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### Minutes

<b>Date/ time:</b>	February 8, 2024 7:00PM	<b>Location:</b>	LINKS High School Virtual
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<b>Present</b>	Maria Caldarella- Principal Julia Giannacopoulos- Teacher, Treasurer Shannen Ciricillo- Professional Myriam Farley- Support staff, Secretary Anthony Clarizio- Parent, Chairperson Teresa Cappellano- Parent Patrizia Petrecca – Community representative Aidan Stewart- Parent
<b>Regrets</b>	Gail Bernstein- Teacher Irmine Sdogandji- Parent
<b>1.</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> Call meeting to order at: 7:08pm

<b>2.</b>	<b>READING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b> <b>Motion 1:</b> Moved by T. Cappellano; seconded by J. Giannacopoulos to approve the agenda. All in favour.
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<b>3.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING ON December 7<sup>th</sup> and 22</b> <b>Motion 2:</b> Moved by T. Cappellano; seconded by J. Giannacopoulos to adopt the minutes for the December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 meeting. All in favour. <b>Motion 3:</b> Moved J. Giannacopoulos; seconded by S. Ciricillo to daopt the minutes for the December 22 <sup>nd</sup> . 2023 meeting. All in favour.
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<b>4.</b>	<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Information
<b>4.2</b>	Information

<b>5.</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
<b>5.1</b>	Information <b>Principal Criteria</b> The members of the governing board will be reading over and approving the Principal criteria in the next few weeks.
<b>5.2</b>	Approval <b>Course Selection 24-25</b> M. Caldarella presents the course selection for the 2024-2025 school year. It remains the same as this current school year. <b>Motion 4:</b> Moved by T. Cappellano; seconded by J. Giannacopoulos to approve the course selection for the 2024-2025 school year. All in favour.
<b>5.3</b>	Approval <b>School Fees 24-25</b>





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		<p>M. Caldarella presents the break down for the yearly school fees. The fees remain the same as this current school year. The fees are the same across all programs.</p> <p><b>Motion 5:</b> Moved by T. Clarizio; seconded A. Stewart to approve the school fees for the 2024-2025 school year. All in favour.</p>
5.4	Information	<p><b>Council Meeting February 27<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>On February 27, 2024, staff and students will gather at the EMSB head office to attend the commissioners meeting to show our support for a WOTP student who is being honored with an award. The LINKS team has been hard at work preparing small gifts to present to the commissioners for the evening.</p>
5.5	Information	<p><b>Open House</b></p> <p>The LINKS open house will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> in person from 6pm to 8pm. Prospective parents and students will get to see all that LINKS has to offer. Invitations have been sent out to families this week.</p>
5.6	Approval	<p><b>Budget Building Process</b></p> <p>M. Caldarella presents the Budget building process for the coming school year. The document consists of the staffing needs for the 2024-2025 school year. Requests are submitted to the school board.</p> <p><b>Motion 6:</b> Moved by J. Giannacopoulos; seconded by T. Cappellano to approve the Budget building process. All in favour.</p>
5.7	Information	<p><b>SUMMER CAMP PROPOSAL</b></p> <p>The government has been providing rattrapage funding to schools to help support students in a variety of areas from academics to extra curricular activities. With the closure of a prominent summer camp in the east end, M. Caldarella has seen a need to provide a summer camp for our families who need respite in the summer months who will now be affected by the closure. The goal would be to receive rattrapage funding to create the summer program.</p>
5.8	Information	<p><b>End of Year Show &amp; Prom</b></p> <p>The End of year show will be on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will showcase student performances and works created by classes throughout the year.</p> <p>Graduation and prom will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The event will take place at Auberge Universel.</p>
5.9A	Information	<p><b>Transitioning into Adulthood</b></p> <p>S. Ciriello presents the transition to adulthood plan that helps guide families and students as they turn 18 years of age. This guides students with applying for welfare funding to support them when in school and once they graduate.</p>
5.9B	Approval	<p><b>SEXUALITY ED. Plan 23-24</b></p> <p>M. Caldarella present the sexual education plan. Students need 12 to 15 hours of sex education taught in the classroom per year. The plan remains the same as the previous year.</p> <p><b>Motion 7:</b> Moved by A. Clarizio; seconded by T. Capellano to approve the LINKS sexual education plan. All in favour.</p>
5.9C	Approval	<p><b>Montreal Adventure Field Trip</b></p> <p>The DEFIS work-skills class and the WOTP students are planning an overnight fieldtrip to downtown Montreal. Students and staff will spend two days participating in a variety of activities downtown. The trip will take place in May 2024. Funding for the trip will be coming from the money earned at the Pause to positivity café.</p>



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		<b>Motion 8:</b> Moved by A. Stewart; seconded by T. Cappellano to approve the Montreal adventure fieldtrip. All in favour.
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<b>6.</b>		<b>REPORTS</b>
<b>6.1</b>	Information	<b>Principal's report-</b> See attached report
<b>6.2</b>	Information	<b>Teacher's report-</b> See attached report
<b>6.3</b>	Information	<b>Support Staff's report-</b> See attached report
<b>6.4</b>	Information	<b>Professional's report-</b> See attached report
<b>6.5</b>	Information	<b>Parent's report-</b> N/A

<b>7.</b>	<b>QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC</b>
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<b>8.</b>	<b>Next Governing Board Meeting March 21, 2024</b> <b>Motion 9:</b> Moved by A. Stewart; seconded by J. Giannacopoulos to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm. All in favour.
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