



Royal Vale School Governing Board

Minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2024

Minutes of the Governing Board meeting held on October 21, 2024, at 7 pm, 5851 Somerled, Montreal, Quebec, H3X 2A5.

Present: H. Magonet, J. Bernas, A. Batsis, C. Mandoiu, K. Douerrachad, P. Stermer, A. Di Domizio, V. Hatchwell, A. Pardo, S. Becker, D. Amin Badral, E. Komvopoulos, S. Halaris, K. Pellatt-Caron, D. Lambiris, J. Mustillo (alt.)

Also present: M. Zampini (Principal), C. Lagakos (Vice-Principal), I. Spilak (Vice-Principal) Commissioner, M. Rubin (RVEHSA)

Absent: J. Lalla (EMSB Commissioner), S. Sweeney (Community Representative), D. Szanajda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by M. Zampini at 7:03pm.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

On motion by K. Douerrachad, seconded by V. Hatchwell, the agenda was unanimously approved.

3. Election of Board members:

3.1. Election of Governing Board Chair (Principal)

A. Batsis nominated by V. Hatchwell, seconded by A. Pardo, A. Batsis was unanimously elected as Chair.

*The chairing of the meeting is transferred to the newly elected chair.

3.2. Election of Governing Board Vice-Chair (Chair)

By acclamation, K. Pellatt-Caron was elected as Vice-Chair.

3.3. Election of Governing Board Secretary (Chair)

No nominations; Secretary will be on a rotation basis. For this meeting, A. Pardo was secretary.

3.4. Election of Governing Board Treasurer (Chair)

By acclamation, S. Becker was elected as Treasurer.

4. Adoption & signing of minutes of June 10, 2024

On motion by A. Pardo, seconded by A. Batsis, the June 10, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Adoption & signing of minutes of September 12, 2024 (General Assembly)

Minutes were amended to include date (September 12, 2024).

On motion by K. Pellatt-Caron, seconded by A. Pardo, amended minutes of September 12, 2024 were unanimously approved.



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6. Business arising from June 10, 2024

GB awards were given out at graduation ceremony: 1 for elementary and 1 for High School. Chair appreciates the use of GB funds towards awards.

7. Business arising from the General Assembly of September 15, 2024 (Principal)

None

8. Information and reports (Student and H&S reps)

8.1. Student Life report (Student reps)

Student representatives are Dehan (Secondary 5) and Elenora (Secondary 5).

Report:

Started the year strong

- Open House:

- 70 students from High School
- 20 students from elementary

- High school entrance exam

- 25 students from High School helped with the exams

- Truth & Reconciliation Day

- Students made orange bookmarks to promote reading & awareness

- Terry Fox Run

- Students made signs and banners

- Haunted House

- Preparation has begun
- Bouncy castles will be on site for elementary students
- Contest for 'Best Costume'
- Every student will receive a bag of candy

- Diwali

- Equity and Diversity workshop

8.2. RVEHSA report (President)

Started the year strong

- Kindergarten picnic & meet and greet was a success

- BBQ Back to School party for elementary and High School had a good turnout

- Corn Roast was very successful

- Comedy Night made a profit of approximately \$1900

- Used Uniform Sale went well

- Upcoming Halloween Party: Preparation is underway and coming along nicely

- Kindergarten Party preparation in process by parents

- School Kit fundraiser went really well and the new supplier seems better than those from previous years

- Toy Drive for Caroline's Community will take place in November

- Bi-weekly email reminders to parents with collaboration of School has been helpful, as per feedback received

- ASP going well; some of the High School students are volunteering for credit

- PED Day Program

- in September: Foam Party was successful

- in October: Bullseye Laser Tag & Bowling was successful



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- Subsidy funds are up and running: 3 families with corporate sponsor
- Volunteer Work Day (suggested by member):
 - Garden Committee & Roller Burger (received nice donation)
 - at Royal Entrance, clean up garden (Beautification Committee)
- Pink Shirt Day in February
 - Kindness & inclusivity; kindness pledge
- Next RVEHSA meeting is November 5 at 7pm at the school. High School parents are invited in order to get feedback.

9. First Question Period

None

10. Discussion items (votes required)

10.1. Governing Board annual report

Amended date of Euro-Trip to 2025-2026.

On motion by V. Hatchwell, seconded by A. Di Domizio, amended report was unanimously approved.

10.2. GB annual and financial reports (Andrea)

On motion by V. Hatchwell, seconded by A. Pardo, report was unanimously approved.

10.3. Grade 6 graduation trips

- Grade 6 graduation trip will take place at Camp Wingate
- Trip will be 1 night, maybe 2
- Dates: June 16 to June 18
- Approximate cost is \$160/student
- Fundraising activities will occur throughout the year to bring cost down

On motion of A. Batsis, seconded by P. Stermer, graduation trip was unanimously approved.

