

Roslyn School
GOVERNING BOARD Minutes
Monday, February 19th, 2024
LIVE Meeting at Roslyn School Staff Lounge
6:30pm – 8:30pm



Minutes prepared by Vanessa Campbell

Governing Board Members Present

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)
Vanessa Campbell (RGB Secretary)
Kori Betsalel (Alternate (substitute))
Daniel Khazzam (Parent)
Jo-Ann Wong (Parent)
Meaghan Daniel (Parent)
Amanda Henry (Parent)
Annick Davies (HandS co-chair)
Julie Marcus (Teacher)
Bianca Jorrin (Teacher)
Melanie Fernandes (Teacher)
Stephanie Ianelli (Resource Teacher)
Jonathan Kruidbos (Community Rep)
Jennifer Maxwell (Community Rep)

Regrets

Member has withdrawn from GB
Debbie Stock (Hands)
Joanna Mechanic (Alternate)
Scott Pringle (Alternate)
Marie-Laure Casa (Teacher)
Karen Bejjani (Teacher)
Meta Athanassiou (Community rep)
Kiara Payne (Community rep)

Also Present

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

1. *Welcome*

Motion to start the meeting- Bianca Jorrin, seconded by Melanie Fernandes All in favor

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

Motion to adopt the agenda- Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Amanda Henry All in favor

3. *Adoption of Minutes (2 minutes)*

3.1 Adoption of Minutes from GB Meeting on Monday Dec 18, 2023 (For Approval)

Motion to adopt the minutes- Bianca Jorrin, seconded by Vanessa Campbell All in favor

4. *First Question Period (2 minutes)*

N/A

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

5.1 *Repurpose budget for climbing wall*

-Joanna- Gym teachers would like to buy gym equipment. Hatley will no longer be providing a charitable donation. Had initially wanted to build a climbing wall in the gym.

-Slippery gym floor? Arises when the floor is mopped, but the floor is not waxed.

-Alternative use was to beautify the building.

- ACTION: Will look into whose decision it is to repurpose it and what the gym teachers would like to use it for. To consider more outdoor equipment.

6. *Community Representatives Report (5 minutes)*

-Jon K- YMCA- Programs doing well, a lot because of bus strikes and a lot of parents post-pandemic looking for kids activities. Looking at doing homework services, tutoring services to be offered by the YMCA.

-Jennifer Tyndale- Since the bus strike have lost a lot of families. Ped day programs doing well. Currently finalizing March break camp. Offers to discuss tutoring with Jon K at YMCA.

-Greene Center- N/A

7. *HandS Report (5 minutes)*

-Teacher appreciation week two weeks ago, provided five days of events for the teachers.

-Working with grad committee, hosting the TCBY fundraiser and Roslyn merchandise campaign.

-Have a new coordinator for activities Chelle Hauser, started last week.

8. *Teacher's Report (5 minutes)*

-Ms. Julie Marcus (English)- Grade 1 doing mystery surprise bag each kid will have an item and classmates will guess the item (to learn site words). Grade 2 children are writing stories. Had a guest author.

-Bianca Jorrin (Grade 1)- stepping activity recently, going to see an author this Friday.

-A big thank you from all the teachers for all the teacher appreciation week.

9. EMSB Parents Committee Report (5 minutes)

-Amanda (alternate) attended the meeting-> main things discussed were the principal criteria, asking for examples. They asked about the marketing that was discussed at the prior meeting, will follow up on that. A long discussion about the eclipse and what to do with the children (there is a ped day now). Discussion regarding assisted therapy dogs and why only two EMSB providers, they put a motion to open up the access to other providers.

10. Vice Principal Report (5 minutes)

-January and February highlights of the school discussed.

January Highlights

- Hour of Code by Accenture for grade 3 students in technology class given by a parent volunteer.
 - Caribou Math contest had positive results for our students. Two students, one in grade 3 and the other in grade 5 both scored #1 at the school and school board levels.
 - Sexuality Education Workshop for Grade 1 students on boundaries.
 - École de la Vue vision screening for K4 & K5 students
 - Registration week during the last week of January
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February Highlights

- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week – Thank you to HandS for organizing the week of festivities.
 - Grade 5 students began their Learning Essentials workshops in class. The focus is on study skills.
 - Grade 1 and 2 students had a workshop with Roen Higgins on the Art of Stepping as part of Black History month activities. They also had an author visit from Shanice Nicole who read her book Dear Black Girls.
 - Grade 3 and 4 had a workshop on Animation by the Black Community Resource Center.
 - Rozzy visited the school for Valentine's day
 - Two Pink Shirt day Assemblies with Samara O'Gorman. The focus of the workshop was on kindness and respect for self and others.
 - Grade 4 students had Comedy Workshops in class. The focus was on literacy terms and short creative writing exercises.
 - Grade 6 students visited the Archeology Museum.
 - Global Issues Problem-Solving Enrichment program had its in school competition day.
 - At the end of the month, report cards for term 2 were issued to parents.
 - 100th day of school celebrations were held.
 - We all wore pink on Pink Shirt day
 - Grade 5 students had their puberty workshops.
 - Caribou Math Contest had positive results for our students. 2 students in cycle 3, one in grade 5 and the other in grade 6, scored in the top 1% worldwide.
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11. Principal Report (5 minutes)

-School is very vibrant and active.

- \$20,000 catch up budget from government for students -> teachers will select students who need extra support and they will receive tutoring during the school day.
 - Ms. Nancy is leaving and have hired someone who will be taking over her position.
 - MNA approached some schools in Westmount to select one student per class who has shown perseverance. Waiting on the certificates to deliver them to the students.
 - Ped days have changed due to solar eclipse.
 - HANDS has to come to governing board to receive permission to continue for the following year. Will address in coming meetings.
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11.1. Educational Project (20 minutes with Resolution)

- Already presented in a prior meeting, document sent out to all members to read and review.
- Comments/discussion around FSL issues and how to improve/increase it.
- Bullying shown to be a lot at recess. Will look at next year's survey with the introduction of Ms. Nancy.
- **Resolution**- See separate document for details.
- Move to adopt the resolution -> Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Amanda Henry. No nays, no abstentions, all in favor.

11.2. Sexual Education Project (20 minutes with Resolution)

- Mireille presented the elementary sexuality education plan 2023-2024.
- If parents want an exemption, it must go through the school board.
- A question asked about substance abuse, this is covered through the high school level curriculum. Maybe a workshop to offer parents? Or at the transition to high school workshop. Will ask the school board/student services what can be discussed with the students.
- **Resolution**- See separate document for details.
- Move to adopt the resolution -> Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Jo-Ann Wong. No nays, no abstentions, all in favor.

12. RGB Chair Report (5 minutes)

- Scholastic book funds all distributed. Hopefully will re-do the fundraiser again. The government has given \$300 to each teacher to purchase books.
- Parent night speaker- learning workshop in grade 5, same will do study skills next week for Grades 3-4-5 online.
- Later for grade 6 high school transition will hopefully have a parent do the same thing.
- Hope to have a social media parent workshop in-person in April.

13. Consultation on the Principal Selection Criteria (Suzanne Wexler) (20 minutes with Approval)

- Changes requested:
- Comment is with respect to item #22 the word support change to the word advocate for a healthy and active lifestyle for children. Remove wherever appropriate.
- Add #24- Encourage outdoor learning activities and experiences.
- item #8- add promote.
- Item #10 Remove strong believer, be committed to

Point #12 add the word lead to delegate and empower.

-Moved by Meghan Daniel, seconded by Jo-Ann Wong. No nays, no abstentions, all in favor and approved.

14. Good and Welfare

-N/A

15. Question Period

-N/A

16. Next meeting date: Mon Mar 18, 2024

-Motion to close the meeting Bianca Jorrin, seconded by Melanie Fernandes 8:38pm All in favor

-Motion to repeal the closing by Amanda Henry, seconded by Bianca Jorrin All in favor

-Motion to close the meeting by Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Bianca Jorrin 8:43pm All in favor

Meeting adjourned 8:43pm

Joanna Genovezos- Principal

Suzanne Wexler- Governing Board Chair

Date: Monday, February 19, 2024

CODES:

D- Governing Board has the power to decide without necessarily receiving a proposal,

AD- Governing Board has the power to change, adapt, add or remove one or more elements of a proposal submitted by the Principal.

AP- Governing Board has the power to either accept or reject a proposal as submitted, without the possibility of making changes. If rejected, a new proposal must be submitted for approval before implementation.

C- Governing Board is consulted on a matter and may influence the final decision

I- Governing Board is provided information regarding a decision made by the Principal