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Governing Board Minutes – December 19th, 2022

PRESENT:

Administration : Joseph Vitantonio, Grace Fanelli, Assunta Caruso, Angela Antonacci

Parents : Franco Mazzariello, Tony Aversano, Joe Biunno, Liliana Zarlenga, Sandra Greco, Marisa Papillo, Tina Rubino (secretary), Daniela Marino

Parent Alternates : Alessandro Conciatori (Alex), Patricia Suriano, Giovanni Ficara, Gabriel Latino

Teachers : Paul Karpontinis, Tania Liciursi, Frank Teoli, Clorinda Antonacci

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine

Professionals : Casey Gagné

Guests : N/A

Students : Dante Zonin, Ariana Faucini

Regrets : Catherine Clarabut

1 Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Mr. Mazzariello welcomes everyone in person at the start of the meeting at 7:30 following the in person social supper with the catered meal.
- All in favor to have the meeting recorded to assist in the minutes.
- Dante Zonin and Ariana Faucini read the Land Acknowledgment

2 Adoption of the Agenda

- Joseph Vitantonio proposed to move section 4.1 (principal's selection criteria) to the end of the meeting after the adjournment since administration needs to leave the room for the discussion.
- Moved to adopt the agenda with the update by Marisa Papillo, seconded by Casey Gagné. All in favor

3 Adoption of the minutes from Nov 23rd, 2022, GB meeting

- Frank Mazzariello asked if anyone had any comments following his transmittal of the minutes and supporting documents. Daniela Marino requested a correction be made to the attendance list which identifies her as a guest while it she is a parent.
- Moved to adopt the minutes with the correction by Tony Aversano, seconded by Liliana Zarlenga. All in favor with two abstentions.

4 New Business

4.1. Subject Selection Process (Approval Required):

- a. The subjects being offered are the status quo to this year.
- b. Some of the optional classes in secondary 4 and 5 may not be programmed if there is not enough student interest for a full class.
- c. The FLM program will undergo a name change next year to Francais Programme Enrichi. This will allow students to be registered in the 6-credit course, recognized by the MEQ for secondary 5 graduation credits. Currently our FLM students write the supplemental exam in January to get their credits, since their June exam doesn't grant them the graduation credits required.
- d. This is a board decision to change the name of these programs, and all schools offering the FLM will undergo this change.
- e. The program itself won't change pedagogically.
- f. A letter will accompany the subject selection forms, and this was already reflected in the open house information we sent out for new students in October.
- g. Also, there is a new Culture and Citizenship in Quebec course that is supposed to replace the current Ethics course.
- h. We haven't received the information about the new course yet, as it is being piloted in 5 schools, but we are supposed to implement it next year. Ethics will be replaced with Culture and Citizenship in Quebec if all goes as the MEQ plans from now until then.
- i. Motion to adopt the subject selection for 2023-2024 was moved by Casey Gagné and seconded by Liliana Zarlenga. All in favor and motion to be carried. (note that this process was already adopted by staff council)

4.2. Volunteer Evening (Information Item)

- a. Email send asking members and parents to confirm the number of years they have volunteered (even as a substitute) to elementary and or secondary schooling governing board.
- b. Any parent having contributed a minimum of 5 years will be getting invited to an EMS parent committee volunteer night sometime in the spring.
- c. More details including the location and date to come once available.
- d. Everyone is invited to make changes or corrections to their form and to resubmit it as the link remains active. See link <https://forms.office.com/r/KPZwPZNNek>

5 Reports

5.1. Principal

5.1.1. Staff Appreciation Week (Approval Required):

- a) Staff appreciation week will be celebrated the week of February 27, 2023.
- b) We normally ask GB to help us fund the supper on PT night and some treats during the week.
- c) We are requesting \$30 per staff member to pay for the dinner and coffee break.
- d) Everyone is also welcomed to spread the word to get any sponsors or donations to help make that week sweeter.
- e) Motion to support the staff appreciation week treats was moved by Liliana Zarlenga and seconded by Tony Aversano. All in favor.

5.1.2. Maison Jean Lapointe Class Presentations (Information Item):

- a) **My independence matters to me (Drugs and alcohol):** “Offered to Grade 7 students, My Independence Matters to Me! presents basic concepts related to the risks of consumption and the importance of making autonomous decisions. The workshop is specifically adapted to students’ stage of development. The first objective of the workshop is to prevent early initiation by delaying initial consumption as long as possible.”
- b) **Sec 2: Beyond the screens (Cyber-dependance):** “The Beyond the Screens workshop is presented to grade 8 high school students. This universal prevention workshop revolves around the general theme of balanced screen use and sound management of time.”
- c) The workshops are 70-75 minutes long, and will take place on January 23, 24, and 26.

5.1.3. Camp Lift Class Presentations (Information Item):

- a) “CAMP LIFT is a non-profit organization whose mission is to contribute to the academic perseverance of youth attending a secondary school by offering awareness and educational activities on healthy lifestyle habits.
- b) CAMP LIFT team specializes in fostering positive and optimal growth amongst youth, and preventing harm related to addictions, delinquency and dropping out of high school.”
- c) Camp lift mentors will be visiting levels 2-5 to present their APT workshop. This year, the presentations will focus on how friends can influence substance use. Presentations will be 1 period long and will take place between January 10th and January 19th.

5.1.4. Holocaust Museum Visit (Information Item):

- a) Ms. Seremetis will be taking 2 of her English groups to the Holocaust Museum on February 9, 2023.
- b) This trip supports the educational aspects of the novel study being completed in English class by these students.
- c) The costs for the trip will be covered by the school.
- d) Travelling by school bus to and from the museum.

- e) They will arrive shortly into the end of the lunch period, so they will be supervised for lunch and return to their period 4 class.

