

**Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Board of Roslyn School
Held December 13th, 2021 via Teams Conference Call**

Governing Board Members Present

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)
Andrew Potter (parent)
Kristen Boyer (staff)
Prosanto Chaudhury (parent)
Rayna Goldman (parent)
Sarah Tabah (parent)
Hannah Trineer-Roberts (staff)
Karaline Vlahopoulos (staff)
Elan Cusiak-Barr (parent)
Leslie Symansky
Neil Hopley (parent)
Rachelle Lee
Elan Cusiak-Barr
Daniel Khazzam

Also Present

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

Regrets:

Casallas Nunez, Oscar (Teacher)

Rowles, Eric (Teacher)

Shannon Hurtubise (Parent)

Jennifer Maxwell (Tyndale)

Heather Hodges (Centre Greene)

1. **Opening Remarks:** Chair Suzanne Wexler welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:07 pm with a request for a motion to adopt the agenda.

2. The motion to adopt was moved by Andrew Potter
Seconded by Karaline Vlahopoulos.

3. Discussion of minutes from previous GB meeting
Neil was removed from the regrets as he attended the previous meeting.

Motion to adopt: Andrew Potter
Seconded: Rayna Goldman

4. First Question Period:

A question was raised about the policy of the children returning from the US and whether or not parents would be informed. The response was that the school is waiting to hear from the school board, and parents are advised to ask the Canadian travel site and listen to public health guidelines.

5. Business arising:

5.1 Playground structure update:

There have been further complications with getting the playground installed, but they should be on schedule for the spring. The school board will be paying the full amount for the structure.

6. Community representative reports

Jonathan from YMCA provided the report as Marie-Lynn has left the YMCA. No major update as the cases have been low and morale is high. PED days will be carrying on as normal. Family Day will be offered at the YMCA for families. Quality care will continue being offered.

7: HandS report

Leslie from HandS reported that Pizza lunch is going well and at 90% participation. Registration will be open for the next 4 dates.

The Health room is open on the weekends and some afternoons. There has been a lot more demand for food this year. The grant and the donations have been help from Home and School. 3 students are being given hot lunches and less than the beginning of the year.

There are plans moving forward for activities in the new year, even if less in previous years. Grades will remain separate. Registering for the activities will be in late January and will not start into February. A week will be taken off after March break.

A question was raised given about pizza lunches and whether there was still an option to buy a pizza lunch for another family and that is still an option this year.

8. Reports and New Business

8...1 Principal and Vice Principal report

8.1.1 2021-2022 Sexuality Education Project

JG reported that the Sexual Education committee was formed with several teachers and administration and a timeline was given to teachers. All resources and workshops are board approved. The resources will be approved by staff council, and then brought to Governing board. Exemptions may be given, but they must be approved by the board. All information will be provided on the workshop. Some teachers may start the program in January, and other teachers will begin shortly after.

The minimum timeline for this program is 5 hours but teachers can go up to 10 hours. The exact guidelines for each cycle was provided.

There was a question regarding how parents could be informed on the content if they do not have access to the information. It was clarified by a parent that the curriculum is offered to the general public, and all could be found on the Ministry website. This information is available for everyone despite the website being temporarily down.

Action:

Prosanto Chaudhury approved and Andrew Potter seconds the program.

- There were no objections, but it was recommended that the link to the curriculum be provided to the parents.
- **The resolution was passed as is, with the link to the curriculum was provided to the parents.**
- Workshop on sexual education was given to all teachers on December 14th.

- A workshop on social and emotional learning will take place in January for teachers
- All doors have been installed with fobs and it has been an ease for teachers.

8.1.4 Snow Removal:

- There has been an issue with ice, and someone will be called when it is icy to salt the icy patches for the safety of the students. Students will continue to go outside as much as possible.

Enrichment:

- Enrichment will be moving forward. Students will be put on the list on the recommendation of the student's previous classroom teacher.

VP Report:

- Since December 7th we have had 11 cases and 4 class closures.
- December 16th will be vaccination day, and over 80 students are enrolled.
- December 17th is dress down for the grads
- December 21st students can wear a silly sweater day
- December 22nd will be pajama day.
- Black History workshop will be pushed to January due to request from the organization.

A question was asked whether there has been any transmission in the school. The response was while some classes have had more than one case, Public Health has not stated that there has been confirmed transmission in the classes.

A voluntary survey was suggested for parents and the survey would ask if parents had their children vaccinated. The response was that it is not allowed to ask parents this question at the current time.

8.1.5 Budget Allocation:

This will take place in February, and will be discussed as a board on how to spend the funding for the school and allocate funds. We get funding for several resources, which includes the Phys-Ed department and enrichment.

8.2 Teacher's Report:

Karaline Vlahopoulos: 201 and 202 are learning about holidays around the world, and there has been a kindness challenge for students.

Kristen Boyer: Volcanos are going well. Jennifer Macarone will be announcing the winner for the holiday cards and will be providing funding to the school.

Hannah Trineer-Roberts: Safety in Phys-Ed remains a priority and they have keeping classes separate. Interaction is limited in exercises and warmups as well. Budgets have been decided and they include leadership programs and winter equipment such as sleds. A question was raised about parent volunteers for the winter activities, and it was stated that volunteers could potentially be necessary in the new year.

8.2: Chair's report

Chair Suzanne Wexler raised the question of revisiting GB goals from last year, including the uniform, the school slogan, fundraising, and enrichment.

It was raised that there is an opening for those interested in revisiting the slogan, and what does "private attention" means in 2022 and in the future.

8.3.1 Revisiting RGB 2021/2022 Goals and Fundraising

There could be multiple different ways to fundraise for the school.

There was a question on whether Roslyn will be moved for renovations, and it was responded by administration that we're high on the list for renovations.

A brainstorming session was suggested on how we could revamp and improve the school. Some people could donate time or money.

8.3.2. RGB Initiatives and/or Sub-committees

Uniforms/keep the dress code. : This discussion that could lead to a sub-committee and would gather information on what the parents want.

It was suggested by a parent whether a survey can be given before the next meeting, and the answers for the committees can be stated in the next meeting.

A question was asked whether uniforms are allowed to be enforced in a public school. It was brought up by administration that it may not be possible to go with a uniform due to the new restrictions of forcing parents to buy from a particular supplier. It was raised that other public schools have had uniforms previously.

The slogan: This would be an initiative to discuss how the slogan represents Roslyn and how we want to be.

Sustainability: already started by HandS, but some topics could be added like mask disposal.

Action: a survey monkey will be given to other members of governing board, **and no decisions will be made until 2022.**

8.4: EMSB Parents Committee Report

- Bill 96 was discussed and language communication was a concern.
- Anti-racism sub-committee is getting started, and the special education committee was also concerned over Bill 96.
- There was concern over enrollment of English language in the EMSB.

It was suggested that positive marketing could be given to the community to help improve enrollment. We should focus on our strengths and re-inforce that.

- Executive Committee raised concerns about treatment about certain parents on behalf of the entire parents committee, which lead to some negative communication within the parents committee.

9. Good and Welfare:

Administration complimented governing board for working together for the good of Roslyn. Well wishes were given for holidays.

10. Question Period:

No questions given.

Next meeting date: Jan 17th

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 by Elan and seconded by Andrew.

