



Minutes

Date/ time:	December 7, 2023 6:00pm	Location:	LINKS High School
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Present	Maria Caldarella- Principal Julia Giannacopoulos- Teacher, Treasurer Gail Bernstein- Teacher Shannen Ciricillo- Professional Myriam Farley- Support staff, Secretary Anthony Clarizio- Parent, Chairperson Teresa Cappellano- Parent Irmine Sodogandji- Parent Patrizia Petrecca – Community representative Aidan Stewart- Parent
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Regrets	
1.	Welcome Call meeting to order at: 6:08pm

2.	Reading and Approval of the Agenda
	Motion 1: Moved by T. Cappellano; seconded by J. Giannacopoulos to approve the agenda. All in favor.

3.	Adoption of the minutes of the Meeting on October 26, 2023
	Motion 2: Moved by T. Cappellano; seconded by J. Giannacopoulos to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2023 meeting. All in favour.

4.	Business arising from the minutes
4.1	information Vice Principal M. Caldarella follows up on the discussion had at the previous governing board meeting regarding the request for a Vice Principal.
4.2	information

5.	New Business
5.1	Approval Anti-Bullying & Anti-Violence Action Plan 23-24 M. Caldarella asks all members to review and approve the new action plan that has been created to replace to Safe School Action plan that was in place during the previous school year.

		Motion 3: Moved by T. Cappellano; seconded by J. Giannacopoulos to approve the new Anti-bullying & Anti-Violence Action Plan. All in favour.
5.2	Approval	M. Farley-Animal Assisted Wellness Program (Presentation) M. Farley ask for support from the governing board to implement an Animal Assisted Wellness program at LINKS along with allowing the new dog to train at LINKS. The objective of the program would be to incorporate a dog in the classroom setting to support our students. Studies have shown that animals significantly help students with special needs with social skills development, motor skills and many more. Motion 4: Moved by T. Cappellano; seconded by I. Sdogandji to approve the training and implementation of an Animal Assisted education program at LINKS. All in favour.
5.3	information	Fundraiser Haunted House Update M. Caldarella explains the massive success of the haunted house fundraiser. The original goal set was 2000\$ and we received a total of 6800\$. A huge thank you goes out to T. Cappellano for organizing the fundraiser.
5.4	information	Principal Selection Criteria Governing board will be asked to look at the criteria for Principal selection for LINKS in the next few weeks.
5.5	information	Staff Appreciation Week February 6th M. Caldarella asks for support from the governing board to provide a few special surprises for staff during staff appreciation week in February.
5.6	information	Educational Project Surveys A survey was sent out to the LINKS community to help guide the creation of the new Educational Project. M. Caldarella provides the feedback given by the families that did fill out the survey.

6.		Reports
6.1	Information	Principal's Report- See attached report
6.2	Information	Parent Delegate Report- N/A
6.3	Information	Professional's Report- See attached report
6.4	Information	Teacher's Report- See attached report
6.5	Information	Support Staff Report- See attached report

7.		Question period for the public
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9.	Date of next meeting: December 22, 2023
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10.	Adjournment Motion 5: Moved by G. Bernstein; seconded by T. Cappellano to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. All in favour.
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