3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM September 22, 2022

On motion duly made (L Press) and seconded (M Charette), the minutes of the AGM of September 2022 were approved as presented.

# 4. Election/Appointment of the Executive for 2022-2023:

The following members volunteered and were unanimously appointed

**4.1 Chair** Melissa Robertson

4.2 Secretary Kate Marien

4.3 Treasurer Andrea Gruia

### 5. Appointment of EMSBPC and Community Representatives:

### **5.1 EMSBPC Representative**

L Amisial-Vajda volunteered to fill this position.

### 5.2 Community Representative

S Servello will contact Katya Valkova-Damova (Librarian – Montreal West Children's Library) to see if she would be willing to join the Governing Board once again as our Community Representative.

### 6. Business Arising – Deliberation re: PPO

S Servello met with L Amisial-Vajda regarding the possible formation of a PPO – he subsequently sent out a survey and received a response from 24 parents who were interested. They will meet again and report back to the next meeting.

## 7. New Business

#### 7.1 PELO Program

On motion duly made (A Zairi) and seconded (S Thompson), it was unanimously resolved to give S Servello the mandate to pursue the possibility of offering a PELO program (Programme D'Enseignement des Langues d'Origines).

## 7.2 Blanket Motion - Fundraising

On motion duly made (L Press) and seconded (O Hernandez), it was unanimously resolved to give S Servello the mandate to make decisions regarding fundraising activities without consulting the Governing Board.

# 7.3 Blanket Motion – Field Trips

On motion duly made (L Press) and seconded (A Gruia), it was unanimously resolved to give S Servello the mandate to make decisions regarding field trips. This mandate is limited to field trips that are during school hours and within the city.

### 7.4 Winter Trip

A Zairi explained that we have not been able to hold the usual Grade 5/6 winter trip to St. Côme for the last two years, due to the pandemic. The teachers would like to resume this tradition. The proposed date is February 1-3 (2 nights and 3 days).

On motion duly made (B Paliotti) and seconded (S Thompson), it was unanimously resolved to approve the Winter Trip to St. Come on February 1-3 for the Grades 5 and 6 students.

# 7.5 Parent Workshop Funds

S Servello explained that we received funds from the school board in order to organize workshop/information sessions for parents. He requested that anyone contact him if they have suggestions/ideas/contacts in this regard.

# 7.6 Dates of meetings

The meetings will be held on the following dates (Tuesdays) at 6:30 p.m.

November 15, December 13, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 6.

### 8. Reports

# 8.1 Principal's Report

S Servello gave details regarding the extensive renovations that are planned for our building.

# 8.2 Teachers' Report

A Zairi reported that the students have been shopping for pumpkins on Westminster, there will be Hallowe'en parties on October 31. The students can wear their costumes, but weapons are not allowed. There were questions and discussion regarding homework/ projects that are sent home and study skills programs for the students. A Zairi will report back to the next meeting.

#### 8.3 Support staff report:

No report

# 8.4 Daycare Report

M Charette reported that everything is going well.

# 8.5 EMSBPC Report

No report at this time.

## 8.6 Home & School/PPO report

L Amisial-Vajda will look into the possibility of parent volunteers to help in the classrooms.

#### 8.7 Library Report

Absent

# 8.8 Commissioner's Report:

Prior to this meeting, J Lalla distributed a report to the GB members regarding the most recent EMSBPC meeting.

# 9. Date of Next Meeting and Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Marien, Secretary

sson, Chair Saverio Servello, Principal

11/17/2022

Date