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Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting #1

September 29, 2022, at 7:00PM (Zoom)

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Celzi, Cristina	Principal	P	Civitarese, Marco	Parent	P
Spilak, Ivan	Vice-Principal	P	De Ciccio, Angela	Parent	P
Barnabé, Valérie	IB Coordinator	P	Fortugno, Francesco	Parent	P
Castonguay, Micheline	Teacher	P	Labelle, Kitty	Parent	A
Caya, Annie	Teacher	P	Pescolla, Laura	Parent	P
D'Alessandro, Andy	Teacher	P	Petrecca, Giovanni	Parent	P
Di Viccaro, Alex	Teacher	P	Vasile, Mary	Parent	P
Pinto, Marcel	Teacher	P	Ursino, Silvio	Parent	P
			Pietrangelo, Mario	Commissioner	P
De Young, Linda	Staff	P	Paoella, Vincenzo	Student	P
Tullio, Gerry	Community Rep	P	Simancas Loffreda, Gianna	Student	P
Required for Quorum: 12 Present, 4 Parents			Actual: 20 Present		

Guest:

Regrets:

Late attendance: Kitty Labelle

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve by Annie Caya; seconded by Marcel Pinto; motion passed.

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Governing Board Meeting

Motion to adopt by Mary Vasile; seconded by Marcel Pinto; motion passed.

3. Business Arising from the minutes of the June 7, 2022 GB Meeting

No business arising.

4. New Business

4.1 - Election of Chair

- Laura Pescolla volunteered to assume the role.

Motion to approve by **XX**; seconded by **XX**; motion passed.

4.2 - Election of Vice Chair

- Silvio Ursino volunteered to assume the role.

Motion to approve by **XX**; seconded by **XX**; motion passed.

4.3 - Election of Secretary

- Marco Civitarese volunteered to assume the role

Motion to approve by **XX**; seconded by **XX**; motion passed.

4.4 - Election of Treasurer

- Francesco Fortugno volunteered to assume the role

Motion to approve by **XX**; seconded by **XX**; motion passed.

4.5 - Day trips (Blanket Approval)

- Request made for a blanket approval of a budget dedicated to funding School day trips. This will enable the school to quickly take advantage of new opportunities when they arise, rather than asking for approval for individual trips at the last minute, with the risk of missing out on them.

Motion to approve by Valérie Barnabé; seconded by Francesco Fortugno; motion passed.

4.6 - Spiritual Animator Fundraising Initiatives (Blanket Approval)

- Request made for a blanket approval to move forward with fundraising activities rather than requesting for these individually. Past fundraising activities have included those for Hurricane Relief, sale of poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day, a Christmas fundraiser for St. Brendan's Parish and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Motion to approve by Francesco Fortugno; seconded by Marcel Pinto; motion passed.

4.7 - SPC Fundraising

- Requesting approval to sell SPC cards offering students discounts at a variety of stores. Cost of each card is \$10 with \$3.50 coming directly to the school to be used to fund Student Life activities.

Motion to approve by Mary Vasile; seconded by Vincenzo Paoella; motion passed.

4.8 - Olympe de la Parole Fundraising

- Requesting approval to fundraise for this non-profit organization, which will take place around Christmas time through the sale of Christmas trees and ornaments. Description of this organization is found in the **IB Report** section of the Addendum to this report.

Motion to approve by Annie Caya; seconded by Silvio Ursino; motion passed.

4.9 - Taekwondo Program

- Requesting approval to offer after-school Taekwondo Program for Secondary 1 and 2 students at a cost of \$150/10-week session (additional \$30 for uniform).

Motion to approve by Linda De Young; seconded by Angela De Ciccio; motion passed.

4.10 - GB Meeting Dates

- It was agreed that the next GB meeting will take place on Thursday, October 27th. At that time, the schedule for the remaining meetings will be established. Typically, there are approximately six meetings per year

No motion to approve required.

5. IB Report

- Report provided by Valérie Barnabé, which can be found in the Addendum, section **1. IBP Report**.

6. CLC Report

- Report provided by Gerry Tullio, which can be found in the Addendum, section **2. CLC Report**.

7. Parents' Committee (PC) Report

- First PC meeting will be held in October, with the date yet to be confirmed; will include the selection of members to the committee. An update about the meeting will be provided at the next GB meeting (Oct. 27).

8. Public Question Period

- **Grad Photos:** Date for Grad photos will be moved from Friday, October 14th to Friday, November 4th. Boys will be scheduled for the morning sessions and girls in the afternoon. Photos will be taken by Green Apple Studio.

9. Varia

- Nothing to report.

10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Linda De Young; seconded by Marcel Pinto.
- Meeting end time: 8:28 PM.

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ADDENDUM to Meeting Minutes

1. IB report

- This year's IB leadership workshop was at the Escaparium on September 1st. Students used their communication skills, collaboration skills and their reflection skills to solve the enigma.
- IB students from Sec. 1 to 5 were all met by Madame Barnabé to explain and go over the community service requirement. Following the class visits, an email was sent to all parties with the information.
- IB Sec. 5 students met with their mentor for the 1st time last week. They are meeting about 7 times during the course of the year and to make sure that the students are progressing accordingly. After each meeting, written feedback is sent to the parents.
- Tomorrow, the organization C-Vert is coming to meet all the Sec. 3-4 students.

