



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2024

Minutes of the Governing board meeting held on March 19, 2024, virtually.

1. Attendance

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Vicky Pololos

Parent Representatives:

Vicky Pololos

Mark Monaghan

Diane Biard-Goble

Maisie Chen

Ilan Dahan

Jacqueline Matuszewski

Ashley Kushneryk

Tina Oppong

Sharone Callender

Jessica Black (alternate)

Lauren Perez (alternate) (absent)

Teaching Staff Representatives:

Sharon MacPherson

Laure Bensoussan (absent, replaced by Nina Wong)

Marianne Botelho

Emilia Luciano

Karima Tabbi Anneni (absent)

Michelle Anderson (absent)

Non-Teaching Professionals:

Deanna laizzo (absent)

Daycare Representative:

Paquita Nanton (absent)

Support staff:

Rona Lapidus (absent)

Home and School Representative

Jessica Black

Commissioner

James Kromida (absent)

Principal:

Elena Zervas

Vice-Principal:

Laura Fundaro

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved to approve: Ilan
- Second: Tina
- No abstentions

3. Approval of the minutes of February 20, 2024

- Approve: Ilan
- Second: Tina
- Abstentions: none

4. Business arising from the previous minutes of February 20, 2024

- No new business

5. Correspondence: None

6. Public Question period:

- George Varelas: Update on Gym renovations and pavement outside of the school

7. New Business

7.1 Educational Project 2023-2027 (previously emailed full plan to GB):

- Ms. Zervas reviewed the Educational Project, a strategic tool for schools which outlines the school priorities based on current results and strategies. Our goal is to achieve our set targets by the end of the period covered (2023 to 2027). The Educational Project also reflects students' needs and community expectations.
- Emphasis is placed on the results for the end-of-cycle 3 examinations in the core subjects (Math, French, English Language Arts); School Climate, Pre-School Program, Digital Competency
- The administration reviewed some of the highlights of the Educational Project
- Our students have done particularly well in the French reading and writing end of cycle 3 examinations, as a result of the French Immersion Program
- Approve: Ilan
- Second: Ashley
- No abstentions/nays

7.2. ACGC Plan -for approval

- Ms. Zervas reviewed the Academic and Career Guidance Content for Cycle 3 students. There is a focus on 3 areas: Self Knowledge, Knowledge of World of School and Knowledge of the World of Work. The French and English teachers

will be focusing 75 minutes of instruction in each area. The ACGC plan is a mandatory component from the MEQ.

- Approve: Tina
- Second: Diane B.
- No abstentions/nays

7.3. Fund 8: reallocating funds from a previous balance set aside for furniture to the purchase of computers – For approval

- Motion to approve the amount of \$12,534 currently in Fund 8, initially set aside for furniture, for the purchase of computers instead
- Approve: Mark
- Second: Ashley K.
- No abstentions/nays

7.4. Subject Time Allocation 2024-2025: New CCQ Program- For approval

- Ms. Zervas presented the subject-time allocation for the 2024-2025 school year.
- It was explained that the Culture et Citoyenneté Québécoise Program (CCQ) will replace the Ethics & Religious Culture program, currently being taught in French for all cycles.
- Tina and Vicky expressed concerns about the content being taught in French and the level of difficulty for younger students
- Mark and Sharone expressed concerns about having less French language within the school curriculum if it was decided that Cycle 1 would be taught in English

Motion to approve the CCQ program in English for Cycle 1

- Approve: Ilan
- Second: Tina
- Vote tabulation: 7 approve, 5 nays

Motion to approve CCQ program in French for Cycles 2 and 3

- Approve: Tina
- Motion: Ilan
- No abstentions; Nays: 1

Motion to approve the Subject Time Allocation for all subjects

- Approve: Ashley
- Second: Jackie

7.5. Fundraisers for Home and School – going to GHSA funds toward end of year events

- Jessica: Dress down day; Felix & Norton cookies
- Approve: Jackie
- Second: Ilan
- No abstentions/nays

8. Reports

8.1. Principal:

- Elena: Enrollment is 657 for following year; anticipating 5 K classes; working on staffing

8.2. Vice Principal:

- Laura: no reports

8.3. Teachers:

- Nothing to report

8.4. Chairperson: no reports

8.5. Treasurer: no reports

8.6. Parents Committee Report (Delegate):

- Vicky: provided updates to certain school policies (ex: reporting of absenteeism); budget building; updating social media and highlighting school accomplishments

8.7. Home and School Liaison:

- Jessica: New ECA registration; French book fair; waffle stick day

8.8. BASE report:

- Paquita: absent

8.9. Commissioner: absent

9. Varia:

10. Next meeting: April 16, 2024

11. Adjournment at 8:29 p.m.

- *Approved unanimously; no abstentions*

Principal

Date:

Governing Board Chair

Date: