

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

November 15, 2022

Present:

Lori Press, Melissa Robertson, Lori Krebs, Andrea Gruia, Omar Hernandez. LaTasha Amisial-Vajda (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) seconded (L Press), the agenda was adopted with the following changes.

- Item 7.4 'EBS Budget Approval' replaces 'School Survey Results'
- Item 7.5 'Daycare Handbook Approval' will be presented after 4.0 Introduction of members

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2022

On motion duly made (A Zairi) and seconded (S Thompson), the minutes of the meeting of October 2022 were unanimously approved.

3. Introduction of members:

New and returning members introduced themselves.

4. Approval of Daycare Handbook:

M Charette explained that the handbook remains the same, except for the change in fees (the new fee is \$8.95 per day).

On motion duly made (A Gruia) and seconded (A Zairi), it was unanimously resolved to approve the Daycare Handbook as presented.

5. Appointment of Community Representative:

S Servello reported that K Valkova-Damova (MWCL Librarian) has expressed interest once again in fulfilling the role of Community Representative.

On motion duly made (L Krebs) and seconded (L Press), it was unanimously resolved to appoint Katya Valkova-Damova as Community Representative for the 2022-2023 Governing Board.

6.0 Business Arising:

6.1 PELO Survey Results

S Servello reported that, based on the results of the survey, the EMSB has authorized us to offer Hebrew and Spanish courses. Once teachers have been found for these programs, parents who have expressed interest will be contacted.

6.2 Weekend Language School Update

Joe Lalla has asked the EMSB for another school be used next year to accommodate these students. S Servello requested that missing items should be reported to him, so that they can be replaced, and an invoice sent to the appropriate person.

8. Reports

8.1 Principal's Report

- The Grades 4, 5 and 6 students participated in a survey regarding anxiety, conflicts, and bullying – we do not have the results yet, but they will be reported at our next meeting.
- At our next staff meeting, we will have a presentation by our community police officer, regarding lock down safety.
- The staff members will be participating in a 'sandwich-making' event for Bread & Beyond on the November 1st Ped Day – we hope to make over 200 sandwiches for homeless shelters.
- Parent/teacher interviews will be held next Friday, November 25 in person.
- We will be examining and revising the curriculum (evaluation, communication, homework etc...)

There was discussion regarding the shortage of Child Care Workers. S Servello explained that he is in regular contact with the school board, but the problem is that there are not enough people to fill the vacant positions.

8.2 Teacher's Report

B Paliotti - students have been loving the weekly skating sessions – parents are encouraged to come and help, and donations of helmets and skates are most welcome.

S Thompson - parents can feel free to reach out to the resource teachers if they wish to have extra work sent home with their children.

A Zairi – Grade 6 students attended a Remembrance Day ceremony, and Spiritual Animator Linda Luca invited a veteran to speak to the students, Pizza and TCBY days have begun. Upcoming events are Scholastic Book Fair December 7 and Spirit Week November 28-December 2.

8.3 Daycare Report

As above

8.4 Regional Delegate Report

L Amisial-Vajda was unable to connect to EMSBPC, but minutes were distributed. There was discussion regarding social awareness, Success Plans, strategies for partnership agreements and academic goals.

8.5 PPO Report

L Amisial-Vajda reported that a parent volunteer has been in to help sort the clothing in the Lost & Found, and other parents have been volunteering at the arena during skating hours.

8.6 Library Report

Absent

8.7 Commissioner's Report

Absent