



ÉCOLE FACE SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING EMSB Wednesday, May 24th, 2023, 6:30p.m. [Virtual Meeting](#)

Present

Jennifer Harriet (JH), Allison Gonsalves (AG), Claire Lambert (CL), Jessica Lipes (Chair, JL), Elizabeth Foley (EF), Kodee Declat (KD), Gillian Woodford (GW), Theodora Stathopoulos (TS), Dagmar Hipfner (DH), Carissa Springer (CS), Fabien Welp-Barr (FWB), Jess Conn-Potegal (JCP)

Regrets

Safa Baghet (SB), Marie-Eve Arseneau (MEA), Neils Christensen (NC)

1. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Adding transportation to varia if time
 - b. Moved TS, seconded CS
2. Public Question Period
 - a. No gallery
3. Adoption of Minutes from the GB meeting held March 27, 2023.
 - a. Correction (Item #2), Mark Sankoff is chair of the council not TS
 - b. Sima Yousef (correct spelling)
 - c. Varia (Grade 1E1, modify to state that NC questioned the availability of action plan)
 - d. JH has followed up about the extra class for math, GB might forward a motion that EMSB students in 10E who are not taking environmental science can take an extra course.
 - e. Moved EF, seconded FWB

Business Arising

4. Follow up from last meeting (2 email votes: Schedule Change and Theatre Maisonneuve)
5. Follow up from last meeting (response from Mme L-M re: Entente)
 - a. Some consternation from the GB about the non-response from Mme L-M (EF and JCP)
 - b. Overall satisfaction that we have expressed our disappointment and that we have it on record (JL)

New Business

6. School fees 2023-2024
 - a. Renegotiation for the agenda contracts (minor savings for parents)
 - b. Supervision and fine arts fees have not changed.
 - c. CL asks about fees for Grade 11 – they are not really legible in the document (JH clarifies the fees are the same as Grade 10, \$745.25; also dates need to be changed)



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- d. Motion to adopt school fees: TS moves, second FWB

7. School Calendar

- a. Was adopted at the CSSDM last week and shared for information.
- b. EF asked a question about how the schedule is adjusted after snow days etc. these dates are pre-determined and are indicated at the bottom of the calendar.

8. Daycare pedagogical days

- a. In-school and outside activities are available, these activities are approved by the CSSDM CE
- b. It is possible to opt out of the outside-school activities in case they are too expensive, or too late in the day, etc

9. Reports

- Principal's Report
 - Safe school action plan information session took place on April 19th (19 parents attended).
 - FACE is first school in EMSB to offer information session to parents.
 - Next year this will be offered earlier in the year.
 - Ottawa trip happened in April, one of the first orchestra trips since the pandemic. Performance and exchange with school in Ottawa.
 - NYC trip took place with Sec V students, was a success.
 - Concert season! Winds and strings already took place. Choral concerts coming up.
 - 11E theatrical production took place last week.
 - Another student led project took place
 - EMSB choir concert took place in May, some representation from FACE
 - June 1st volunteer event: GB should RSVP
 - Welcome to K event is coming up
 - Graduations June 9 and June 16
 - High school exams in June
 - Staffing for next year: no excess teachers. Second K class is still up in the air. We have until October 15th to open that.
 - JH (Principal) is still interim as is JF (Vice Principal), and it is possible that JH will be moved to VP for next year.
 - Ms. Toula would like to take 7E class to breakfast and movie, costs \$20. On permission slip it is possible for parents to help another student pay. (CS moved, EF seconded)
 - 6E to go to super aqua club (along with CSSDM students), \$24/student, and FACE pays for transportation (EF moved, JCP seconded)
 - October 6 X-country secondary and maybe Grades 5&6 needs an approval to modify the schedule to accommodate this event (DH moves, CS seconded)
 - Spain trip over March break for 2023-24 grade 10s. FACE foundation is involved to partially finance activities and help students who lack funds to go. Motion in principle to proceed with the organization of the trip (FWB moves and EF seconds)



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- FACEtival allocation from the GB budget is not as significant. There remains \$400 in our GB account, and JH requests that this can be used for the volunteer event next week to purchase refreshments.
 - AG asked if June 12th meeting will be in person
 - KD clarified the time (it will be 6:30)
 - June 12th GB meeting can be in person, and BYOB/potluck
 - AG proposes to give all money for volunteer event, FWB seconds
- Teacher's Report (TS)
 - Concert overload time!
 - Very pleased with participation of administrative team, this is unprecedented and very much appreciated.
 - Music teachers do individualized exams. There have not been theory exams because there has been limited time.
 - Uncertainty about administration at FACE is causing some concern among teachers, and the last council meeting a motion was passed to write a letter of support and appreciation for JH, which will be sent to the EMSB.
 - TS officially thanked JH and JF for their support for the teachers this year.
 - **GB has motioned to also write a similar letter of support for JH to send to the EMSB commissioner (AG moves, FWB seconds).**
- Students' Report (CL and KD)
 - CL expressed to JH the appreciation that the students have for the principals this year.
 - CL reported that the student-led play was a success and very meaningful for the students at FACE as a community building event
 - EMSB FACE Student Council structure may change for next year, to join the CSSDM council committees, so the two councils can act more cohesively.
 - KD reported on the FACEtival which conflicts with the French oral exam (first two hours) so some volunteers are unavailable.
 - FACE culture day was successful (mostly run by CSSDM but was jointly planned)
- Professional Staff Report
 - No report
- Representative to EMSB Parents' Committee (EMSAPC) Report
 - No report
- Parent Participation Organisation (PPO) Report (GW)
 - FACEtival is happening this Friday
 - Noted confusion about how students who are not in SDG can participate
 - Lost and found tables were set up in May and will be present again June 12-22nd and after that items will be donated to charity.
 - Free flowers from Eco-Quartier were planted in the Enchanted Forest
 - Planning for next year – philosophy workshops (offered via SDG)



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- Organizing activities for TRC orange shirt day
- Representative on CÉ FACE Report
 - Regrets from MEA
- Face Foundation Report
 - Foundation board has been very active this year, TS reports that the team is very strong and have solicited many donations this year which have supported numerous events.

10. Varia

- a. EF raised the issue of transportation, and encouraging active transportation (e.g., walking/cycling), and suggested collaborating with the PPO to establish initiatives that can encourage active transportation.
 - i. E.g., trottibus from metros
- b. KD asked if there will be a change in the timetable to accommodate distance
 - i. JH suggests that it is possible, especially given that the secondary school will be separated from the elementary school

11. 7:43 motion to adjourn (CS) seconded by EF

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 12 2023 6:30PM IN PERSON, BYOB and Food

2023-06-14

Jessica LIPES, Chairperson