10.4. Grade 6 fundraisers for the year

- Fundraising is in process of planning
- Possible fundraisers:
 - Grocery bagging
 - Bake sales
 - Auction/raffle during PTI
- Trying to raise enough funds to cover hoodies & yearbook

Blanket motion: On motion by V. Hatchwell, seconded by S. Halaris, blanket motion was unanimously approved.

10.5. High School trips

- Sec. 3: Chicago
- Sec. 4: Washington DC
- Sec. 5: New York
- Sec. 1 and 2: To be discussed at later time with GB; currently being discussed by Administrators
- Waiting for bids to know exact costs (will be provided at later date, when all bids received)



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On motion by A. Batsis, seconded by J. Bernas, trips were unanimously approved.

10.6. PELO Program

- Difficulties to find teachers to commit for the year
- This year's subsidy will be lower than previous years; fees for parents will be increased

On motion by A. Di Domizio, seconded by V. Hatchwell, continuation to offer PELO program was unanimously approved.

10.7. Grade 8 and Grade 9 Science in English

- Number of students in French Immersion program has decreased
- Administrator met with High School student to get feedback
- Student Feedback:
 - Sec. 2 and 3 Science is in French, but Sec. 4 Ministry exam is in English which makes students feel unprepared for exam; Students are leaving Immersion program to be better prepared for Ministry exam
 - Administration will come back to GB with another subject to be changed to French

On motion by V. Hatchwell, seconded by J. Mustillo, change Grade 8 and 9 Science to English was unanimously approved.

10.8. Governing Board meeting dates (Chair)

Next meetings:

- Tuesday, November 26, 2024
- Monday, January 20, 2025

More meeting dates to be confirmed at later date.

10.9. Staff Appreciation fundraisers (Andrea)

Fundraisers:

- Cookie Doigh (Felix & Norton)
- Cash by collection

On motion by H. Magonet, seconded by K. Pellatt-Caron, fundraising for Staff Appreciation was unanimously approved.

11. Information and Reports

11.1. Administration's Report (Vice-Principals)

Provided by C. Lagakos (Vice-Principal)

Monday, August 26, 2024	Orientation Day for Secondary 1 only (Everblast)
Thursday, August 29, 2024	<u>First Full Day of School – Grade 1 to 6</u>
August 29 – September 6, 2024	Kindergarten Progressive Entry
Thursday, August 29, 2024	First Day to report for secondary 1, 2 <u>Secondary 1 & 2 Picture Day</u>
Friday, August 30, 2024	First Day to report for secondary 3, 4, 5 <u>Secondary 3, 4 & 5 Picture Day</u>



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Tuesday, September 3, 2024	<u>First day of regular classes for ALL High School</u>
Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024	<u>Assemblies per level for sec.1, 2 and 3</u>
Thursday, September 5, 2024	<u>First Full Day of School – Pre-K & Kindergarten</u>
Thursday, September 5, 2024	<u>Open House</u> – Huge success many positive comments
Friday, September 6, 2024	<u>Assemblies per level for sec.4 and 5</u>
Saturday, September 7, 2024	High School Entrance Exams
Thursday, September 12, 2024	<u>Curriculum Night</u> followed by Governing Board Annual General Assembly
Wednesday, September 25, 2024	OPUS Card Photo Day – Grade 6 to 11
September 26-27-30	Grade 4, 5 and 6 Assemblies
Monday September 30 th	<u>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</u> , or more commonly known as <u>Orange Shirt Day</u> , moment of silence and teachers educating students /residential
October 1st	Terry Fox Run raised over 9046 and Corn roast
October 10 th	Concentration outings
Music Concentration: Maison Symphonie Dance/Drama Concentration: Studio Dance 123	<u>Sports Concentration: Acrosport Barani</u> Technology Concentration: Montreal Science Center
Tuesday, October 15, 2024	<u>Elementary Picture Day</u>
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	<u>High School Photo ID Retakes</u>
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	<u>MATH CARIBOU Grade 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6</u>
Thursday October 17, 2024	<u>Royal Vale Students Engage in Indigenous Storytelling and Music Workshop with indigenous artist Moe Clark</u>

11.2. EMSBPC Report

Meeting took place, but report will be given at next meeting.

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13. Second Question Period (Chair)

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14. Adjournment & Closing Remarks (Chair)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

On motion by A. Di Domizio, seconded by K. Pellatt-Caron, adjournment was unanimously approved.

Andrea Batsis
Chair, Royal Vale Governing Board 2024-2025

Mauro Zampini
Principal, Royal Vale School