



École FACE School

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Governing Board Minutes

Date/ time:	September 25, 2023 6:30PM	Location:	Zoom (virtual)
https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/81694387792?pwd=SEFDdC9GZ2NsUJERDK0Jma2NRL0JJZz09			

1.		Welcome
1.1	information	Introduction of members Jessica Lipes (JL, chair), Allison Gonsalves (AG, Secretary), Angela Vaudry (AV, Principal), Elizabeth Foley (EF, Vice Chair), Neils Christensen (NC, EMSB PC), Jennifer Harriet (JH, Vice Principal), Marie-Eve Arsenau, (MEA), Fabien Welp-Barr (FWB), Carissa Springer (CS), Claire Lambert (CL), Dagmar Hipfner (DH), Crystal Leger (parent alternate), Elly Abramovitch (EA) Gallery: Gillian Woodford (PPO)

2.		Reading and approval of the agenda
2.1	Approval	

3.		Elections
3.1	approval	Chairperson EF nominates JL, JL accepts nomination
3.2	approval	Vice-Chairperson JL explains the role (to help and to take the chair in the event that the chair cannot be present) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stipulation that the Vice Chair must be a parent- EF nominates herself (and accepts!)
3.3	approval	Secretary JL nominates AG, AG accepts
3.4	approval	Treasurer CS nominates herself (accepts)

4.		Adoption of the minutes of the Meeting of June 12, 2023
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4.	Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Corrections made, MEA moved, CS seconded - Minutes passed unanimously
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5.		Business Arising
5.	approval	Email vote re: Field trip to Blair's Orchard (Franklin, Quebec) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email vote was conducted and the trip was approved unanimously

6.		New Business
6.	approval	Presentation and Adoption of the Rules of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rules of conduct are a copy of last year's rules of conduct - JL suggests that we adopt the same rules unless there are suggested changes - FWB moves NC seconds - Motion passes unanimously
6.	approval	Dates, Times, and format of meetings 2023-2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zoom meetings are preferred. - NC makes a suggestion to have a holiday meeting in person - Discussion about ensuring that we don't schedule in person/ meetings in conflict with religious holidays - Board meetings confirmed for Mondays - CE meetings are also on Monday, next one is 23rd - Next meeting will be October 30th, 2023 - EF moves and CS seconds, motion carries
6.	approval	Field Trips





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	<p>Small field trips around the school (no cost)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can Angela please approve on parents behalf - AG moved, EF seconded – motion approved <p>Trip to NYC (Nov 9-11) 11E, 11F1-3 (~100 students, 6 adults, bus transport, Broadway, MMA, NYC things) (\$645 based on 80 students, breakfast only, student pays for lunch and dinner).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA points out that if there is a strike, and it lands on those dates, it could interrupt this. - JL asks a question about school fees and delays of school fees and if the criterion to have paid the fees would impact - NC asks about the “year end” trip that goes to NYC – EA clarifies that this has happened in November before. It is better timing now, doesn't interrupt with exams etc, cheaper in November - CL clarifies that last year in April the French side had exams, so it was moved to November. - CL moves, NC seconds, motion carries
<p>6. 4</p> <p>approval</p>	<p>Fundraising</p>
	<p>Scholastic Reading Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AV explains that teachers wish to do scholastic for their class, and are seeking approval - NC asks if funds only go to teachers who are organizing the scholastic or can funds be designated to the class of the child. JH clarifies that the funds go back to the classroom of the teacher who organizes. The profit is used to enhance the library - CS moves, DH seconds, motion carries - CL asks a question about a specific teacher, some who want to do it and some do. NC asks how parents can get the flyers if their teacher doesn't want to do it. JH clarifies that is really just for the teacher who wants to do it. - AV clarifies that they have not determined which exact classes will do it. Does not think the librarian would take it on. DH clarifies that parents can order directly from scholastic. Conversation about teacher codes, purchasing online. CL clarifies that parents can order directly online, and that the code goes to the teacher and the parent deals with the money stuff online. JL suggests that AV can look into whether there is an option for parents to still order online and get the code delivered to the school.





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6.5	information	<p>Conflict of interest form and EMSB Declaration concerning Judicial Record</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All parents need to do the COI form - Returning members have all done the Judicial record form
6.6	information	<p>FACE Admission Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parents have to apply through registration through the official period, complete registration form, attend mandatory information session - EMSB Parents require English eligibility - Interest in the arts, criteria for academic success (second cycle elementary should demonstrate proficiency) - Sibling priority - JH Highlights that the open house is coming on October 3rd - Following open house period, registration will begin - EA – questions whether dance should be added to the art forms for interest, and queries who works on the document (changes would come via staff council) – asks for clarity re: No failure at the end of the year in basic subjects, French failure is an issue - MEA asks members to share the Open House, especially on the English side - CL had a question about the open house about times – AV clarifies that morning is for elementary and evening is for secondary - MEA clarifies that in the evening there will be rehearsals and the guides will be staff - JL asks the question about flexibility and is there a way for us to be accommodating about attending the Open House - JH clarifies that there are ongoing registrations - AG raises the issue of accessibility and the morning/evening sessions as restricted to elementary/secondary - EF also asks if there are zoom sessions or if there could be
6.7	discussion	<p>GB Community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FWB nominates MEA to be the GB representative to the CE (MEA accepts), and also moves to invite a member from the CE to the GB (DH seconds). - Motions carry - NC asks whether we will be having joint meetings (esp re: upcoming move) - JL asks if we should include other community members - MEA suggests that the CE has done this previously, and we might consider asking members to apply for a community position, or we may look for members with specific interests/knowledges (can talk about it at the next meeting)





