

**Roslyn School
GOVERNING BOARD Minutes
Monday, November 27th, 2023
Virtual Meeting via Teams
6:15pm – 7:45pm**



**Joanna Genovezos (Principal)
Mireille Tehbelian (VP)
Suzanne Wexler (Chair, parent member)
Geraldine Gras (Grade 5 teacher)
Amanda Henry (parent member)
Vanessa Campbell (parent member)
Karen Bejjani (teacher)
Marie-Laura Casa-Martin (teacher)
Mary Ianellia (Resource teacher)
Jo-Ann Wong (parent member)
Jonathan Kruidbos (YMCA)
Kiara Payne (Greene Center)
Meta (Greene Center)
Jennifer Maxwell (Tyndale)
Annick Davies (HANDS)
Meaghan Daniel (parent member)
Debbie Stock (HANDS)
Daniel Khazzam (parent member)
Kori Betsalel (parent alternate)
Julie Marcus (teacher)
Scott Pringle (parent alternate)**

Regrets- Andrew Potter (parent member)

Minutes taken by Vanessa Campbell

Motion to start the meeting at 6:19pm, by Marie-Laure, seconded by Geraldine

Motion to extend the meeting by another 15 minutes at 7:45pm by Daniel K, seconded by Amanda H. No nays or abstentions. All approved.

1. Welcome

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

Motion to adopt the agenda- Amanda Henry, seconded by Jo-Ann

3. Adoption of Minutes (2 minutes)

3.1 Adoption of Minutes from GB Meeting on Monday October 23, 2023 (For Approval)

Motion to adopt the minutes from Amanda Henry, seconded by Marie-Laure, all approved

4. First Question Period (2 minutes)

N/A

5. Business Arising from Last Meeting (5 minutes)

5.1 Enrichment Program tutoring update

Mireille- The teachers were polled to see if interested in having the students leave the classroom for math tutoring. Had a potential candidate to do tutoring twice a month. But due to the amount of enrichment programs occurring and that students leave the classroom already, many teachers who responded would prefer the tutoring is not done during the class time. There is an option for parents to purchase the practice from the website. ACTION (administration, parents): Look for options for after-school or weekend tutoring, and/or to create better instructions for at-home enrichment practice work.

5.2 Traffic lights

Traffic lights are short at Grosvenor and Westmount avenue, Suzanne wrote a letter to the City of Westmount to have it extended around 9am and 3:45pm and it was responded to. No timeline was given but it is being looked into.

Reports and New Business

6. Community Representatives Report (5 minutes)

Greene Center (Meta, director of programs)- Afterschool, because of the bus strike have organized Kiara (children's program creator) to pick up the kids directly. Also organized last minute child care for the strike last week. Also have Friday night programs going on (TGIF and Kid's kitchen). Regarding afterschool tutoring, have received funds from a grant to offer French tutoring to kids in the neighborhood on weekends.

Jonathan K YMCA- Exploring ideas regarding what will happen if there are additional strike days. Additional training being provided/looked at. Before and after school programs running strong now.

Jennifer Maxwell Tyndale- Offered all day programming 3 days last week, had several Roslyn families. In talks of what to do if there are additional strike days.

7. HandS Report (5 minutes)

Had 3rd pizza lunch today.

Provided dinner for teachers on parent teacher interview day

Will remove the flowers in the front and replace with more seasonal decor

8. Teacher's Report (10 minutes)

Marie-Laure- Grade 2 starting situational problems, first term is done.

Geraldine- parent teacher interviews long day last week with the new 12 hour format.

First term done, report cards sent out. Grade 5 starting a new novel study. Keeping usual plan regardless of the potential for strikes/uncertainty.

Question asked-> is it possible to do a request list for holiday gifts? Response: it might put pressure on parents. HANDS is planning for teacher appreciation week so maybe they could be involved.

9. EMSB Parents Committee Report (5 minutes)

Suzanne- A lot of meetings at PC level, will be covered by Joanna and Mireille regarding the new complaint system.

Emergency meeting to have a school be a location for training carpentry, plumbing and electricity. Action: Roslyn parents if it's approved.

10. RGB Chair Report (5 minutes)

10.1. Meeting, event, and communication schedule for 2023-24

Suzanne- Scholastic book sale fundraiser- have funds, will send email to teachers shortly on their needs to purchase.

Any fundraising on behalf of GB will be approved/sent.

Schedule- proposed dates and tabled for future discussion.

Discussed parent workshop possibilities, Suzanne will reach out to speaker to find out availabilities

11. Principal and Vice Principal Report

Activities

Mireille- K did their hearing tests, Grade 2 did dental screening

Grad committee had second meeting, need more parent volunteers

Nov 9 spiritual animator had remembrance day assemblies

Nov 15 second Caribou Math contest, for the second year have a grade 4 student who scored number 1 at the world level. EMSB will do a feature on the student.

Nov 16, grade 1 and 2 students participated in diversity workshops

Nov 17, had lockdown practice at school

First term report cards issued, parent teacher interviews, 3 strike days

Pizza lunch today and return to school for students.

This Thursday organized for spiritual animator will do workshops on diversity in grade 2, grade 5 students will participate in nutrition workshops.

11.1 Anti-Bullying, Anti-Violence Plan (10 minutes) (Approval)

Joanna presented the plan

New complaint system, school provides a positive approach. School board has a complaint system if the parent is not satisfied

Focus on preventative measures

Motion to approve it- Daniel Khazzam, seconded by Amanda Henry. No nays, no abstentions, all approved

11.2 Preliminary Survey results and revised Education Project deadline

Will discuss at the next meeting in detail, overview presented by Mireille. Have reviewed the questionnaires and have 14 main points that are recurring in the questionnaires that were completed by stakeholders.

Once the educational project is completed, will present it to the RGB for approval. Deadline is the end of February.

12. Good and Welfare

None

13. Question Period (2 minutes)

None

14. Next meeting date: TBD

Tentative date is December 18

Motion to end the meeting 7:54pm by Daniel K, seconded by Amanda Henry

Joanna Genovezos- Principal

Suzanne Wexler- Governing Board Chair

