

GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Dalkeith School

7951 Dalkeith Ave

VIRTUAL

Present: O. Dudych, Chairperson, C. Iafrancesco, S. D'Addario, F. Vaccaro, C. Lafleur, C. Zoppi, P. Smyth, S. Mallozzi, P. Vlakis, Sandra A, M. Manna-Bernola, C. Mancini,

Admin: John Wright, Principal Guest: Maria Corsi, EMSB Commissioner

1. Virtual Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Approval of agenda with amendments:
The agenda was accepted without objection.
3. Approval of Governing Board Minutes with corrections:
The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted without objection.
4. Ongoing Business (emailed resolutions if any)
 - 4.1 Cafeteria Equipment
 - Following up to restaurant equipment, Olha's connections came to an end.
 - 4.2 Parc Ecole
 - Parc Ecole meeting scheduled for February 14 canceled. Mr Wright went over city plans showing future school yard and updates.
5. Principal's Report
 - 5.1 Current State of Budget

LTMRT the Principal, Mr. Wright, went over the current state of the budget.

 - Mr. Wright followed up the amount of \$3048 (cafeteria transaction) that was thought to be an error. It was not an error. It will be transferred from fund 3 to fund 8 to allow us to purchase cafeteria equipment.
 - Patty S looked at pricing for freezer and warmer

BIRT the 2024-2025 Dalkeith GB transfer the internal cafeteria transaction money in the amount of \$3048 from fund 3 to be transferred to a special purpose fund 8 where we can purchase equipment to better student life in cafeteria and/or school events.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously
 - 5.2 Adoption of December Budgets

LTMRT the Principal, Mr. Wright, went over the December Budgets.

BIRT the 2024-2025 Dalkeith GB adopt the school budget for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented by the school Principal, Mr. J. Wright which forecasts revenues of \$125,778 and expenditures of \$125,778.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.3 Anti Bullying (Safe School Action Plan)

- Updated to reflect new data from the reflections of the *Tell Them From Me Survey*.

5.4 Field Trips

- Grade 6 Quebec City Field trip in June
- Grade 5 Montreal Tour in June

BIRT the 2024-2025 Dalkeith GB approve that the school will participate in an extended day field trip; Grade 6 to Quebec City, Grade 5 to Montreal at no cost to parents and will be 100% covered by AMSFA.

BIFRT that we will ask for a \$10-20 donation from participating parents should they wish to give back to PPO for next year.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

- Cabane a Sucre on Tuesday February 25th
- Puppet Show on Thursday March 13th for pre school and cycle 1
- Cycle 1 Pool in May
- Cycle 2 Biodome/Planetarium

BIRT the 2024-2025 Dalkeith GB approve a field trip to Annie Pelletier Pool for Cycle 1 in May and for Cycle 2 Field Trip to Montreal Biodome at no cost to parents and will be 100% covered by AMSFA.

5.5 Pre-K

- Governing Board Resolution was presented to GB via email confirming the opening of MEQ funded Pre-K class

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

5.6 Selection Criteria for Principal (will be done at end of meeting)

- Mr. Wright went off camera.
- Mary M sent GB members a document with Criteria for Selection for Principal.
No changes and accepted as is.

BIRT the 2024-2025 Dalkeith GB accept criteria for Selection for Principal.

Approved/Passed without objection / unanimously

6 Teachers Reports (Activities reported by Patty V)

- PTI on February 28th by invitation only.
- Presentation for Black History Month was a success.
- Children working with our spiritual animator making bracelets for Montreal Children's Hospital.
- Cycle 3 went to Art Gallery. Art pieces created by students will be displayed at our June vernissage.
- Cabane a Sucre coming up

7 Regional Delegate Report

- Cristina was not able to attend meeting therefore nothing to report
- Alternate to be discussed as Cristina is no longer able to fulfill this post. To be discussed.

8 PPO Report (Mr. Wright speaking for PPO)

8.1 Fundraising Updates

- Felix and Norton cookies reminder memo will be sent out tomorrow.
- Pizza fundraiser for Mother's Day coming up in May.
- Coffee Fundraiser raised \$715.
- Donation of \$1000 made by parent
- Patty S making cupcakes for valentines day and teacher appreciation week.
- Coffee and key chains will be given to staff for teacher appreciation week.

9 New Business for Next Meeting

9.1 Fundraising Updates

- School photos (Life Touch or Green Apple Studios) will be decided which provider to choose at next meeting.
- No complaints with Agenda provider. Good price
- Doral food provider will be tabled to next meeting. Christina M mentioned that the quality is not satisfactory and going back to Mini Bistro will not work. She will look into Meranda Services and get back with prices for next meeting.
- Budget Building Process for 2025-2026 due in April 4th. Document has been shared and to be discussed at next meeting.

10 Question period

- Maria Corsi (Commissioner) asked if there will be garden space allocated to students for the Parc Ecole Project. Mr. Wright responded that there already is a space but he can still enquire with the city.

10.1 Commissioner Report by Maria Corsi

Budget Cuts:

- CAQ announced \$200M cuts in education; EMSB's share is \$2.6M.
- Cuts to be implemented by March; pedagogical budgets unaffected.

EMSB Annual Report:

- 2023-2024 report approved, showing a 95.9% success rate (highest ever).
- Available on the EMSB website.

Ombudsperson's Report:

- Presentation given to Council.

Budget Building Process Consultation:

- GBs and Parents Committee to provide input on funding priorities.
- GBs to discuss and share priorities with the delegate for the PC's input.

Bill 21 Court Challenge:

- Supreme Court to hear challenge that was announced on January 23, 2025.
- EMSB is involved, challenging the Bill on the basis of rights to manage and control our institutions and that the bill discriminates against women.

Bill 40 Court Challenge:

- Awaiting decision from Court of Appeal (timeline unknown).

11 Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Wright, Principal

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O. Dudych, Chairperson