

**Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Board of Roslyn School  
Held November 15, 2021 via Teams Conference Call**

**Governing Board Members Present**

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)  
Andrew Potter (parent)  
Kristen Boyer (staff)  
Oscar Nunez (staff)  
Heather Hodges (non-voting community member)  
Krystel Hilal (staff)  
Jennifer Maxwell (non-voting community member)  
Marie-Helene Navarro (non-voting community member)  
Maria Piscopo (staff)  
Prosanto Chaudhury (parent)  
Rayna Goldman (parent)  
Eric Rowles (staff)  
Sarah Tabah (parent)  
Shannon Hurtubise (parent)  
Hannah Trineer-Roberts (staff)  
Karaline Vlahopoulos (staff)  
Elan Cusiack-Barr (parent)

**Also Present**

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

**Regrets:**

Leslie Symansky  
**Daniel Khazzam**  
**Neil Hopley**  
**Rachelle Lee Hauser**

1. **Opening Remarks:** Chair Suzanne Wexler welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7:03pm with a request for a motion to adopt the agenda.
2. The motion to adopt was moved by Andrew Potter  
Seconded by Rayna Goldman
3. Discussion of minutes from previous GB meeting

There was a motion to pass the minutes, with changes. The preference from the administration is that the minutes should refer to "A parent" or "A teacher" instead of by name for general discussion.

Motion to adopt : Andrew Potter

Seconded: Sarah Tabah

#### **4. Questions and comments:**

Question from a parent GB member regarding why the flags outside the school have been flying at half-mast for a month, and how long this will continue. The answer from administration was the EMSB had requested they stay down indefinitely.

Question from a parent regarding problems with Sharepoint and some documents the school had been trying to send.; The answer from administration was that yes there were problems they were trying to work out for getting material to parents.

#### **5. Business arising:**

Playground structure report from Joanna Genovezos was that she had received an estimate of \$4705 to fix the playground structure. She had asked the Roslyn Foundation for help, who said they would look into it. JG also said she could not reach the company who would do the repairs, but said that once they got back to her, she would pay for the repairs through another fund if necessary.

#### **6. Community representative reports**

(Sarah Tabah left meeting at 7:18)

From the YMCA, Marie-Helene Navarro said PED days were going ok, but activities were limited by COVID requirements. She said planning was underway for upcoming PED days and March break, and said anyone who needed could always reach her or Jon Kruidbos. No COVID cases in the program so far.

Heather Hodges from Centre Greene reported no COVID cases and said the afterschool program was going as usual. Said planning was in place for PED days, winter camp, etc.

Jennifer Maxwell of Tyndale said things are going well, they had just started PED day programming. She noted that weekend programming being offered as well.

#### **7: HandS report**

Leslie Symansky could not attend but sent a note saying membership was good and very active, with 202 families having joined. The note said Pizza Lunch had started and was going well. She said the possibility of extra curriculars after the winter break is being discussed with the prospect of a late January registration.

### **8..1 Principal and Vice Principal report**

8.1.2: JG took us through the various budget funds. Of note is that the lunch supervision budget line is still in deficit because of COVID, with hope that the Board will make us whole on that.

JG also noted that she planned to use budget line 24521 to pay for enrichment

MT talked about budgets related to outings, organizations to come into the school.

Motion: Shannon Hurtubise moved to adopt the school budget as presented. Seconded by Elan Cusiack-Barr.

8.1.3: Educational project annual report 2020-21

JG noted that the exams were cancelled last year because of COVID so there is no data from last year. JG noted that we will be writing French/English/Math exams this year.

The motion was read by JG.

Moved by Prosanto Chaudhury

Seconded by Kristin Boyer

No objections

Motion carried

Suzanne Wexler said she will sign the motion and send to JG

**Action item: JG said she would come back to board with the budget for We Move.**

8.1.4.: Dress code/Uniform

JG said an obstacle to implementing a dress code is a government rule banning schools from making parents buy branded goods from a single supplier. Similarly, JG said we can't force anyone to buy the gym shirt.

Q from GB parent: does the uniform matter?

Response from another GB parent: The push for a uniform at Roslyn was to prepare students for high school.

#### 8.1.5: VP report

Mireille Tehbelian said that Photo Day was held and today (Nov. 15) was retake day. The Oct 18 fire drill went well. On Oct 19 there was an assembly on school rules. Various upcoming events including a visit from MNA Jennifer Maccarone.

#### 8.2: Teacher's report

Kristen Boyer: Said that Roslyn students were doing Jennifer Maccarone's holiday cards. She talked about the volcanoes they are making in art class then erupting them in science class.

Karaline Vlahopoulos: Talked about the grade 6 class studying ancient Egypt etc.

Oscar Nunez talked about the challenges of special needs, with students from Grade 2 to Grade 6.

He mentioned how he needs someone to go with the students he's sending to integration

Hannah Trineer-Roberts: Discussed gym class and the popularity of Tchoukball

#### 8.3: Chair's report

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

Discussion about focusing on one or two things, and general agreement about establishing subcommittees.

#### 8.4: EMSB parents committee

Andrew Potter missed the meeting, apologies

**Action: will go to the next meeting**

#### 9.: Questions: none

#### 10: Next meeting Dec 13

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm by Suzanne Wexler**



