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Governing Board – Meeting Minutes

Date/ time:	March 24, 2025 6:35PM	Location:	Zoom (virtual)
https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/81694387792?pwd=SEFDdC9GZ2NsUERDK0Jma2NRL0JJZz09			

Present:

Parents:

Elizabeth Foley (EF)
Carissa Springer (CS)
Alex Megelas (AM)

Vincent Tam (VT)
Hannah Nelson-Teutsch (HNT),
Fabien Welp-Barr (FWB)

Teachers/Staff:

Elly Abramovitch (EA)
Safa Bahget (SB)

Teodora Stathopoulos (TS)

Students:

Principal: Jennifer Harriet (JH)

Interim Principal: Mireille Tehbelian

Regrets: --

Absent: Isla McDade (IMD)
Marie-Ève Arseneau (MEA)

Also Present: Maria Corsi, EMSB Commissioner (MC)

1.		Welcome	
2.	Approval	Approval of the agenda	
		Moved: CS Second: EF Approved: Unanimous	
3.	Discussion	Question Period	
		• CS: no questions; no one from the public attending	

4.	Approval	Adoption of the minutes of the Meeting of January 27, 2025	
		Moved: CS Second: EF Approved: Unanimous	
5.		Business Arising	
5.1.	Approval	Email Votes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outing to Montreal Biodome on March 28th for Grade 7 & 8 (Ms. Annan & Mr. Santo) approved electronically. Approved: 11 votes in favor	
5.2.	Discussion	Update of the school's move <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VT: Meeting occurred on February 24th. All GB members were invited to attend (EMSB & CSSDM). 5 members of EMSB GB attended. Information was about the technical aspects of the upcoming room. Questions were asked re: transportation & schedule/timing. A meeting will be scheduled shortly for the entire FACE parent community • EF: Worth noting that the government has placed an indefinite freeze on funds for all projects. This will impact the high school renovation. Confirmed some renovations on the facade of the building will begin while HS students are still in the building. • VT: Question to Maria Corsi - Any feedback from the EMSB about the move? • MC: Meeting with regional director Ms. Kehyayan and also attended a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in February where the topic was discussed. No updates re: number of parents who will need transportation. Not enough budget to cover transportation. Will need to explore the STM option • VT: Will this impact enrollment in future years? • MC: Confident can work with Mike Cohen and team to find effective marketing strategies to address potential enrollment issues. • HNT: At Parents Committee, the transportation rep was under the impression that FACE no longer wanted to pursue the transportation issue and that it was closed. We need an update of the numbers to have some negotiating ability. Must keep in mind that there is no transportation allocation for 240 schools. Budgets are also tight and the transportation costs can be very large • EF - Do we want to do another survey to get more accurate numbers? VT: asks MC or JH if they know when we would need to	

		<p>have numbers to the board to explore whether we could receive allocation for transportation</p> <p>MC: responds that she will explore this with the Transportation Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH: As a 240 school, transportation has never been a part of the discussion • MEA: CSSDM parents have also inquired about parents organizing their own busses and the concern was insurance; no answer, no solution. <p>MC: GB can write a letter to the EMSB board to express transportation needs; MC will address the issue to the transportation committee of the Council of Commissioners to see if they can negotiate a solution, especially because it seems as though the lack of transportation may impact enrollment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VT: Shuttle service from FACE to new location is what we are requesting • CS: Do we need to explore how feasible this option will be for parents? What are the logistics? Length of route to and from FACE? Are the timings reasonable? • VT: Asks – Do we move ahead to connect with parents around transportation? • TS worried that another survey may cause more problems and confusion than provide answers. A bigger concern might be the number of students that FACE will lose at transition to HS next year. What will happen to the FINE Arts program. What can be done to maintain the integrity of the program? • VT: Where to go from here? Should another meeting be held to decide on whether or not a survey is of value? • VT: Email will be send out this week to explore who is interested in taking next steps • EF: a vote will be needed to approve the survey questions and decide if we will be sending them out 	
5.3.	Discussion	<p>Decision Criteria for the selection of the school principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VT: Question to those present about whether there are any questions about the selection criteria. As there are no questions, suggested to move forward to the next point. No need to explore this further. 	
5.4.	Discussion	Governing Board community members	
6.		New Business	