What is C-Vert?

C-Vert is an after-school environmental engagement activity for young people between 14-16 years old. The group is made up of around twenty young people who meet throughout the year after school to participate in practical environmental workshops, live experiences in nature and determine and implement their environmental projects.

- On October 13th, representatives of le Conseil Jeunesse de St-Léonard are coming to visit all the Sec. 4 and 5 classes to present the new initiative that is le Conseil jeunesse.

What is le Conseil Jeunesse?

Le Conseil jeunesse de Saint-Léonard est une instance consultative non partisane composée de membres bénévoles qui soumettra des recommandations ou des avis sur les besoins des jeunes en lien avec la mission municipale aux élus et services administratifs de l'Arrondissement. Le Conseil jeunesse de Saint-Léonard est composé de résidents de l'arrondissement de 15 à 25 ans.

- Les Olympes de la Parole : On Wednesday, we had the 1st official meeting with the founder of the concours : Ms. Savary and a member of the Board, Ms. Eva. They came here to give a presentation to the LMAC team about the process, the theme and the benefits of participating in this type of project. The LMAC team is made up of Gianna Simancas Loffreda, Hanna Tinkler Andrea Vaccaro, Giovanna Wendling.

What is les Olympes de la Paroles?

Voices of Olympia Canada is a global citizenship learning-based initiative. Through a yearly school competition, high school girls in Canada use a human rights approach to reflect on the central theme of gender inequalities and its impact on the empowerment of girls and women.

2. CLC Report

Kairos Blanket Exercise

On September 22 and 23, all our Sec 3 History/ Histoire groups participated in the Kairos Blanket Exercise. Through this experiential learning activity, the students were transported through 400 years of Indigenous history - from Turtle Island as our continent was known to them, to today's residential schools, communities without water, trailer schools.

Pacte de Rue

On September 15th, Pacte de Rue set up a table in the centre block during lunch. It was an opportunity for Myriam, who has been here at LMAC for over 3 years to say goodbye to students and to introduce Jenny, who will be replacing her. In the next two weeks, Jenny will begin the girls groups, which many students from last year already signed up. It will be junior girls during period 2 and senior girls period 3, in addition to meeting kids individually during lunch. Jenny will also continue to work with our guidance department when needed.

Camp Lift

Will resume the boys club in the next two weeks. Boys who participated last year have been asking the last couple of weeks about it and are looking forward to participating again. New students will be invited to join too. The format will be the same as last year, period 3 will be the junior boys and period 4 for senior boys.

Art Therapy

Art therapy sessions will begin Tuesday, Oct. 4. Erica will meet students from last year and will meet with guidance for new participants. These sessions are scheduled for period 2 for juniors and period 3 for seniors.

*Special note, students participating in these groups are clearly told that they are responsible for their class work and that any quizzes, tests take priority

Headstrong Summit

The Headstrong Summit is a youth mental health and anti-stigma summit from the Mental Health Commission of Canada. With the Student Services department, I am part of the organizing committee, two summits will be held for EMSB high schools. Here in the east, the summit is scheduled for Oct. 25, 26, 27, with these schools participating from the east end: LMAC, JFK, Rosemont, LBP, through Teams. Students will take part in three 90-minute sessions over the three days, listening to personal stories, doing activities and interacting, learning about mental health and stigma. The goal is that the students then form a Headstrong group at school and then lead monthly mental health/anti-stigma campaigns throughout the school year. Because of the commitment involved, I have arranged with Mme. Barnabé to offer this as a community service project that will allow students to complete their 15 hours.

*Special note: Our community partner REISA, will be providing all four east end schools participating in the summit \$1,000.00 as a starting fund. The students will be asked to submit an action plan for Nov. 14th and then a final report for mid-March.

Prevention Month

Similar to last year, we are trying to do all prevention presentations early in the year. Presentations have begun and will go to the beginning of November. This is the break down.

- **Drugs:** Sec. 2 to 5, will get presentations from Camp Lift funded by Public Health. This year they will focus on drugs, friends and family. Sec 1 will have Maison Jean Lapointe presenting “My Independence Matters to Me”.
- **Vaping:** Sec. 1 will get “Drop the Vape”, presented by med students from McGill and UdeM. Funded by Health Canada.
- **Cyber/screen time:** Maison Jean Lapointe will present “Beyond the Screens” to Sec. students.
- **Gambling:** Sec. 5 will get Maison Jean Lapointe presenting “Matter of Chance”, gambling and video gambling.

Today I met with the Chair of Police Tech from John Abbott. We discussed a pilot project, aimed at Sec. 4 and 5 students. One session in Fall would cover various street drugs, consequences of using them and of getting caught with them. Also, DUI (alcohol and drugs), how they screen for it and consequences. Spring session would cover the Young Offenders Act, what happens when you break the law, what rights do you have, etc. Also, breaking myths, such as once you turn 18 your file disappears...FALSE. I hope to update you next month