



Governing Board Meeting Agenda

Wednesday January 22nd, 2025

Location: Virtual

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1. Welcome

1.1. Welcome Message

Alexander Kluczyk and Jennifer Rutt (Chair) welcome everyone.

1.2. Land Acknowledgment

1.3. Attendance

Jennifer Rutt (Chair), Farah Mulki, Erika Marsan, Jean-Philippe St-Louis, Gloria Lombardi, Darlene O'Connor, John Devlin, Jonathan Sbrollini, Samantha Forget, Julien Feldman, Lise Kuhn (Vice Principal), Alexander Kulczyk (Principal), Ethan Kam-Tong (student)

The Governing Board is welcoming Ethan Kam-Tong as James Lyng's new student representative.

Regrets:

Mathew Maxham, Mubeenah Mughal

1.4. Public Question Period

No questions from the public were asked.

1.5. Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Kulczyk added an item relating to the e-mail sent to all parents concerning the application of a ministerial directive that will be applied this school year. Added as Varia 5.1.

1.6. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as is. Farah Mulki moved for the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Lise Kuhn.

2. Business Arising from the Minutes

2.1. Approval of November 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Jean-Philippe St-Louis moved for the approval of the minutes and the motion was seconded by Gloria Lombardi.



2.2. Building Renovation Update

Renovation of the girls' bathrooms is almost complete. The next stage will involve the boys' bathrooms and the gymnasium changing rooms. The intercom system should be ready and fully functional this week.

3. New Business

3.1. Anti-Bullying & Anti-Violence Plan

The James Lyng Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan is presented by Alexander Kulczyk and is approved by the Governing Board with minor modifications. Jennifer Rutt moved for the approval of the Anti-Bullying & Anti-Violence Plan and the motion was seconded by Darlene O'Connor.

3.2. Educational Project Report

The 2024-2028 educational project action plan is presented by Alexander Kulczyk. This document was prepared last year and it is reviewed today. This report details the various educational project objectives, indicators, baseline and target for 2027-2028. It also details the actions and strategies in place to help school staff and students achieve the objectives. Jennifer Rutt moved for the approval of the Educational Project Report and the motion was seconded by Jean-Philippe St-Louis

3.3. Budget Report

The 2024-2025 budget is presented by Alexander Kulczyk. It details the various Board funds, donation funds, school funds and special funds as well as their respective amounts and how these funds are used by the school administration. Jennifer Rutt moved that the Budget Report be approved, which was seconded by Jean-Philippe St-Louis.

3.4. Principal' selection criteria

Jennifer Rutt suggests to do this exercise and present it to the Governing Board at a later time for approval. This suggestion is approved by the Governing board members.

4. Reports

4.1. Student's Report

Ethan Kam-Tong introduced himself as the new James Lyng's student representative. He emphasizes the school's good climate and strong support system for the students.

4.2. Teacher's Report

John Devlin explains that the teachers are preparing the students for the upcoming exams. Mr. Devlin expresses his appreciation of the Christmas market held before the festive season.

4.3. Support Staff Report

Darlene O'Connor explains that many activities are up and running. The support staff is supporting the students getting ready for their exams and the stress that comes with them. She emphasizes the good school climate and student participation.

4.4. Principal's Report

The following is presented by Lise Kuhn:

- November 22nd, 41 students received their Red cross babysitting certification - students came in on a ped day for a full-day training in the library;
- November 28 - Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews in person with student cafe open and an on-site bake sale;
- December 2- Showcase and Awards assembly, where students' talents were showcased with a number of musical acts, poetry reading and even an illusionist spectacle- we also gave out honour roll certificates and academic awards to the student body;
- December 5 - Dental sealant screening for Sec 2 students in view to offering free services to those needing them (from Public health);
- December 6- Leadership students wrapped holiday gifts for staff and wrote them kind notes;
- Throughout December, Improv presentations via the Improv club with Mr. Michaud;
- December 19th - Walking tour of Tintin immersive show - Mr. Van Atten, Mr. Pfleeger, Andeen Small;
- December 20 - Holiday Fair (fun raiser: trains and treats, fundraiser: crafts, bake sale, hot chocolate;
- December 20th, period 4, Speedcubers film screened and school trivia on the code of conduct with the Principal;
- January 7th: Return to school;
- January 20th: Svens Telemaque - Broken Crayons Still Colour presentation about self-empowerment, self-actualization and mental resilience for all students

Upcoming in February 2025 : Shoe Drive giveaway in February, Black History Month activities, Sexuality Education Workshop Day, Winter Activities Day

4.5. Parent's Committee Report

Jennifer Rutt presents an educational website that could be helpful for the James Lyng students and community: anti-trollkit.com. This website presents cyberbullying Anti-Troll Kit for kids, teens, parents & counselors.

4.6. Commissioner's Report

Julien Feldman introduces himself to the Governing Board members. He presents different projects that are ongoing within the EMSB School Board. He invites the Governing Board members to contact him for support if needed.

4.7. PPO Report

Alexander Kulczyk reports that a first PPO meeting was held recently. It was decided that the main objective of the PPO for the current year would be to organize activities where parents of students and members of the James Lyng community would be invited to come to the school to get involved in the students' academic journey and make the learning environment even more lively and stimulating. Mr. Kulczyk explains that further events will be organized in consultation with the PPO before the end of the school year.

5. Varia

5.1. Ministerial directive – End of “déboulage”

Alexander Kulczyk explains the contents of an e-mail recently sent to parents concerning the end of the “reach back credits” or “déboulage”. This directive comes into effect this school year and will affect students who have failed a course.

Governing Board members are concerned that this will have a negative effect on students. This practice will also lead to difficulties in preparing students' schedules. For example, a student may need to attend a math class in Sec III when he or she is in Sec IV for all other classes. The school administration will take all necessary steps to support James Lyng students comply with this new directive.

6. Public Question Period #2

No questions from the public were asked.

7. Date of Next Meeting: February 19th, 2025

8. Adjournment

Farah Mulki moved to adjourn and was seconded by Darlene O'Connor.