6.1.	Approval	Presentation and adoption of the 2024-2025 Sexuality Education Plan	
		Moved: TS Second: FWB Approved: Unanimous	
6.2.	Approval	Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VT: Resolution needed for this evening regarding this action plan 	
7.		Reports	
7.1.	Information	Principal & Vice Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH: In line with ABAV plan, ABAV week added by ministry. FACE students participated. Workshop for parents forthcoming re: non-violent communication. On marking committee with Mr. Cohen. Using this to show off our school and its program to try to increase our visibility - journalist to be assigned to the school to help with sharing valuable information • Relocation - from now until June, mission is to ensure teachers are supported as much as possible and that everything will be ready for August. • Looking at different logistics for new school (drop-off, school outings, scheduling, etc). Doing well re: numbers. Could use one additional student in Grade 4. Grade 6 numbers are a little low. High school full as well. JH: Two trips to be approved <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Grade 2 outing Moved: EF Second: CS 2) Breakfast and movie outing – approx date: June 6th. School to pay for movie, kids to pay for breakfast Moved: HNT Second: AM JH: Vounteer Event – May 30 th – All GB members invited to attend. Requesting to allocate 150\$ GB budget to this event Moved: EF Second: CS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MT: Activities happening in and around the school: Trip to Europe, ABAV activities, March 13th Gr 7 & 8 MH Basics workshops, Overture for the Arts – Unpacking the “N” word, March 20th – Malik Shaheed presents Breaking Sterotypes to Gr 6, Maison Theatre, March 26th workshop with Rowan Higgins – Buidling Compassionate Schools, March 28th – Gr 7 & 8 - Biodome 	

7.2.	Information	<p>Teachers/Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA: Grade 10s did their first production. It went really well. Thanks parents and the GB. 	
7.3.	Information	<p>Students Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No students in the meeting today. Nothing to report. 	
7.4.	Information	<p>CSSDM Conseil d'etablissement Delegate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information to report as MEA absent today 	
7.5.	Information	<p>EMSBPC Delegate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HNT: Two main discussions ongoing. 1) re: how information is collected for the educational project. 2) about budget building process and how to better support GB in moving through this process • The administration is satisfied with the completion of the EPs; PC will reiterate need for a more thorough survey process in 2 years when the next EPs are developed • EMSB will not provide EMSB email addresses for use by governing boards • Budget building process was discussed; priorities will be established at the next meeting • EPCA workshop series has begun and more information is available on their Facebook page • Transportation Committee held their first meeting: discussed FACE move (as represented earlier in the GB meeting minutes); reviewed collaborative agreement between Rosemount and STM; Mtransport implemented at 16 schools 	
7.6.	Information	<p>Parent's participation organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at June 6th and asking for a date to be determined • Requesting student help this year, as well as for a back up date to be determined • Rental of school parking lot over the summer for Alouette's games • Teacher appreciation – cookies, cupcakes and coffee offered • Pink Shirt Day – was a little less successful than last year • Kindness workshops • Earth Day activities in the works 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost & Found on-going • PPO recently donated some books to the library • Concerns that school split will make organizing PPO activities more challenging in the future 	
7.7.	Information	<p>FACE Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JH: FACE foundation there to try to enhance FACE programming. Foundation was busy in February with FFF (FACE February Frenzy) which was in its 4th year. 5K in funding for projects proposed by staff members with the goal of enriching the Fine Arts Program and enhancing student well-being. Projects being put forward for upcoming FACE 50th anniversary. For one, they are looking to design 50th anniversary logo • Projects being put forward for upcoming FACE 50th anniversary. • Foundation also supporting Grade 6 graduation. Looking for ways to make it a bit more special this year • Bursaries being handed out and they support families that may be unable to pay their annual school fees 	
8.		Correspondance	
8.1.	Information	Information Ecole FACE - adoption PTRDI 25-28 - Lettre aux CE 06fev2025	
9.		Varia	
		<p>MC: Information from Commissioner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Board meeting held on March 18, 2025. Director General (DG), Nick Katalifos will be presented with the King Charles 3rd medal. • Board proposal for how 2.6m in budget cuts proposed by the Ministry of Education will be handled. Decision made to preserve all services to students and allocations to schools or centers. Instead, salary cuts made at board level (approx. 53%) and vacant positions will not be filled. • Also, new requirements for Code of Ethics as of 2024. Changes have been tabled to give time to ensure that changes reflect our rights under section 23 of the Charter of Rights & Freedoms which guarantees minority language educational rights 	
10.		Date of the next meeting: May 12, 2025	

11.		Ajournment - 20:22	
		Moved: TS Second: VT Approved: Unanimous	



Chairperson's signature
Mr. Vincent Tam

Principal's signature
Ms. Jennifer Harriet



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