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Minutes

Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 -4:45 P.M.

Location: Virtual-Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 4:52pm.

1.1 Attendance

Parent Members present:

- Dawn Hendsbee
- Mubeenah Mughal (Parent Committee Alternate Delegate)
- Andrea Parks (Parent Committee Delegate)

Teacher members present:

Samira Chawki

Music teacher present:

Mr. Nathan Gage

Student members present:

- Maya Majdoub
- Dihan Amin Badrul

Administration present:

- Giovanni Iammarrone (Principal)
- Andrea Dillon (Vice Principal)

Community Rep present:

Lynn Worrell

1.2 Public Questions Period

- No questions

1.3 Additions to the Agenda

- New agenda emailed out

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

- Moved by L. Worrell; Seconded by A. Parks
- -All in favor (9 voting members)

2. Business Arising from Minutes

2.1- Approval of November Minutes

-Approval tabled to next meeting

3. Items Requiring Discussion & Approval

3.1 Research Project Proposal by Mr. Nathan Gage (Music Teacher)

Exploring collaborative songwriting strategies; interviewing students and providing them with techniques to try; Mr. Nathan Gage is primary researcher; PhD Candidate from McGill, Gabrielle Smith, is secondary researcher aiding with the project (will not be in contact with students).

39 students within Mr. Gage's music classes (not all will be interviewed). 30 min interviews with certain voluntary students.

A motion was proposed to approve the conducting of the above-described research project as proposed by Mr. Nathan Gage. (See attached Resolution.)

- -Resolution moved by A. Parks; D. Badrul
- -All in favor (9 voting members)

3.2 Change in Student Calendar (2nd Parent Teacher Interviews Date and Moving of Pedagogical Day)

- -Requesting the GB approval to move the second parent-teacher interviews from Feb.16th to March. 2nd .
- -Additional request to replace the Ped day of March 24th to March 3rd.
- -With the 2 new reporting periods of Feb. 20th, marks need to be reported by Feb. 27th. -This will allow teachers the time to teach and assess.
- -Calendars will be updated with new dates and sent to school board
- -Resolution Moved S. Chawki; Seconded by M. Majdoub
- -All in favor (9 voting members)

3.3 Update to uniform policy (with motion)

- -Expanding James Lyng's uniform policy to include sweatpants, leggings and sport pants.
- -All black and opaque (not trasnfor bottom wear
- -Large logos not permitted (small logo allowed)
- -Once approved will be discussed with students
- -Resolution moved by S. Chawki; Seconded by A. Parks
- -All in favor (9 voting members)

4. Reports

4.1 Principal's Report

- -Food bank lists will be sent out to parents. They will require information from families. Paper copies will be sent out.
- -Information on Parents Mental Health help-lines will be sent out by email and paper copies sent home.
- -L. Worrell proposed wellnesstogether.ca a place to get free meals

4.2 Teacher's Report (Outlines Teacher's current reality)

- -Students don't have to study over the holidays.
- -Black out period by Administration was really appreciated and very positive.
- -This week is sprint week with 1 theme per day (i.e. throwback to the 90's, Pyjama Day)

5. Varia

5.1 Secretary's Report

-Ms. Parks (Secretary) communicated her concerns regarding her role. Due to her busy schedule she felt overwhelmed with submitting the minutes for November's meeting. She also sits on the PC at the school board as a delegate. It was discussed that her alternate Ms. Mughal that she will attend those meetings instead. This will allow Ms. Parks time to focus on the GB and minutes. Should she wish to step down as secretary we can discuss it further and find a replacement. Following the discussion Ms. Parks felt optimistic about keeping her commitment on the board as secretary.

5.2 Contact emails for Members

-Verified email addresses of members with a return message

5.3 Selection Criteria for the Appointment of a Principal

-Discussed the starting of this project by gathering input by different stakeholders regarding principal hiring criteria. Details will be added to the agenda at a later date.

6. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday January 25th, 2023

7. Adjournment

-Moved by A.Parks; Seconded by M. Mughal

-All in favor (9 voting members)

CHAIRPERSON DEC 21, 2022

Glavanii Sammorroue Principal December 21, 2022