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7.	Reports
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<p>7. information 1</p>	<p>Principal</p> <p>1. STAFFING There have been changes in our staffing. <u>New staff members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivier Côté (French Enriched, High School) • Pablo Seib (20% music) • Alison Notkin (100% music/ social studies/ drama) <p>We are now fully staffed.</p> <p>2. ATTESTATION DAY Attestation day will take place on Friday, September 29, 2023. Official attendance will be taken for MEQ funding purposes. At present there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 164 elementary students (K1, 1E, 2E1, 2E2, 3E, 4E, 5E, and 6E) • 136 secondary students (7E, 8E, 9E, 10E, and 11E) <p>3. STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES (COURSE OUTLINES) Our Standards and Procedures documentation, which was shared with parents during Curriculum Night, have been uploaded to our school website.</p> <p>Note that annual directives have not been received from the Ministère de l'Éducation at present. It is believed that we will be returning to the pre-COVID model for High School students (terms will be values at 20%, 20%, and 60%); Ministry final exams will be weighted at 50% of final course mark; 2 Cross-Curricular Competencies will be evaluated during term1 and 3). Term weighting for elementary students is expected to be 20%, 20%, and 60%.</p> <p>4. NEW KINDERGARTEN REPORT CARDS The Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec is revamping the kindergarten report cards this year.</p> <p>5. EDUCATIONAL PROJECT A new format for the Educational Project will be used this year. We will not be producing an EP report for 2022-2023.</p> <p>6. HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMS AND MID-YEAR EMSB EXAMS MEQ Supplemental exams are scheduled for the second week of school, following the winter break.</p> <p>EMSB Mid-Year Common exams will take place on January 25, 26, and 29.</p> <p>7. POST-FLOOD RENOVATIONS Renovations seem to be progressing. If all goes according to</p>
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7. 2	information	Teachers/ Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEA reports that the train is in motion! Extra curriculars are starting. We don't know what will happen with possible strike days. - EA reports that the fashion show will be advertised outside of the school, and that it will be open to all teachers/retired teachers - Also a new coordinator of extra curriculars (Eric) and it is very exciting to have someone in this position
7. 3	information	Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CL reports on behalf of students (including KD) - Fashion show (Grade 11s) – started organizing for event in February. Art Expo is also being planned - Kodee asking why the 15 available spots for the Europe trip were given to grade 9s instead of the Grade 11s who may not have been able to go last year? AV will investigate. - JL points out that the Art Expo passes under the radar for parents. EA agrees and will try to get the word out. - CL provided update about student council – all members have been confirmed for this year. Will keep us updated. - Again Eric is trying to start new clubs etc., so spread the word
7. 4	information	EMSBPC Delegate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No report
7. 5	information	Parents Participation Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report (first meeting will be tomorrow) - PPO would like to purchase books related to Reconciliation - Looking forward to working with the student council -
7. 6	information	FACE Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEA report – AGA is October 10th - CSA basket fundraiser is happening again

8.		Correspondence
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9. 1		<p>Google Drive: EF proposes to continue the use of the Google Drive with the same permissions – only shared with members of GB.</p>
9. 2		<p>Discussion about cell phone policy (FWB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government announcement about restricting cell phones in school - AV - School has not yet received anything from the government regarding this new mandate – we don't know what is expected of schools, or how this is going to work. - FWB doesn't expect anything precise from the government, and encourages that FACE could come up with a policy that is clear. Some schools in the EMSB have more all encompassing cellphone policies (e.g., Vincent Massey). FWB encourages more stringent cellphone policies - JH clarifies that there is now a policy for elementary to not use cellphones at recess or SDG and that has been really successful. - FWB asks whether there will be a concern about access to internet – EMSB students don't have access to WIFI bc it is CSSDM (!!!) - EA is enforcing the cellphone mandate - FWB asks for a plan of action or proposal from the school do address the directives from the government/Ministry (ministry has not yet received a mandate). AV will ask teachers, and any changes to the policy needs to come from staff council. FWB asks that staff council makes a decision about a cellphone policy. AV to bring this to staff council. -
9. 3		<p>CS question about the entente</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What do we do when there are issues that arise (like EMSB doesn't have the same access to things as CSSDM) - EA would like to have this conversation. Wifi is a huge issue – when French side has exams, EMSB has no access to internet. Students are given the visitors password, and none of them work. Internet access is a huge issue. EMSB is not getting the same services. - NC asks question about lunch cards (what is the update) - JH reports that last June the office was destroyed in the flood and that there is no access to the safe, but hopefully will be able to collect money from parents

10.	Question period for the public – no public
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11.	Date of next meeting, October 30 th , 2023
12.	Adjournment, CS moves, EF seconds.

Signed this 30th day of October 2023



Jessica Lipes, chairperson