5.2. Commissioner

- Nothing new to report

5.3. Chair/Regional Delegate

- a) Received greetings from commissioner. Franco Mazzariello will be sending them an email to thank them.
- b) Tony Aversano replaced Franco Mazzariello at the last commissioner meeting.
- c) Some interesting points spoken about include;
 - A transporting pass with a unique barcode is being tested with elementary school children taking the bus to help track their presents on the bus.
 - A pilot project is undergoing for specific kids that meet specific criteria to be able to assist in virtual schooling.
 - To help find candidates to assist general assembly meetings, some parents would hand out promotional pamphlets after to other parents picking up kids after school or after parent teacher nights.

5.4. Secretary/Treasurer

- Nothing new to report

5.5. Student Council

The following items were reported for the December report:

P.A. Announcements

Every morning, members of student council deliver an announcement to inform the student body of upcoming and relevant messages alongside Ms. Paci's positive messages which are a great start to the day.

Breakfast club

Council's breakfast club is open every day before class selling nutritious breakfasts to students, as well as other goods. We were recipients of a bursary from Breakfasts Club of Canada

Coop

Coop is selling items to students at lunch. Our schedule has now changed to 3 days a week. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Students can buy school supplies, apparel, and snacks. From either our store or from the vending machine.

Green committees recycling

Green committee had been meeting regularly once a cycle to sort out garbage and recycling in the plaza.

Helping with Special Olympics

The Special Olympics was a day where student council members, RAK Squad and Phys Ed Students got to animate activities for children with special needs. The children that participated in the activities ranged from elementary students to high school students.

Decorating for Christmas

Student council has decorated the plaza and the building for the Hanukkah and Christmas season. We put up many inflatables and lights around the building. This tradition brings a festive feeling to the building and its students.

Social justice food collection.

We held our annual friendly competition. Grades were encouraged to donate food, hygiene 744 food items - Lower than past years, 159.15\$ used to buy additional food items.

EMSB Leadership Camp

Planning for leadership camp, currently 5 organizers, 4 animators and we are hoping for 20 delegates. Students will be going to Westmount high to organize the leadership camp in April.

PJ day

PJ day was held on December 1st and is a great way to end off the week. Funds benefited Christmas charities.

St- Brendan's \$532

SPCA \$200

Salvation Army \$200

Moisson Montreal \$200

Welcome Hall Mission \$200

We collected \$1332, \$200 lower than last year's donations.

Cookie baking this evening.

This evening student council backed holiday shaped cookies for our weekly holiday activities that will be held during lunch.

Running at lunch holiday activities

This week students will get the chance to decorate cookies and participate in our holiday crafts during their lunch hour.

Wednesday lunch activities

For the past few months, every Wednesday, student council has held activities for students in the plaza like spot-it and catch the light relay to enjoy over their lunch period.

CPR certification

On November 25th, student council members were given the opportunity to get CPR certified

Live different panel

Student council had prepared videos and speeches that would be delivered alongside the presenters of the live different panel. Unfortunately, due to overwhelming circumstances the presentations needed to be canceled.

Planned coffee house

Student council organized and recruited for the first coffee house of the year. Due to a lack of sign-ups from the student and teacher body, we had to cancel it.

5.6. Teachers

Paul Karpontinis reported :

- Information on funding received by the daily breakfast club program.
 - Breakfast club Canada provided a grant worth \$16 000 in food items
 - The club also won a \$10 000 grant from President's choice foundation, as well as an additional \$2 000 worth in material for a new stainless-steel fridge expected to be received on January 9.

- Update on Trip:
 - Latest New York Trip information is posted and available on the site. (Includes the selected 40 and waiting list in order of priority)
 - No new information to report on Toronto trip.
 - 22 Kids currently signed up for the England Trip. The company allowed to receive new sign ups until Friday dec 23, 2022.

- Some concerns were raised about this year's midterm exam week which was two weeks before Christmas. In the past it was usually the last week before Christmas holidays.

5.7: Sport Études Program

- One student (Sec 5 Student Alexandro Biello) was selected by the Canadian national U17 team. He is down in Mexico for the past 10 days playing two friendly games getting ready for the FiFa world cup.

5.8. Guidance Initiatives

- Nothing new to report

6 Varia

- Nothing more was added

7 Public Question Period

- No questions

8 Next Meeting: Optional on Monday January 25th, 2023 (on teams)

- The next meeting is optional and tentatively planned for January 25th 2023.
- Joseph Vitantonio and Franco Mazzariello will discuss and confirm if a meeting will be held.
- Joseph Vitantonio mentions that budget building is the only thing that may drive the need for a meeting in January. But doing it in February should still allow enough time.

9 Partial Adjournment (For administration only)

- Meeting was adjourned for administration at 8:00 PM.
- The Administration team exited the room.

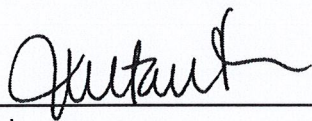
10 Principal's Selection Criteria

- A free exchange was held among the teachers and parents. Talked about some of the basic expectations and criteria to be met by a principal and challenges faced by them.
- Collectively agreed to keep the existing selection criteria the same with only a minor adjustment to put more emphasis on keeping in mind the importance of continuity.

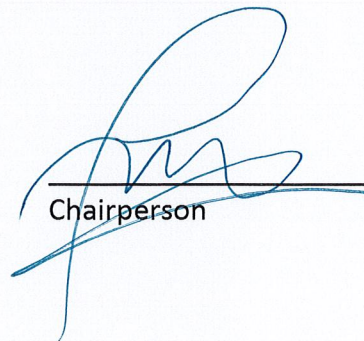
11 Adjournment (For non-administration)

- Casey Gagné moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. Clorinda Antonacci seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.



Principal



Chairperson

