

**Minutes of the meeting of the Roslyn Governing Board  
December 12, 2022, 6pm- 7:30pm  
Held via MS Teams**

**Minutes prepared by Vanessa Campbell**

**Governing Board Members Present**

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)  
Andrew Potter (Parent)  
Meaghan Daniel (Parent)  
Jo-Ann Wong (Parent)  
Daniel Torchinsky (Parent)  
Vanessa Campbell (RGB Secretary, Alternate)  
Kori Betsalel (Alternate)  
Curtis Brissette (Alternate)

Julie Marcus (Teacher)  
Amelia Leighton (School Secretary)  
Kathleen Laranjeiro (Teacher)  
Karaline Vlahopoulos (Teacher)  
Judy Kleinman (Teacher)  
Amanda Garrido (Specialist sub)  
Debbie Stock (HandS co-chair)  
Jennifer Maxwell Community Rep  
Michael Derix (Community Rep)

**Regrets**

Prosanto Chadhaury (Parent)  
Jonathan Kruidbos (Community Rep)  
Diane Biard-Goble (Teacher)  
Stephanie Iannelli (Teacher)  
Jinan Paquin (Teacher)  
Daniel Khazzam (Parent)

**Also Present**

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

*Roslyn School*  
*GOVERNING BOARD Minutes*  
*Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022*  
*Virtual Meeting via Teams*  
*6:00pm – 7:30pm*

1. *Welcome*

-Motion to start the meeting 6:04pm by Judy Kleinman, seconded by Julie Marcus. All in favor.

2. *Adoption of Agenda (2 minutes) (For Approval)*

-Need to add fundraisers by Joanna Genovezos.

-Andrew Potter motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Amelia Leighton. All in favor.

3. *Adoption of Minutes (2 minutes)*

3.1 Adoption of Minutes from GB Meeting on Monday November 14, 2022 (For Approval)

-No comments regarding minutes

-Motion by Andrew Potter to accept the minutes, seconded by Amelia Leighton. All in favor.

4. First Question Period (2 minutes)

-No questions

5. *Business Arising from Last Meeting (5 minutes)*

5.1 *Website update*

-Amelia Leighton with update- best person to speak to is Mireille Tehbelian. Mireille Tehbelian now presenting the current website. To revamp, we should go through every link to update the corresponding content. Some content is done automatically by the school. Send to Web Services the documents they want to include on the website. Need parent volunteers to update written content. Andrew Potter volunteers to do so, also Curtis Brissette. Also addressing making it more like home and school website (ie. more user friendly) but since everything goes through Web Services it wouldn't be possible to do a website redesign. Curtis Brissette, Andrew Potter, Joanna Genovezos and Mireille Tehbelian will have an off-line meeting. If you look at Royal Vale website, it is more user-friendly. Still waiting to get a quote from HandS people re-doing a website re-design. Potential fundraising button to add to the website. TBD with website people.

5.2 PC delegate follow-up on the letter to support EMSB stances against Bills 21, 40, and 96

-Daniel Khazzam not present. Asked for boilerplate letter templates to show support against these Bills, what was received wasn't relevant. Someone to look at it and re-configure it. Nobody volunteers.

5.3 Confirm future meeting dates Mondays at 6 or 6:15 pm: Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15, June 12.

6. Community Representatives Report (5 minutes)

- Jennifer/Tyndale last day is this Friday. Kids returning Jan 9. Will have some holiday camps, can sign up on website.
- Greene Center/Michael closing Dec 23, reopening Jan 9. No winter camp to give staff a break.

7. HandS Report (5 minutes)

- Debbie Stock last minute helped November 30, principal joined and gave an admin update.
- QHFSa joined the workshop on Dec 1, theme was working alongside your governing board.
- HandS also looking for website assistance, entering content to the website.
- Activities coming to an end this week. New activities for the winter with full enrollment.
- Health room and pizza lunch looking for new volunteers.
- Struggling with police reports, taking a long time to do so and have them approved.
- HandS supported the teacher's dinner on Nov 23.

8. Teacher's Report (10 minutes)

- Karaline Vlahopoulos - grade 5 making holiday cards for a senior citizen's residence. Also learning about different winter holidays around the world. Will take it home over the holiday break.
- Kathleen- Doing the same holiday cards and the children are very excited about it.

9. EMSB Parents Committee Report (5 minutes)

- Daniel's Khazzam report (he is not present)-> was asked about the surplus that is funding the lawsuits. Reply is that 15% must be spent, but no specifics were given.
- Is anyone interested in writing a letter on behalf of the RGB showing support to EMSB against the Bills? To think about.

