

Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Board of Roslyn School Held November April 11, 2022 via Teams Conference Call

Governing Board Members Present

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)
Andrew Potter (parent)
Kristen Boyer (staff)
Prosanto Chaudhury (parent)
Rayna Goldman (parent)
Eric Rowles (staff)
Sarah Tabah (parent)
Hannah Trineer-Roberts (staff)
Elan Cusiack-Barr (parent)
Neil Hopley (parent Sub)
Rachelle Lee (parent Sub)
Leslie Symansky (non-voting community member)
Jon Kruidbos (non-voting community member)
Jennifer Maxwell (non-voting community member)

Also Present

Joanna Genovezos (Principal)
Mireille Tehbelian (Vice-Principal)

1. Opening Remarks:

The meeting opened at 7:05 pm

Motion to adopt the agenda: Moved by Andrew Potter, Seconded Sara Tabah

Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting: Moved by Andrew Potter; seconded by Kristen Boyer

2. General questions

Play structure

A parent asked whether there was any progress on getting the play structure in the schoolyard fixed.

Joanna Genovezos replied that Jambette has said they'll come take a look

Student aggression

Joanna Genovezos noted that lots of cyberbullying is going on in the school community and said the more educated we become the better. It gets worse as the students get older, and they are using platforms such as Discord.

Joanna Genovezos also said a big issue is how to navigate playground etiquette. General discussion ensued.

Community representatives reports

Rep from Centre Greene noted that they have summer camps registration going on.

Rep from YMCA noted that Roslyn is getting a Pre-K class, and noted that the YMCA is going to adapt for the needs of that age group. He said things are going ok at the YMCA in general.

HandS rep noted general stuff going on; preparations for the end of year event and maybe getting a food truck. The events is scheduled for June 2. Rep also noted that mask recycling boxes got built and were spread around the school.

Question from a Parent: when will parents be allowed in the school?

Joanna Genovezos replied that but can't have too many people in yet but hopefully by the fall.

Teachers reports

Kristen Boyer talked about how they went through a 3 class unit on cyber safety/bullying/footprint and said she thinks it went well. They also made papier mache planets, with presentations scheduled for after Easter.

Hannah Roberts talked about their fitness unit, doing cardio, isometrics etc. She noted the HALO race was coming up in a month. She also said they are doing lunch time activities in the gym three days a week for gr 4/5/6.

Eric Rowles: Said he had lots of good nature/spring stuff going on such as growing plants in the class etc.

Vice Principal's Report

The VP noted that a Vision screening took place, and that the Take Me Outside field trips are happening. For example, the Grade 2s went to the nature park. On April 6 there was a lockdown practice at school. Other things of note:

April 8: There was a virtual workshop with Overture for the Arts on P is for Privilege

Apr 8: The Grade 4s went on a furry animals field trip

April 12: The grade 6s are going to the forest

April 14: TCBY grad fundraiser and Grade 3 field trip to furry animals field trip

April 20: A nurse will be visiting all Gr4s to discuss HPV vaccine that is being given in school

April 27: Progress reports to parents

VP also noted the Ukraine fundraiser raised \$1073.

Principal's Report

Enrollment

Joanna Genovezos noted that enrollment for next year was 587, down from around 650 in 2020. Roslyn has gone down to just three Kindergarten classes and three grade 4s with a split 3/4.

There was general discussion and a bit of concern over this drop. In response to a parent question, the principal said the enrollment number was more likely to go down, as people wait on privates, though she said there may be the possibility that the international scene is growing.

The principal also said the EMSB is not sure why this is going on; perhaps families have moved, while others have moved to French schools or to the private system.

Parent conferences

The principal mentioned the school has \$2879 to spend on workshops relevant for parents

Sarah Tabah said she had workshops in mind, on cyberbullying and related issues. General discussion ensued about the online and schoolyard as hot spots.

The principal said we need to book these workshops, and Suzanne Wexler and Sarah Tabah commit to getting dates "by mid-next week".

Clarification re: hiring

The principal said hiring through HR has to go through EMSB, and they have to be trained. But she said the admin budget can be used for other things to get qualified people to do stuff, at \$25 an hour.

Lunch and recess monitor situation

The principal said there is a problem with kids' behaviour, not a lack of staff. More general discussion over how to teach the kids to self-regulate.

Chair Report

Suzanne Wexler noted the Governing Board has a budget of \$1849 and that we need to do something with it.

It was suggested to donate \$1500 to the school and to keep \$349 for a rainy day.

This was approved by the GB.

EMSB Parent Committee report

Andrew Potter mentioned that at the previous PC meeting there had been a discussion about beautification grants for schools and said he would look on the MEQ site to find out about them.

Good and Welfare

Goodbyes to Hannah Trineer-Roberts, whose contract was coming to an end.

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Andrew Potter moved to end the meeting; Prosanto Chaudhury seconded it
Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.