

**Roslyn School**  
**GOVERNING BOARD Minutes**  
**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**ONLINE VIA TEAMS Meeting**  
**6:15pm – 7:45pm**



**Minutes prepared by Vanessa Campbell**

**Governing Board Members Present**

Suzanne Wexler (Chair)  
Vanessa Campbell (RGB Secretary)  
Daniel Khazzam (Parent)  
Jo-Ann Wong (Parent)  
Amanda Henry (Parent)  
Kori Betsalel (Parent)  
Karen Bejjani (Teacher)  
Marie-Laure Casa (Teacher)  
Julie Marcus (Teacher)  
Stephanie Ianelli (Resource Teacher)  
Geraldine Gras (Teacher)  
Annick Davies (HandS co-chair)  
Debbie Stock (Hands)  
Kiara Payne (Community rep)

**Regrets**

Meaghan Daniel (Parent)  
Bianca Jorin (Teacher)  
Melanie Fernandes (Teacher)  
Joanna Mechanic (Alternate)  
Scott Pringle (Alternate)  
Jonathan Kruidbos (Community Rep)  
Jennifer Maxwell (Community Rep)

**Also Present**

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

**Formatted:** French (Canada)

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**1. Welcome**

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Motion to start the meeting at 6:18pm, Amanda Henry, seconded by Daniel Khazzam. All in favor.

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**2. Vote in new parent RGB member (5 minutes) (For Approval)**

- Have an opening in the RGB. Andrew Potter has left, we thank him for his many years on the RGB.
- Daniel Khazzam nominates Kori Betsalel, seconded by Geraldine to be the next member of the RGB.
- No nays, no abstentions, all in favor.

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

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- Motion to adopt the agenda by Kori Betsalel, seconded by Daniel Khazzam
  - No nays, no abstentions, all in favor.
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**4. Adoption of Minutes (2 minutes)**

**4.1 Adoption of Minutes from GB Meeting on Monday Feb 18, 2024 (For Approval)**

- Motion to adopt the minutes from Amanda Henry, seconded by Karen.
  - No nays, no abstentions, all in favor.
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**5. First Question Period (2 minutes)**

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None

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

**6.1 Repurpose budget for climbing wall**

- Joanna- verified that the RGB can work with the school to repurpose the budget. Because it has been many years since the climbing wall was recommended. The phys. Ed team would like an opportunity to come to the next meeting to present their ideas for purchases and then can decide as a governing board.
  - Will invite them to the next meeting.
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**7. Community Representatives Report (5 minutes)**

- Kiara (GC)**- A lot of exciting updates. The buses are back, so the afterschool program is back. There is space for April (but need a bus pass).
- Monthly TGIF party (themed night) for kids Easter themed.
- Kids Kitchen (cooking workshop) for kids monthly.

- Posters will be available soon.
- Spots available for the upcoming ped days.

### 7.1 HandS Report (5 minutes)

- Pizza lunch on track, 5 remaining.
- Activities coordinator in role for a month now.
- Recruiting volunteers for roles/executive roles, next year a lot of parents will no longer be there.
- Asked by administration to launch again born to read program, will report more in April.
- Working with the grad committee.

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

- Marie-Laure (Grade 2)- March is nutrition month so have been doing a lot of activities and discussions on this.
- Julie Marcustin (English)- Grade 2 doing Cinderella scripts. Grade 1 doing secret stories.
- Geraldine Gras (cycle 3)- have a comedy workshop coming up, previously had a media literacy workshop offered that the students really enjoyed. Had an anti-racism presentation led by spiritual animator. Now raising donations for care packages. Engaging in [story telling](#), Roslyn finale is tomorrow. Puberty sessions have started.

### 9. EMSB Parents Committee Report (2 minutes)

- Suzanne went to the meeting, they did the budget building priorities.
- A lot of talk about snow removal from several of the schools and isolating it on its own.

### 10. RGB Chair Report (5 minutes)

#### 10.1. RGB plan for consultation items from survey

- Suzanne spoke to Brigit about the list of 14 priorities that came out from the survey (individually specific) that were important to parents and asked about how to go about addressing them.
- We discuss with administration how to address them.
- If you have ideas, speak to Suzanne or the administration.
- Joanna adds that her and Mireille have discussed it and would like to present what they are currently doing and address any weaknesses.
- Try and build a community to bring parents together, maybe a comedy night or a parent speaker night.
- Will potentially take out an ad in Westmount independent, if so will be an online vote.

