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EMSB Governing Board Meeting Minutes - unapproved

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| Date/ time: | May 12, 2025 @ 6:30PM | Location: | Zoom (virtual) |
| https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/81694387792?pwd=SEFDdC9GZ2NsUERDK0Jma2NRL0JJZz09 | | | |

Present: **Parents:** Carissa Springer (CS), Fabien Welp-Barr (FWB), Victoria May (VM; alternate), Vincent Tam (VT), Hannah Nelson-Teutsch (HNT), Elizabeth Foley (EF)
Teachers/Staff: EA, TS, SB, MEA
Students: Isla McDade (IMD)
Principal: Jennifer Harriet (JH)

Regrets: Alex Megeles (AM), Allison Gonsalves (AG), Elizabeth Roy (ER)

Absent:

Also Present: Maria Corsi, EMSB commissioner; Angelica Carrero (Face Foundation)

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| 1. | | Welcome | | |
| 2. | | Approval of the amended agenda | | |
| 2.1. | Approval | Moved: FWB | Second: EF | unanimous |
| | | (Agreed to move 5.1 to the end of the meeting so we don't lose track of time) | | |
| 3. | Discussion | Question Period No members of the public were present | | |
| 4. | Approval | Adoption of the minutes of the Meeting of Mar 17, 2025 JH suggested changes; CS will make the changes | | |
| 4.1. | Approval | Moved: EF | Second: FWB | Unanimous |
| 5. | | Business Arising from the last meeting | | |
| 5.1. | Approval | Follow-up on Move - Discussion on Heritage Building Rehabilitation Project | | |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governing Board's position• Governing Board's orientation and potential involvement in lobbying and representation activities related to this matter (ex Save Face, etc.)• Review the positioning of the request for support for transportation for elementary students given this decision | | |





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| | | FWB mentioned the idea that our best bet is to stay in the building; that FACE is particularly well-suited to construction with the students still in the building; EF mentioned that we should follow-up with transportation and move survey for parents; MEA stated her concern about the possibility that the CSSDM could sell the building with us still in it? MC suggested that it's unlikely given the city officials do not plan to re-zone the building; HNT mentioned that we can both support the Save FACE movement and also survey the parents in parallel; TS pointed out that so much of the public is misunderstanding that the issue is not the building; it's that breaking up the elementary and HS students is the very problem, the loss of continuity between elementary & HS students; VM introduced herself as an alternate as well as an active member of the Save FACE movement; EA wanted to add for the minutes that she agrees that staying in the building is important; but also agrees that the continuity and partnership of elementary & HS and that post-separation the teachers will need to reconnect |
| | | Motion: something simple indicating that we want to keep the building but also that the longer the students are separated the worse the impact on our students having continuity and optimal arts' education; agreed to send wording via email and have an email vote within 24-48hrs |
| | | JH answered that she will check with the Regional Director at EMSB regarding Pascale's request re: shuttle bus and the cost being less expensive |
| 6. | | New Business |
| 6.1. | Approval | Establishment of principles for determining the cost of consumables and approval of the list of materials such as paper, pencils, etc. to be charged to parents or students (2025-2026 school fees) |
| | | Move: CS 2 nd : TS Approved: unanimous |
| | Approval | Approval of the programming of educational activities for the following year (field trips, etc.). School calendar |
| | | Shared calendar with CSSDM was shared (information) Timetable for elementary students (information) and daycare is managed by CSSDM but also approved by teacher's group. This year teacher's on CSSDM side so issue bc school on French side have 75-minute lunch (union issue). Our EMSB teachers did not approve this. EA noted that the FACE teachers already put a lot of extra time compared to other teachers The Governing Board acknowledges receiving the new schedules and that the EMSB teachers' council does not approve; we as a Governing Board agree with the EMSB teachers and echo their concerns. |
| 6.2. | Approval | Field Trips |
| | | Email approval Outing Apr 02 |



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| | | <p>Secondary 5 Mr. Finlayson Laurier Macdonald High School Final Futsal game 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Approved by email: 9 votes to approve; 3 votes not received</p> |
| 6.3. | Approval | <p>Follow-up and Action plan for educational project Elementary&HS omnibus Move: TS 2nd: MEA Adopted: unanimously</p> |
| 6.4. | | <p>VT also suggested that we follow-up with GB eventually to look at how well we have done in implementation of the action plan</p> |
| 7. | | <p>Reports</p> |
| 7.1. | Information | <p>EMSB Commissioner's report Volunteer appreciation week for EMSB; had a thank you dinner and awarded some teachers/staff; student of the month award; ethics requirement from the government</p> |
| 7.2. | Information | <p>Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 4th- Announcement of the Ministry, we found out an hour before it was being leaked to the newspaper. Called GB chair and prepared letter to parents as follows and staff. We understand as principals this is a very transformative and emotional time for many of our stakeholders and we are looking forward to having a date announced for the next meeting. Until then, it is regular "business " as much as possible... • 11E Production- Addams Family • Earth Day activities with Kindergarten students and the comité vert HS students • Boston trip was a success • Formed two ad-hoc committees for our educational action plan (one for HS, one for Elementary) • Agenda contest (two EMSB winners this year)- student council coordinate a vote during lunch hour, bravo! • May 1 – String Concert- First year that our Grade 4 students played as well! Bravo to Ms. Stathopoulos and her colleagues for leading a successful end of year string concert. • May 8 – Jazz Band concert led by Mme Arseneau • Upcoming concerts, vocal and Harmonie • Welcome to Kindergarten event this Friday • May 30- Invitation to Volunteer Event was sent earlier today. |





