École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA March 10, 2025 @ 6:30PM Online



PRESENT:

Voting members

Parents: Gesua Catalano, Sandra Gabriele, Viktoria Grosko, Christi Milsom, Leslie

Ning, Hajar Bahir-Lapierre (arrived late)

Teachers: Jennifer Lacroix, Nadia Di Mattia, Rola Soueidan **Other Staff:** Mara Filippone (daycare), Mary De Palma-Nitti

Non-voting members

Principal: Tanya Alvares
Com. Reps: positions unfilled
Commissioner: Maria Corsi

ABSENT: Mark Carras (parent), Patty Foschi (teacher), Dina Simec (teacher)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by S. Gabriele.

2. Adoption of Agenda

L. Ning motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by R. Soueidan; motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

- J. Lacroix moved for approval of the Feb. 10, 2025 Governing Board meeting minutes.
- G. Catalano seconds the motion and it carries unanimously.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Budget building process

- T. Alvares explained how the budget building process works. The Governing Board reviewed and updated the guiding principles and budget priorities, working from the document submitted last year.
- J. Lacroix motioned to approve the new budget building process, seconded by N. Di Mattia, unanimously resolved. (Vote: 11 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions)

5. Question period

No questions were presented.

6. New Business

No new business to report.

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

No report. M. Carras was absent.

7.2 Commissioner's Report

- The next EMSB board meeting is on March 18, 2025.
- Michael Cohen and Daniel Smajovits are available to help PET with marketing and media relations. Student reporter project could be a possibility as well.
- M. Corsi highlighted the Higher achievers Global Issues Problem Solving program.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

■ The remaining balance is \$592.

7.4 Principal's Report

- Parent teacher meetings went well. Report cards were sent out before March break.
- The Enrollment Report was due this week.
- Reminder that the school board has an inclement weather policy. If temperatures dip below -20 C, a call needs to be made for the safety of the children.

7.5 Teachers' Report

- Proposal for a spider plant fundraiser from the K5 students to be sold during the spring concert. Ms. Alexandra will work with Ms. Shannon. Minimal funds will be needed for pots. Gesua Catalano offered to provide the soil for the project. Funds raised will be used to buy toys for the classroom. G. Catalano motions to approve the K5 plant sale. Seconded by C. Milsom. Passed unanimously.
- Mme. Souedian thanked Ms. Alvares and the PPO for the special activities for teacher appreciation.
- Black History Month activities were organized by Mr. Rocco in February.

7.6 PPO Report

- T. Alvares described the various gifts and activities offered to the teachers for teacher appreciation.
- PPO would like to fundraise by selling snacks and beverages at the Saint Patrick's Day dance. Motion by L. Ning; seconded by R. Soueidan and it carries unanimously.
- The Valentine's Day bake sale was a success. Thank you to the parent community for all the contributions.

7.7 Grad Committee

- A sponsorship letter was sent out to the parent community of Grade 6 students offering ad space in the yearbook.
- Ms. Jennifer is working on the yearbook with Ms. Carissa and the committee.
- Students are currently choosing their graduation theme.

7.8 Daycare/Lunch Report

- Daycare would like to organize a ped day activity March 24 with Dynamix who will organize team building activities. Cost to parents is \$20, plus the daycare fee of \$15.
- J. Lacroix motions to approve the ped day. Seconded by L. Ning. Passed unanimously.

8. Varia

- M-Transport update will be sent out this week.
- The LifeTouch group class photos will be sent to PET this week.
- A question was raised about the morning procedure at the *débarcadère*.

9. Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to be held online on April 7, 2025.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm on a motion by R. Soueidan, seconded by M. De Palma-Nitti. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Christi Milsom