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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2020

MINUTES – MEETING #2(TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING)

Present: Nathalie Carrier, Remo Milone, Enrico Minicucci, Anna Mormina, Francesca Pitruzzello, Sandra Renzi, Andrew Sivilla, Mario Tromba, Brigida Zappia,

Jessica Colavincenzo, Clementina Fraga, Christina Gioia,

K. Gomes Silva, Pammy Lacroce, Melanie Mercadante, Steven Rebelo, Kathy Vella, Mauro Di Ciocco

1. **Welcome:** @7:07pm

2. **Addition to the Agenda**

- No new additions

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Natalie Carrier adopts / Anna Mormina seconds

4. **Approval of minutes from September 30, 2020**

- Corrections to be made on points 11.1 Maximum amount reached, no registrations will be possible

and 13.6 Discussion was had on how we would be handling bullying in school. When bullying occurs, it will be handled on individual basis.

Correction: Karine, name misspelled in attendance section.

-Clementina Fraga approves. Natalie Carrier seconds.



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5. Question Period

5.1 - *Question from parent Melanie Manna concerning PELO*

Respondent: Mr. Steven Rebelo – principal.

Due to Red Zone restrictions, extra-curricular activities such as PELO are not possible due to bubble groups. GMS community will be notified if and when it can begin.

5.2 – *Question from parent Michelina Nelli concerning additional salting of stairs in the winter months.*

Respondent: Mr. Rebelo

The snow removal contractor has been contacted and his scope of work has been amplified and directives were clarified.

Contractor informed that he will not subcontract.

A puddle problem will be verified by the school as well.

5.3 – *Question from parent Angie concerning PPO and volunteering*

Respondent: Mrs. Francesca Pitruzzello

During General Parent Assembly it was decided no PPO and we would work with parent volunteers when required. Principal will send memo asking for bank of volunteers so we will have for future reference.



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5.4 – Question concerning social media – FACEBOOK no longer being used. Open House – when will it occur and how?

Respondent: Mr. Rebelo

Open House: A committee has been put in place to explore creative ways to advertise the school. No date on when it will be.

Social Media: Reason given for abandoning Facebook is comments cannot be controlled as you can with Instagram, which is now the sole source of social media for GMS. Will focus on Instagram and GMS Website

6 – Business arising from Minutes

6.1 – Community Representative

- No representative available

6.2 – PELO

- See 5.1

6.3 – Snow Removal

- See 5.2

6.4 – Parking Lot Entrance for Sports Concentration

- Parents of Sports Concentration still unhappy concerning the use of the parking lot entrance

- A memo will be sent addressing the issue clarifying entrance times in order to respect safety precautions for students and staff

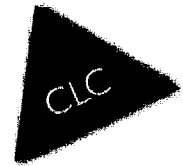


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6.5 – Ventilation System

- Mr. Rebelo has confirmed that the cleaning of the ventilation system has been completed

6.6 – STEAM

- In order for the STEAM program to be administered, the teachers must decide to adopt the program as part of the curriculum.

- Right now, the teachers are catching up on missed educational time

- As indicated by Melanie Mercandante, the teachers have already voted against adopting STEAM as part of the curriculum. There is no reason not to revisit. Will park this until January for follow up.

6.7 – ROBOTICS

- No ROBOTICS while the RED ZONE quarantine is in effect to avoid outside presence in the school.

7 – NEW BUSINESS

7.1 – Adoption of Annual Report 2019-2020

Approved by Jessica Colavincenzo. Second by Clementina Fraga

7.2 – Sale of Yearbook 2019-2020 School year

Sale of yearbook will be set at \$25

Approved by Francesca Pitruzzello. Second by Remo Milone



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7.3 – Sale of Honey from School Beehive

Sale of honey jars to be set at \$5

Approved by Francesca Pitruzzello. Second by Clementina Fraga

7.4 – Sale of Physical Education T-Shirts

Issue: T-shirt was sold at \$5 in previous year

- The cost of the t-shirt is \$13
- The t-shirt has been sold in previous years at a loss of \$8/shirt
- The t-shirt cannot continue to be sold at a loss.
- T-shirts are mandatory but have not been enforced in the past, due to socio-economic issues afflicting a portion of the GMS community.

Proposal: Sell the t-shirts at cost price - \$13

Proposal: To look into finding a different supplier in order to lower the cost from \$13/shirt

Vote: 14 – Yea 1 – Nay

Motion passed

7.5 – Monthly Calendar

- Sent for the month of November
- Positive feedback from parents approving the reinstatement of the monthly calendar



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7.6 – Open House

- See 5.4

7.7 – Social Media

- See 5.4

8 – REPORTS

8.1 – Commissioner

- Not available before Nov 6. Can be invited to attend next meeting

8.2 – Principal

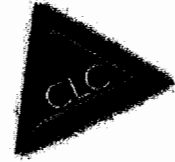
- This school year, there will be 2 terms worth 50% each. Reports card to be issued Jan 22, 2021 & June 10, 2021
- Parents teacher's conferences will be held on TEAMS in November as scheduled
- Parents teacher conference to be held in February will be moved to April
- 3 additional pedagogical days will be added to this school year. The revised schedule will be shared once the days have been determined.

8.3 – Teachers

- Happy for Halloween activities with the students
- Putting together an activities committee for student life
- Happy to be still in school



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8.4 – Daycare

- Ped day Nov 6 – Pyjama Day & breakfast – Cost \$14
- Ped day Nov 19 – Activities – Cost \$9
- Ped day Nov 20 – Boot Camp – Cost \$16.50
- Waiting for approval of HOP-HOP app from EMSB
- Girls club for class 3B with Miss Alessia every Monday

8.5 – EPC

- Francesca Pitruzzello attended
- Committee elected and position filled
- Next meeting with newly elected committee

9 – VARIA

9.1 - Website

- Work is continuing in order to update GMS – supervised by Jessica Colavincenzo
- The out of date items should be removed by week ending Nov 6th
- The website should be independently controlled by GMS by the end of November.

9.2 - Class size

- There is no limit per say on the number of students per classroom
- The size of classroom is in accordance with the Teacher's collective bargaining agreement – with compensation for the number of students over the agreed upon students per class.



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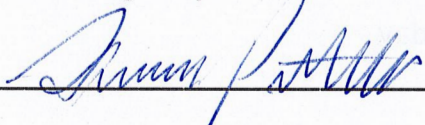
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10 – Date of next Governing Board Meeting

November 25 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.



Chairperson – Francesca Pitruzzello



Principal – Steven Rebelo