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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week of June 2 to 6- High School Activities during lunch to end the year successfully and on a fun note. We had tried to organize an afternoon of activities for HS May 30th but the CSSDM staff council and GB did not approve it. Sport activities, bouncy castle day, hot dog lunch are being planned for our HS students. • Admin Pressure Tactics- You may have heard that our negotiations with the Ministry are slow and not advancing. Since the beginning of the month, we are focussing on student-centered tasks first and maintaining a 35-hr work week. We may not be at all upcoming concerts, events etc... and are modifying our working schedules to attend important events of course. We hope that the Ministry will move forward with our negotiations with our Associations. • https://www.resiliencemontreal.com/ was the charity chosen by STUDENT COUNCIL bake sale during Easter |
| 7.3. | Approval | <p>Principal outings for approval:</p> <p>May 21- Ms. Stathopoulos would like to take the 5E and 6E string players for a performance at Edward Murphy school by bus. This would be a first visit to an EMSB school to perform and see if we can get exposure for our next Open House. No costs Move VT; 2nd IMD; approved unanimously</p> <p>June 6 – 9E movie outing with Ms. Elly's class. School will pay for ticket. Students need to have lunch during P4 Move MEA 2nd FWB; approved unanimously</p> <p>June 13- Kindergarten outing to Mont Royal (end of year picnic) All Kindergarten students going by bus, and parents can join them at lunch. Move EF; 2nd VT; approved unanimously</p> <p>June 16- Grade 6 Trip to Super Aqua Club with CSSDM & EMSB, cost of the trip \$25.00 , bus will be paid by the school. All Day Move FWB; 2nd MEA; approved unanimously</p> <p>May Exams- Schedule to be modified</p> <p>May 21- We are asking the GB to allow students to not attend P1 and return in the afternoon as scheduled. 10E et 11E de base FLS Students not expected to arrive for P1 11E ELA May 27 and 28 11E FLS enriched – June 5 and 6 Move EF; 2nd VT; approved unanimously</p> |
| 7.4. | Information | Teachers/Staff |
| | | <p>EA said they had a Boston trip, it went well, the border was the easiest ever, had a blast. TS wanted to thank Ms. Corsi for attending the string concert, great to have the administration present; noted that it was emotional because it was the</p> |





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| | | last time that we would see the progression of the elementary students to HS students (if school remains separated), and the last time TS would be able to teach the elementary students for the foreseeable future. TS also noted that she took many of the orchestra students out to several outings this year and another one coming up. SB said that the kindergarten class felt very proud cleaning the school and surroundings lead by high school students. Great cooperation and leadership shown by HS students!! |
| 7.5. | Information | Students |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone focussed on exams; choir event last Thursday was great |
| 7.6. | Information | EMSBPC Delegate |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EMSBPC approved the expansion of the academic program at Options High School, Outreach High School, and Perspectives II High School to include a Secondary 3 program Received a presentation on what EPCA (the English Parents' Committee Association) does, which can be shared with GB members if there is interest. Discussed a brief that will be submitted regarding Bill 94 Addressed the issue of Road Safety with an eye towards establishing a subcommittee on this topic in the next school year. Allocated a \$15 dollar/meeting stipend to members Reviewed accepted the Proposed Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2025-2028 with a few recommendations. Discussed emergency procedures for snow/extreme weather days with Administration and requested an update on measures in place for addressing prolonged closures. Discussed Cell Phone Ban Discussed the situation at FACE and agreed to review and sign a letter in support of FACE should such a letter be provided. |
| 7.7. | Information | Parent's participation organization |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nobody present to report on behalf of PPO tonight |
| 7.8. | Information | FACE Foundation |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC: during string concert the Foundation launched a new ticketing platform, went very well. 50th anniversary celebrations; Choir concert at St-Jean-Baptiste confirmed; Browns Scholarships: The Browns Scholarships were recently awarded, made possible by a generous \$25,000 donation from Irwin and Frida Browns. These scholarships recognize student excellence and dedication; also assist families with Fine Arts costs; Foundation has submitted request to Desjardins for funding; Spirit of FACE photo project – aerial photo of all students as part of anniversary celebrations; Supporting Sauvons FACE; distribution of graduate attire |
| 7.9. | Information | Treasurer's report |
| | | Nothing to report |
| 7.10. | Information | Conseil d'Établissement Report |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MEA reported at the CE the full motion by Maria Corsi & Joe Ortona at EMSB; asked if the equivalent of Maria's commissioner at CSSDM would be contacted and discovered that there is no equivalent because they do not have commissioners at the CSSDM. |
| 7.11. | Information | Correspondence |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter from C.E. and G.B. <div data-bbox="602 573 651 632" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Projet de lettre FACE bilingue.pdf</p> |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMSB Resolution <div data-bbox="602 747 651 806" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>25-04-29-16 Résolution demand.</p> <div data-bbox="602 877 651 936" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>25-04-29-16 Resolution Calling c</p> |
| 8. | | Varia |
| | | At 8:20p.m. VT moved, EF 2nded to extend the meeting by 10-15 minutes – approved unanimously |
| 9. | | Date of the next meeting June 9 |
| | | Agreed to have last meeting in person |
| 10. | | Adjournment |
| | | VT moved at 8:43 to adjourn; FWB 2 nd approved unanimously |

Chairman's Signature
Mr. Vincent Tam

Principal's Signature
Ms Jennifer Harriet



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