Governing Board Minutes May 4, 2021, 7:00 pm Held virtually on MS Teams

Present:

Parents: D. Santelli, D. Tatone, J. Stein, S. Gabriele, P. Foschi **Teachers:** LA Bouffard, J. Lacroix, N. DiMattia, Mary Carone

Others: T. Alvares, M. Nitti, M. Filippone

Regrets: L. Niro, A. Loffredi (Community rep), T. Dorsey, G. Mitchell, A. Cannavino

(EMSB Commissioner)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by D. Santelli.

2. Adoption of Agenda

J Stein motioned to adopt the agent, seconded by LA Bouchard.

3. Approval of Minutes (April 6, 2021)

Motioned by LA Bouchard, seconded by P. Foschi.

4. Business Arising from the Last Meeting

4.1 Follow-up A. Loffredi

The learning commons (library) was presented to M. Loffredi as an option for the naming of a room. This recommendation will be presented to the Kathy Magi Foundation board of directors.

5. Question Period

No questions were posed as no parents, beyond GB members, were present.

6. New Business

6.1 mTransport

Tabled for the fall. One parent on GB was very opposed. This is an app that will track students while on the bus.

6.2 Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) Funded Pre-K Class(es) 2021-22 PET will have 2 full free-K classes and one combined Pre-K/K class.

J. Lacrois motions to accept. S Gabriele seconds. All in favor. Dino will sign and return the document.

6.3 CO2 Levels Report

A company came into the school to measure CO2 levels. All CO2 level came in under 1000ppm in different environments (windows open, windows closed, with students in the classroom, at the beginning, middle and after a class.

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report by D. Tatone, EMSB Parent rep
There was no official PC meeting so D. Tatone reported mostly on the Parents
Conference. He has received excellent feedback from the event mostly very
positive. A highlight of the event was the keynote speaker as well as the 30+
workshops. There were a number of breakout rooms for parents to discuss various
topics including activities, mental health, children without sibblings, etc.

There is a council meeting on May 5, 2021. Discussions will include staffing plans, Loi 21 and how EMSB is exempt, the 3-year plans for the EMSB, the initiative of parents to rally for the opening of another high school in the west end, tutoring and other services for parents.

Daniel encourages others to check out EMSB student services for excellent resources for parents for students with special needs.

Another important topic that should be presented at the council is the coding of children and how it should be considered when allocating other services and staff outside the classroom.

7.2 Commissioner's Report by A. Cannavino, EMSB Commissioner

No report.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

No report.

7.4 Principal's Report

The intercom phones on the second floor have been installed as well as speakers in the hallways and outside.

Covid Update – the situation is going well in the school. Students have been given lanyards to hold their masks. The use of disposable masks is also going well and students are following directions well. There has been a decrease in the number of student being sent home for demonstrating symptoms.

School Yard – work on the school yard is on track. Parents have been adjusting to the new drop off / pick-up procedures. Students arriving alone by bicycle are

being allowed to enter from the front door. The buses along Cartier street does poses challenges and slows down traffic significantly. A crossing guard has been requested for the Chabot / Belanger intersection.

7.5 Teacher's Report

A Cabane a sucre meal was offered to students. The following week the organization returned with a petting zoo in the school yard.

Two activities are organized for the Pre-K and K classes. On June 10, Kaleidisco Dance will be doing a 10 minute dance followed by an dance activity with the children. On June 17, there will be a Build a Bear workshop. Children will receive a 14" animated bear as well as a t-shirt for their stuffy. They will also make a wish for the following year.

M. Carone motions to approve the activities, J. Stein seconds. All are in favor.

The staff council is organizing activities for the end of the year. Every Friday in June will have a theme and treat. The last day of school is June 23rd and it is still being discussed how the say will be spent.

The Pre-K steam project is a "Bee" theme. The goal is to begin desensitizing the fear of bees and help build a flower garden in the Pre-K yard.

Ms. Patty informs everyone that the Halo race will still go on despite being a little different this year. Levels 3-4 will run 1km and levels 5-6 will run 2km.

Ms. Nadia is pleased to announce that Mrs. Nitti was recognized as volunteer of the year.

Grade 6 graduation photos have been taken. Work on the yearbook is ongoing. There will be no ministry exams for the upper grades this year. The grade 6 has Genius Hour presentations.

The robotics competition is being held virtually this year. M. Patrick is including both grade 6 classes. T-shirts will be given to the participants and results posted next week.

7.6 PPO Report

The PPO held a raffle for a spring gardening basket. \$800 worth of raffle tickets sold. Drawing will take place on May 13.

The grad committee is working around a "Hollywood" theme using the color scheme of Tiffany blue, Chanel pink and silver. Student selected burgundy color t-shirts for their grad t-shirts. The scone fundraiser went very well.

7.7 Daycare/Lunch Report

Ms. Mara thanks the GB for the electronic vote for the last Ped Day. 60-70 children attended.

8. Varia

There were no items under Varia.

9. Dates of next meeting:

Next meeting with be held June 15, 2021.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 pm made by P. Foschi and second by D. Tatone. All in favor.