

Minutes of the Meeting of the Governing Board of Roslyn School Held February 8th, 2022, via Teams Conference Call

In Attendance:

Suzanna Wexler, Chair
Karaline Vlahopoulos, Teacher
Shannon Hurtubise, Parent
Eric Rowles, Teacher
Sarah Tabah, Parent
Andrew Potter, Parent
Prosanto Chaudhury, Parent
Jonathan Kruidbos, YMCA
Elan Cusiak-Barr, Parent
Rayna Goldman, Parent
Maria Grazia Piscopo, Teacher
Heather Hodges, Centre Green
Hannah Trineer-Roberts, Teacher
Daniel Khazzam, Sub
Rachelle Lee Hauser, Sub

Also Present:

Joanna Genocezoz, Principal
Mireille Tehbelian, Vice-Principal

Regrets:

Oscar Casallas Nunez, Teacher
Kristen Boyer, Teacher
Neil Hopley, Sub

Meeting called by Suzanne Wexler

2. Move to Adopt the Agenda; it was suggested that the order of the Principal's and Vice Principal's Report be modified such that point 8.1.5 be discussed before points 8.1.2, 8.1.3, and 8.1.4 and the board as a whole agreed.

Motion to Move made by Shannon Hurturbise

Motion Seconded by Andrew Potter

3. Adoption of Minutes of the Governing Board held December 13th, 2021

Leslie pointed out that Marie Helen had been misnamed as Marie-Lynn; the correction was made and it was noted that she would no longer be part of the GB meetings as she is no longer at the YMCA.

Motion to Adopt made by Andrew Potter

Motion Seconded by Karaline Vlahopoulos

4. First Question Period:

Question re. bullying and the anti-bullying campaign: where are the incidences primarily occurring, at lunch and on buses or in classes on breaks? How can the GB help kids and weave in the message along with monitors?

Joanna discussed school response; Mireille detailed more on the school response. A parent requested clarification on what counts as bullying; Mireille went into details and descriptions as laid out in the students agenda. She also differentiated between conflicts and bullying which is not always clear to the children.

Question: is this happening more than normal and is this happening more than at other schools?

Mireille responded that it is not necessarily more, and more often the bullying is more related to conflict resolution. Hannah responded that the PE curriculum will cover off some of the issues of conflict resolution.

Possibility of this becoming an actionable item for future meeting.

5. Business arising from last meeting

Nothing.

6. Community Representative Reports

YMCA as represented by Jonathan Kruidbos: Community side of Westmount – things are opening up which is good (previously constrained). Preparations for March Break are moving ahead; the program is at max capacity. Aiming to draw kids and families for swimming lessons. Summary – Everything is good at the Y!

Greene Center as represented by Heather Hodges: running after school and PED days, opening to Roslyn students only; intentions of running summer camp, however currently on the back burner; partnered with the Fluency Center, first program starting March 9th; hired a youth mental health coordinator.

7. HandS Report

Leslie Symansky: Pizza lunch session Two opened February 7th, with four more lunch dates; Extra Curriculars: Debbi got the go for an abbreviated 8 week program. Projected launch for K students registration is Monday February 14th, with all other students on Tuesday February 15th, and registration should remain open for five or six days. Discussed the measures Debbi had/needed to put in place to run the programs safely. ECA projected to begin March 14th, right after March break. The aim is to run things as set out in the fall: K's on their own, large rooms, etc., to ensure safety for all. Discussed different classes being offered (quite a few!)

8. Reports and New Business

8.1 Principal's and Vice Principal's Report

Vice Principal's Report, given by Mireille Tehbelian: A lot has happened since the last GB meeting; January 24th saw pre-registration for Kindergarten begin, and was very successful; total of 90 children were given appointments to come in and register. January Dress Down Day raised \$576? for

Batshaw Youth and Families Centres. Many activities took place from the end of January on including but not exclusive to a Virtual Tour with DJ Malik on Africa before Slavery; Grade 4 SexEd gender identity workshop; the school spiritual animator Miss Williams ? got to meet the students; Black History Month began with the introduction of notable Canadians of Colour; an anti-bullying presentation with Dj Malik covering consequences of and different types of bullying. Unfortunately due to time constraints, Mireille was unable to read her report to completion.

Principal's Report, given by Joanna Genovezos: went straight into point 8.1.5

8.1.5 Collect Info – Reporting Certain Budgets to the MEQ

Joanna did not read the entire document out, but did mention certain specific points of interest:

15201 – Tutorial budget, half

15023 – Phys Ed department purchasing equipment, and funds reserved for bussing

15029 – outdoor budget, equipment and games *Board will not pay for repairs to equipment, but we have the money

1503 and 1504 – pertaining to library books

15186 – restricted to only what is in the budget

Governing Board approved the total amount allocated and then used for the 2021-2022 school year:

It was resolved and approved by the Governing Board of Roslyn that the financial resources allocated by the EMSB related to the MEQ's protected measures, as per the attached summary, in the total amount of \$73 714.00, were allocated to the school in accordance with their intended purpose and as defined in the amended Operating Budgetary rules for the 2021-2022 school year.

8.1.2 Student Survey Reports

Joanna read over the Special Survey Report, and clarified that the survey was from all across Canada and had been taken at the same time for all involved.

Parent concern: Per the survey, motivation, attachment, and value trails off as they progress in grades. How can we address this?

Addressed by Joanna and Karaline: discussed how the fluctuations of the pandemic have changed the kids expectations and willingness to commit to in person and those behaviours when they could be home tomorrow. A disconnect because of transition between in person and at home. Joanna suggested a student surgery with open ended questions asking why/what is detrimental to motivation and attachment to school. Suzanne suggested including asking also about safety – what makes you feel unsafe/less safe both at school and getting to and from school. It was suggested that the tech teacher could ask all the grades these questions and collate data to get a clearer idea. Prosanto brought up how our perceptions of our surroundings can and will rub off on our children as well.

8.1.3 and 8.1.4 Budget Building Process and Priorities – Due to time constraints and the desire to focus on these items, it was decided to push them to the next GB meeting.

8.2 Teacher's Reports

Karaline Vlahopoulos: Black History Month, project and activity; Newspaper club has started and their first edition released!

Hannah Trineer-Roberts: Circus activities since the return to school (very exciting!), working on individual performances; levels the playing field for the students.

8.3.1 and 8.3.2 Survey Results

Suzanne: Landslide winner (which also got the most teacher interest):Sustainability. Question was asked if someone would be willing to lead the project? No response. Fundraising and School Slogan got the second most interest, primarily from parents, with a separate subcommittee being recommended. Suzanne asked if anyone would be interested in leading those projects, however no one volunteers at this time. Next step, bring it to the GB as an actionable motion? No interest/volunteers at this time. Prosanto suggested that perhaps an email re-mentioning this topic be sent out before the next meeting when we aren't so tired!

8.4 EMSB Parent Committee Report

Andrew was unable to attend the meeting the previous Thursday, but did have an audio recording and would provide details once he had had the opportunity to listen to it.

Due to the hour, items 9 and 10 were bypassed

11. Next Meeting Date:

Monday, March 21st, 2022; meeting might be moved to March 14th to accommodate the budget building. To be confirmed at a later date.

Motion to Close GB Meeting: Shannon Hurturbise
Motion seconded by: Andrew Potter

