



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
October 5th, 2023.**



Governing Board Members 2023-2024:

Name	Position		Name	Position	
Kristina Di Cesare (KDC)	GB Chair	X	Giuseppe Pazienza (GP)	Parent Representative	X
Miranda Serrecchia (MS)	GB Vice-Chair	X	Nada Porco (NP)	Teacher	X
Stephanie Passucci (SP)	GB Treasurer	X	Stefanie Fuoco (SF)	Teacher	X
Marisa Mineiro (MM)	Principal	X	Noemia Bozzo (NB)	Teacher/IB	X
Amanda Vallelunga (AV)	Vice-Principal	X	Mirella Di Stefano (MDS)	Teacher	X
Pietro Mercuri (PM)	Commissioner	X	Elisa Di Genova (EDG)	Teacher	X
Nadia Cerrelli	Parent Representative	X	Nancy Salituri (NS)	Daycare Rep.	X
Pat Brancati (PB)	Parent Representative	X	Pina Rinaldi (PR)	Support Staff	X
Nick Ciccotelli (NC)	Parent Representative	X	Loredana Cardillo (LC)	Support Staff	X
Mario Benvenuto (MB)	Parent Representative	X			

1. Approval of Agenda

Motioned to approve: Ms. Passucci

Seconded by: Ms. Cerrelli

2. Approval of Minutes September 2023

Motioned to approve: Mr. Benvenuto

Seconded by: Ms. Porco

3. Question Period

None

4. Principal's Report

None

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- i. Enrollment update: Enrollment confirmed at 508.
- ii. Welcoming Day: Huge success. Students had fun with different activities such as scavenger hunt, Zumba and a movie. Students also enjoyed the hotdog lunch and snack that was provided.
- iii. Staffing: Very happy and fortunate to announce that Michelangelo was fully staffed from the very beginning of the year.



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- iv. Picture Day: Picture day date has been changed from October 11th to October 12th, 2023. This year there will be no sibling pictures. PPO members will be volunteering that day to come in and help with the students.
- v. Chocolate Fundraiser: This year school went with new supplier. The chocolate sales are not going as well as other years. Parents are however making donations. Currently reached just under halfway of our goal. Chocolates although better quality are more expensive this year. PPO and I knew it was a risk. We will see if we do reach our goal.

Mr. Mercuri mentioned an idea for future fundraising: Friends 4 Cause sell imported items from Italy. They make easy gifts especially with Christmas time being around the corner. If the school would be interested in this to let him know.

- vi. Halloween: Theme will be Barbie. There's a twist with Barbie and her very perfect world. Broken dolls are coming back to life. Haunted house in library will take place again in the library.
- vii. Open House: Will take place on November 9th, 2023. For the second year in a row it will be in person at the school. School will get started on creating videos, postcards and work on social media to promote our Open House. Students will be prepared to be tour guides. GB representatives are invited to be there that evening helping us out.
- viii. Extra-curricular activities: Some activities have started already; some are going to be starting soon. Teachers are organizing activities for the children. Various types of clubs and activities from knitting to doodling to intramurals. There are a lot of activities that have been approved by our staff council. Teachers will begin reaching out to the parent community. There's a bit of everything for everyone.
- ix. QPAT-Teacher's Convention: Will take place on October 13th, 2023. Teacher's can go to conferences and take the opportunity to look for new resourced for the classroom.
- x. GB Meetings (change of dates): Administration will be updating and resubmitting the dates for GB meetings (from November through June). Reason for changes is due to conflicting dates. Meeting will be set for the first Wednesdays of the month instead of the first Thursday. No meeting in February. Updated dates will be sent by e-mail.



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Question from Mr. Brancati: Idea for fundraiser. Was already mentioned to PPO about a cheese fundraiser. Still unsure about when it will take place.

6. Teacher's Report (Ms. Bozzo)

- i. Welcoming Day: Phys. Ed teachers did a great job in organizing the day. From inflatables, hot dog lunch, TCBY snack, the children had a great time. The weather was great. It was fun seeing everyone have a great time.
- ii. Orange Shirt Day: Hoop dancer came to school for a presentation for the senior students. Activity was published on Facebook and Instagram. The kids had a good time, and it was very informative. Nice to see and participate in a different culture. Students were really interested in it and Ann had them do different acrobats with the hula hoops. They all had a turn to go up and perform for the rest of the kids.
- iii. QPAT: Teacher's have their convention on October 13th. Governing board is usually very generous when it comes to teacher's convention. It is always very appreciated. Is there a budget for teachers this year?
- iv. Peace Day: Students watched a video chosen for their cycle. They then reflected and illustrated and/or wrote was peace is for them in a paper circle. A huge dove mural was created in the foyer with their circle.

GB chair put forth a motion to grant 100\$ per teacher for QPAT.

Seconded by: Ms. Serrecchia

7. IB Report

- i: Winding down on the first unit of inquiry. Teachers will be released a half day for development.

We're doing fantastic things with the kids at every level in terms of their units of inquiry.

