

## École Secondaire LAURIER MACDONALD High School

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### Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting #4

January 17, 2024 at 7:00PM (Microsoft Teams)

Name of member	Role	P/A	Name of member	Role	P/A
Celzi, Cristina	Principal	P	De Ciccio, Angela	Parent	P
Spilak, Ivan	Vice-Principal	P	Irrera, Angelo	Parent	P
Barnabé, Valérie	IB Coordinator	P	Passucci, Stephanie	Parent	P
Castonguay, Micheline	Teacher	P	Petrecca, Giovanni	Parent	P
Caya, Annie	Teacher	P	Ursino, Silvio	Parent	P
D'Alessandro, Andy	Teacher	A	Vasile, Mary	Parent	P
De Ciccio, Veronica	Teacher	A	Zaruso, Antonio	Parent	P
Di Viccaro, Alex	Teacher	P	Paolella, Vincenzo	Student	P
Pinto, Marcel	Teacher	P	Huard, Danica	Student	A
Potesta, Ramona	CLC Rep	A			
Tullio, Gerry	Community Rep	A			
Pietrangelo, Mario	Commissioner	P			

#### 1. Land Acknowledgement

#### 2. Approval of the Agenda

Changes to the agenda: Move Schoolyard Improvement Grant (5.5) to Business Arising.

Change point 5.6 to 5.5

Change point 5.7 to 5.6

Motion to approve agenda with changes by Vincenzo Paolella; seconded by Mr. Irrera; all in favour, motion passed.

#### 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the December 7, 2023 Governing Board Meeting

Motion to adopt by Ms. Caya; seconded by Vincenzo Paolella; motion passed.

#### 4. Business arising from the previous meeting

##### 4.1 Schoolyard Improvement – Greenhouse/Outdoor Class

- We need to have proper plans. We will postpone the improvement until next December so we have time to obtain plans

#### 5. New Business

##### 5.1 Europe 2025 School Trip

- Ms. Dussault will have more details at next month's meeting.

## 5.2 Principal Selection Criteria

## 5.3 Course Selection Forms (Next month)

## 5.4 School Budget

- Motion to approve budget by Vincenzo Paoletta; seconded by Ms. Caya; all in favour; motion passed.

## 5.5 Security in the School

- A parent had issues with security and safety in the school. She came into the school from the front doors and was only questioned when she got to the stairwell. Ms. Spilak explained that there was a new secretary who was not aware of the protocol. Normally, the main student entrance and administration entrance are monitored and people cannot walk in, they must be buzzed in.
- There have been no issues with Adult ed during the day.
- School board-wide safety plan is in place and there are lockdown protocols if there are any issues.

## 5.6 Recap of Educational Plan Survey

- Students, staff, and parents received the survey and 57 families answered. The comments were constructive, and an analysis of the responses is being made.

## 6. Student Report

**English Montreal Student Advisory Committee (EMSAC):** As previously mentioned, EMSAC agreed to write a letter about its concerns of the effects resulting from the common front strike. As such, a letter to Premier Francois Legault and Minister Sonia Lebel on said topic was written, approved, and sent out by the committee. Another meeting has not been held to date. A tentative meeting in January will likely be held at LMAC. More details to be provided at the next GB meeting.

**House Council:** House Council held a holiday theme week, in which students dressed down in a set theme each day. Themes ranged from ugly Christmas sweaters, to fancy festive vs cabin cozy, jersey day, and house t-shirt day. The second house day was held Thursday, December 21, 2023. Students were treated to performances by an illusionist and by Ms. De Ciccio's dance class. Some fun, holiday-themed games and a house Intramural volleyball game were subsequently held.

**The LMACTivists:** On the first day back from winter break, the LMACTivists placed kind notes on lockers, to allow individuals to start the second half of the year on a "positive note". Pun intended.

**Media Club:** Last week, two student journalists covered the EMSB's press conference on kindergarten registration. Along the way, they met many people, including some Alumni, such as Joe Ruvo of Les Delices LaFrenais. Using material from interviews and observations students will create an Instagram post, article, and reel. Be sure to check LMAC's social media pages to see some of Media club's work.

**Band:** The LMAC Band has met twice since the return to classes, they are practicing a few songs and hope to perform for the school sometime soon.

## 7. IB Report

- **Sec. 5 IB students**

Personal project is in its last stretch. Students are submitting their project next month.

- **Lab 22 Organization**

We started a 3 year partnership with Lab 22. This organization will help us lower our environmental footprint. As an IB school, we are committed to taking on initiatives that help our school and community. As part of the year 1 analysis, we have to survey all of our school community. The staff and the students completed a short survey and the parents' survey will be sent shortly.

The results are going to help us choose what type of actions we could implement to make the school's environmental footprint even lower.

## 8. CLC Report

CLC Report for January 2024 Volunteer Opportunity Mr. Monachino, Miss Barnabé and I are coordinating an intergenerational activity with CHSLD Dante as a volunteer opportunity for students. This would benefit IB students who need to accumulate service as action hours. However, all students are welcome to take part. The initiative is scheduled to begin February 6<sup>th</sup>. Once a week for about 2 hours or so, the students will participate in activities planned by the center with the seniors (ex: bingo, playing cards, arts and crafts, etc.). Welcome to CEGEP webinar Our students in secondary 4 and 5 have been invited to participate in a webinar hosted by LEARN Quebec. The session aims to support their transition to CEGEP by demystifying the experience. The panel of speakers will offer advice and resources on how to balance the newfound freedoms of life in CEGEP with the additional responsibilities that come with it. The webinar is scheduled for February 1st.

## 9. EMSB Parent Committee Report

- There have been 2 meetings since our last LMAC governing board meeting.
- Meeting 1: How to integrate AI program in the classroom to facilitate learning. It can be used to help explain math concepts, etc.
- Meeting 2: Information on delays due to the strikes. Report cards should be pushed two weeks. Ms. Celzi says that this information has not been communicated with the school yet.

The following information was communicated with the school: 1. The end-of-year exams would take place later in June and would be worth 20% for high school students and 10% for elementary school students. 2. The government would pay for summer school for students at risk of failing.

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**10. Public Question Period**

- None.

**11. Varia**

- None.

**12. Date of Next Meeting: February 21, 2024.**

**13. Adjournment: 9:11PM**