



École Gerald McShane School

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Governing Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Minutes- Meeting #1 (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, Karine Gomes Silva, Pammy Lacroce , Melanie Mercadante , Steven Rebelo, Kathy Vella

Absent: Mauro Di Ciocco

1. **Welcome @705pm**

Welcome to first meeting.

2. **Introduction of Members**

3. **Additions to agenda**

13.1 Covid related items

13.2. lockdown/fire drill

13.3 Pelo

13.4 After school activities

13.5 General

4. **Approval of agenda**

Nathalie Carrier adopts/Francesca Pitruzzello seconds

5. **Approval of minutes** from June 16, 2019, July 22, 2019

Francesca Pitruzzello approves/Melanie Mercadante seconds



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6. Question period

none

7. Elections of the Executive

7.1 Election of Chairperson

Remo Milone nominated Francesca Pitruzzello. Accepted. Acclaimed.

7.2 Election of Vice-Chairperson –

Jessica Colavincenzo nominated Andrew Sivilla. Accepted. Acclaimed.

7.3 Election of Secretary –

No nominations, no volunteers. Agreed on rotation

7.4 Election of Treasurer –

Francesca Pitruzzello nominated Remo Milone. Accepted. Acclaimed

8. Operations

8.1 GMS Code of Conduct – Reviewed.

Approved: Jessica Colavincenzo Second: Nathalie Carrier seconds

8.2 Community Representatives -It was discussed and agreed upon that community representatives would be invited to our Governing Board meetings.

9. Proposed Schedule of meetings

-Discussed that we would alternate on third Wednesdays and Thursdays to not conflict with CPC meetings and allow for maximum participation

Approved: Melanie Mercadante Second: Clementina Fraga

10. Business arising from the minutes of June 16, 2019, July 22, 2019.

-None



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11. **New Business**

11.1 Daycare services on pedagogical days

Sante Publique accepts the bubble concept. Students at daycare will remain with the same bubbles as their classrooms. Those parents whose children do not normally attend daycare and wish to do so during pedagogical days would remain in same bubble as their current group (it means some may be alone) Once maximum amount reached, no registrations will be possible

Approved: Jessica Colavincenzo Second: Christina Gioia

Vote: 17 approved. Motion passed

11.2 Lunch fees for Sports Concentration students

-Lunch fees were not charged before however will be charged now.

Approved: Enrico Minicucci Second: Sandra Renzi

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed

12. **Reports**

12.1 Commissioner

-There is new commissioner Sophie Devito



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12.2 Principal Report

Students and Staff are getting adjusted to the new reality brought about by Covid.

- We have no cases of Covid at this point.
- The Snack and Milk Program should start next week.
- Mini-Bistro services will start on October 13, 2020.
- Orientation Evenings went well except for a server problem with Microsoft on Monday, September 28, 2020. Measures will be taken to give parents the information.
- Picture Day will be taking place on October 7, 2020. Unfortunately, they will not be taking group or sibling pictures.
- Progress Reports will be distributed by October 15, 2020. We are looking into making them available online through the Mozaik platform.
- Lunch fee payments will now be made available online.

12.3 Teachers

Students and teachers are adjusting to the new routine.

12.4 Daycare

Keeping within bubbles. Rooms are used only for daycare so no classroom is using them. Disinfecting constantly.

12.5 EPC

Nothing new to report at this time. Will have more after 1st meeting.



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12.6 CLC

- No projects yet as need to remain in bubbles
- breakfast program will be dry goods
- grants have been requested
- Want to start Garden Club
- Halloween will get candy from Maxi sponsor. May need volunteers.

13. Varia

13.1 Covid related items

- Wanted to know what we can do to help the teachers or students during this time?
Procedures:
Measures recommended have been put in place. PPE in place.
Sanitizer not in shortage etc.
- The classes are bigger. Is there a staffing situation? Is the school understaffed?
A few in oversize ..over 20
3 classes grade 4-23, grade 5-25.
Asked board to split classroom, 6-23..21 in class 2 are virtual)
- What is the procedure when a student or staff test positive for COVID-19?
Document from EMSB Parent is contacted and child to be tested.
Parent must report with proof document before returning.
Same for staff member.
- Virtual? Why can't we record class for those that need virtual class?
Against collective agreement. Class work will be available on-line.
- Would it be possible to check the body temperature of the students when they come in the school?
Logistics impossible, infra red thermometers
If student not feeling well, temperature is taken.



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- Does the school have mask for the children that might forget one at home?
Secured donation from company for masks.
- Would it be possible to invest in glass dividers between desks?
School board given directives against it based on safety hazard
- When will lockers be available again? (winter is coming)
Looking at plan. No decision at this time.
In discussion. Directives will be sent out in October

13.2. lockdown/fire drill

Suspended at this time

13.3 PELO

No direction from school board at this time.
Usually students are not from same group.
Awaiting further instructions from school board.

13.4 After school activities?

Red zone. No after school activities at this time.
Halloween activities? No haunted house this year. Will have classroom activities.

13.5 General

- Last year issues with snow removal and salting. Winter arriving. Need to be on top of that. Meeting contractor in October.
- Has ventilation in the school been checked?
-Contract issued in mid-September. Work starting in October. Vent cleaning etc.
- Status on water quality at the school
Was supposed to be checked by June 2020.
Has been verified...4 sinks were a problem and have been replaced. All drinking water good.



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13.5 General (contd)

- Parking lot
 - The 15 min drop off on Rolland is full of parked cars in the morning.
 - Police have given warnings to parents.
 - Parents can go in parking lot before 730 and after 3pm.
 - Is there possibility of student drop off directly at senior yard to alleviate traffic on Maurice Duplessis? No. Safety concerns.
 - Is there possibility of Sports Concentration students entering from the teachers entrance? No. Asper Covid procedures, one entrance is dedicated for the staff.
- Daycare..will they implement the app (HOP?) which informs pick up time so they can get kids ready to avoid line ups outside? To be revisited as was not popular/used last year.
- When will monthly Newsletter be sent out?
Memos....monthly calendar
- When will yearbook be available?
Just received. Will send out notice.
- Will the hot lunch program start?
October 13th
- What is update on busing situation? Many parents told to wait until October 1st..all accepted already. Those that may still have issues can contact Principal
- When will website be updated? When pressing on minutes link it says unavailable. J
 - Jessica has been working on website. Changes being made currently. Want to regain control of website from school directly.
- What is status on Open House? How will it be done. Need to attract students to the school.
Typically in December/January. Virtually met with teachers on how this can be done.



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13.6 General (contd)

- STEAM, Robotics?
Will look into it. Usually brought in through measures at school board.
- Bathroom breaks. Why some classes are only permitted if it's an emergency?
Schedule adopted for each age group. If they need to go, they are allowed to go.
- Discussion was had on how we would be handling bullying in school. (in class and on the bus)
-When bullying occurs, it will be handled on individual basis.

14. Date of next Governing board meeting:

Thursday, October 29th @ 19h00

Adjournment @ 21h30

Chairperson - Francesca Pitruzzello

Principal – Steven Rebelo