8. Daycare Report

- i. Getting ready for upcoming Ped Days.
- ii. Harvest Day: Urban seedling company coming to help with the planning and planting og garden. Looking forward to a garden in the Spring.
- iii. October/ Halloween: Going to continue the tradition; on Halloween, October 31st, Daycare will be providing meals for all the kids. They're going to have an early dinner at no charge to the parents. It's a gift from the daycare to the students so when they can go directly trick-or-



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treating right after school and parents don't have to worry about dinner. Parents are always happy about this as it takes away some of the stress.

- iv. IB: Doing more programming with the educators. Including the IB units in our programming. Whole list of all the IB Units students are doing have been provided to us. The educators are working alongside the teachers. and so that's going well. It's a work in progress and educators are getting used to it as well.

9. Commissioner's Report (Mr. Mercuri):

i: International Teacher's Day- Today is World Teachers' Day. Just wanted to take the time to thank all the teachers for the exceptional work that they do. It's not an easy job, takes a lot of work, dedication and perseverance. Thank you.

ii: Bill 40: On August 2nd, 2023, there was a ruling that took place. The judge ruled that we were right to challenge bill 40 at 99% of what the commissioners had brought forward. The government went ahead and appealed that ruling. This occurred on September 4th. It is back in the courts. As more information comes in, we will be updated.

iii: Meeting at Pius X: Third meeting being held at Pius 10th adult Ed centre tonight (Sept. 15). Recognized our student of the month. This is the first time we recognize an adult, Stella lamego. She's a student at Pius culinary centre. She's doing very well as a student but she's also a mom and she's a wife and she works full time. Goes to show that people can persevere and achieve their goals through hard work and dedication.

iv: Nomination of Mr. Ortona: We nominated Mr. Joe Ortona to be the president of the QESBA (Quebec English School Boards Association). Every few years there are nominations for the presidency of that association. We took it upon ourselves to nominate our own chairman given the times that we're living in. Our English language school system needs some strong voices.

v: Budget Allocation of Schools: Budget from the Government has been allocated for the 2023-2024 school year. Happy spending. If there is anything lacking, please let me know. He is there to represent Michelangelo International at council and school commission.

vi: Holocaust Education: Resolved to call upon the Quebec Ministry of Education to make Holocaust education compulsory in elementary and high schools Quebec. It is lagging in this regard. Holocaust education seems to not be a requirement, so we called on the Quebec government to do so.



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vii: Election of Governance and Ethics Committee: We elected the members as well as the chair and vice chair of the Governance and Ethics Committee. Members of the Governance and Ethics Committee is the committee that goes ahead and looks at the bylaws and the rules that govern our school board and our council.

viii: Nomination at MaKay: Nominated grade six student from Mackay. Her name is Alliyah. She was nominated student of the month for the month of September. She has what is called episodic ataxia. This is a condition that causes severe muscle and nerve pain. Before this diagnosis, Aaliyah used to love to dance. What she's done to cope with this find a way to persevere and continue dancing in her wheelchair. She inspires everybody that that is around her.

xi: Adoption of Electoral maps for the English Montreal School Board: Prior to an election year we do need to go through all the electoral maps to make sure that it's more balanced in terms of the amount of voting population. It was approved.

x: Italian Heritage Month: Resolution was adopted that names the month of June (every year) to be Italian Heritage Month beginning this year, starting in June 2024.

10. EMSB PC (Ms. Passucci):

i: Meetings: Returning in-person meetings. Some meetings will be virtual. First meeting will take place on October 12th, 2023.

11. PPO:

i: Fundraising: Chocolate fundraiser is not doing too well. To try to remediate that, looking into another type of fundraiser for November and then one for December. We want to try to maximize the profit so that we can then help the school and help the kids. Nothing is set in stone yet, but possible fundraiser is with St. Viator bagels. For December, looking into some sort of wrapping paper or poinsettia plants. Goal is to target as many people as possible.

ii: Halloween: Asking for a \$500 budget for Halloween activity organized by PPO.



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Seconded by: Ms. Di Stefano

iii: Scholastic Book Fair: In November, to coincide with the first parent teacher interview, we will be having the scholastic book fair. It'll run for a couple of days during the day for the students and then the first day of the parent teacher. Parents can purchase additional books for their students and for their children's classes. Asking for a small budget to decorate and get the necessary materials to have the scholastics book fair up and running. Asking for a \$300 budget for scholastic book fair.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Bozzo

Seconded by: Ms. Cerrelli

12. Chair Report

i: Meetings: Motion put forward to cap meetings (8:30 p.m.). If there is an emergency meeting, or a meeting where items like budget can be lengthier, GB Board will be asked to vote if they would like to continue for another 45 minutes or not.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Di Cesare

Seconded by Ms. Di Stefano

ii: Field Trips: Motion to approve future field trips by administration.

Ms. Vallelunga gives run through of all field trips planned this far.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Di Cesare

Seconded by: Ms. Serrecchia

iii: E-Votes: Motion to allow administration to send out e-votes, in case of emergency voting, where not all members are available. For suture e-votes to run smoother without delay.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Di Genova

Seconded by: Mr. Benvenuto



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Ms. Passucci not in favor.

13. Varia

14. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Ms Di Stefano

Seconded by: Mr. Benvenuto

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