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### 11. Vice Principal Report (5 minutes)

~~To insert from Mireille~~

March 11 – Grade 6 Learning Essentials Workshops – Transition to High School

March 12 – K4 & K5 Anti-bullying Workshop

March 13 – Grade 5 and 6 Guest Speaker, young entrepreneur and philanthropist, organized by Spiritual Animator

March 14 – Grade 6 Learning Essentials Workshops – Transition to High School and Grade 6 Puberty Classes

March 15 – Saint Patrick’s Day, students and staff wore green and K4 – Parent and student yoga hour

March 18 – Grade 6 Learning Essentials Workshops – Transition to High School

March 19 – K4 & K5 in-class nutrition activity

March 20 – Cycles 2 and 3 viewed the Marymount Steel Pan Band at Roslyn

March 21 – 4 selected grade 6 students participated in be a high school student for the day at Marymount Academy. They dissected a mammalian eye. Grade 6 Learning Essentials Workshops – Transition to High School

March 22 – Media Literacy Workshops for grade 5 classes

March 25 – Grade 6 Learning Essentials Workshops – Transition to High School

March 26 – K4 & K5 in-class nutrition activity and Online Parent workshop on Transition to high School. Roslyn in-school storytelling festival.

March 27 – Measles vaccination day at school

March 28 – Grade 6 Learning Essentials Workshops – Transition to High School. Grade 5 Comedy workshops in class.

## **12. Principal Report (10 minutes)**

- Thank you Mireille for organizing all the activities above.
- Marie-Laure is now teaching and also mentoring new teachers one day a week. A positive addition to the school.
- Enrollment- Related to budget priorities. In-process for next year, 550 students presently (20 less than in September). Have lost one pre-K 4 group for next year. Have submitted the requests for number of classrooms for next year.
- Have 100 students approximately with IEP, 1/5 who need additional support. Have 2 behaviour tech, would like another one.
- Will report next month what is told re teachers/enrollment.

## **13. New Business Arising**

### **13.1. Budget building process (10 minutes)**

- Presented the budget building process.
- Motion to approve the document by Marie-Laure, seconded by Geraldine.
- No nays, abstentions, all approved

### 13.2. Budget building priorities (10 minutes)

- Presented the different priorities for the budget.
- Motion to approve the document by Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Kori B.
- No nays, abstentions, all approved

### 13.3. ACGC document (5 minutes with Resolution)

- Academic and Career guidance for grades 5 and 6.
- Presented the document and different activities the students will engage in in the classroom with their teachers.
- Geraldine added in her experiences doing this in the prior year.
- Resolution read by Mireille ~~(TO INSERT)~~

WHEREAS The Minister has established academic and career guidance content without creating a new subject, in accordance with his power to prescribe content in the broad areas of learning (Education Act, s. 461). School staff members are entrusted with teaching this content. The conditions and procedures for integrating the Academic and Career Guidance Content Curriculum (ACGC) Plan into the school's educational services are developed in collaboration with teachers and proposed by the principal to the governing board for approval (Education Act, ss. 85 and 89).

WHEREAS the following topics **Preparation for post-secondary transition and Personal perceptions and the reality of the world of work** will be covered in the Secondary 5 Financial Education course.

IT WAS MOVED BY Amanda Henry and seconded by Kori Betsalel AND RESOLVED THAT the 2023-2024 Academic and Career Guidance Content Curriculum Plan be approved, as presented, to the Roslyn Governing Board.

- Moved by Amanda Henry, Seconded by Kori Betsalel.
- No nays, abstentions, all in favor/approved. The resolution passed.

7:45pm Daniel K motions to extend the meeting by 15 mins, seconded by Amanda Henry. No nays, abstentions, all approved.

### 13.4. ERC taught in French for 2024-2025 School year (5 minutes)

- Ethics and religious culture to be taught in French.
- Will be called something else next year.
- Motion to continue teaching this subject in French in the following year.
- Motioned by Geraldine, seconded by Marie-Laure. No nays, no abstentions, all approved

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## 14. Good and Welfare

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-N/A

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**15. Question Period (2 minutes)**

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-N/A

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**16. Next meeting date: Mon April 29, 2024 (End of Passover, please verify with all of RGB)**

- Motion to close the meeting at 7:51pm- by Kori Betsalel, seconded by Daniel khazzam All in favor.

**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