10. RGB Chair Report (5 minutes)

- 10.1. The RGB Parents meeting recap: 1. Priorities, 2. Speakers, 3. Fundraising
- 10.2. Reinstating class parents

- Held a parent only meeting, providing an update.
- 1 speaker for video games, 1 for resilience. Looking into those now.
- Talk about re-instating class parents. Spoke to HandS and Grad Committee, made a list of potential tasks for them to do. Is a resolution needed?
- Need approval from teachers/staff council. Karaline volunteers.
- Parents will also need police/background checks, so need to act soon.

-Discuss play structure for PreK and K, construction company has come, and Joanna Genovezos has an idea of where to put the structure. Will be receiving an estimate for the structure. Moving forward to do a garden and structure on the upper part/earth part. Need to present at the school board level. If the structure costs over \$5K need 3 quotes, more than \$10K need to go to public tender. Also need to speak with Westmount to ensure they are in agreement.

-Parent- it is good to do a number of small-targeted fundraisers, instead of doing a massive one. Focused attention on small incremental improvements

-For fundraiser- paint night, other ideas to go back to Suzanne. Potential dates around Valentine's day or end of march. Cost would be \$25-\$30 a person, wouldn't charge more than \$45-\$50 a person. Will send details in an email. Mireille Tehbelian suggests considering the costs to be inclusive to the whole community. HandS also seconds this. Try to find a corporate sponsor of some sort.

11. 3-Minute Break at 6:46pm

12. Vice Principal Report (7 minutes)

-Respect Campaign from EMSB. Second newsletter sent to parents. Roslyn featured 2X in second newsletter re :events/initiatives held in support of Respect.

-Featured in Westmount Independent re: Math competition, good results. Next one is in January 2023. Chair-person of EMSB came to school to present certificate to Oliver Mansour and he will be featured in EMSB newsletter.

-Week 5 of Battle of the Books enrichment program and problem solving activities.

-Whole school is participating in thank you initiative and thanking the bus drivers. Students will be making cards for the drivers on behalf of all the students on the bus. Drivers will be invited on the last week of school and will be given thank you coffees, hats, and the cards.

-Whole school is participating to organize a food drive. Presenter came to discuss the importance of food banks. Also, a video was provided to all classes to inform students.

-December activities- Dec 7 Monique Pollak author and professor came to present Grade 1 and 2 students her latest book The Brass Charm, based on true story of her grandmother being a holocaust survivor.

-Dec 8 had second grad committee meetings. Need parent volunteers and involvement. Sent out a call to all grade 5 parents.

-Last week of school will have a special treat/activity every day.

13. Principal Report and Items for Presentation (30 minutes)

13.1 Move \$ 1500.00 for Fund 8 GB fund to Fund 5 School Operating Budget for purchase of art supplies for the art class (Approval with Resolution)

-Daniel Torchinsky to move it. Has read the resolution. Seconded by Amelia L.

-Vote everyone is in favor. No one is opposed/abstained.

13.2 The Budget and Projection for 2022-2023 (Approval with Resolution)

-Presented by Joanna Genovezos

- Question asked about snow removal plan for the year and salting the yard as needed.
- Miss Nancy taking over as of January 9, will follow up at next meeting.
- Karaline to move, seconded by Andrew Potter.
- All hands in favour. No one is opposed/abstained.

### 13.3 The Sexuality Education Program for 2022-2023 (Approval with Resolution)

- Presented by Mireille Tehbelian. Taught within the curriculum. No tests.
- Once approved will send a letter to parents explaining what is happening. Possibility of exemption and need to apply with the school board if don't want your child to be part of the classroom.
- Parent asks if there is a published list of approved organizations? Not published to the public. In the parent letter, they will receive the links to the government sites that outlines the information presented in more detail. It is also put on the Roslyn website.
- Mover Andrew Potter reads resolution, seconded by Karaline Vlahopoulos.
- All in favour, no one is opposed or abstained.

### 13.4 Fundraisers in school (Approval)

- Have received requests for dress down days (students donate to be able to wear non-Roslyn uniform). Grad committee asked for permission for fundraising. Also student group requested to fundraise for an Indigenous women's shelter.

### 14. Good and Welfare

N/A

### 15. Question Period (5 minutes)

No questions.

Meeting closed at 7:43pm

Moved by Meaghan Daniel, seconded by Kathleen Laranjeiro. All in favour.

### 16. Next meeting date: Jan 23, 2023

