



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2024

Minutes of the Governing board meeting held on February 20, 2024, virtually.

1. Attendance

- Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vicky Pololos

Parent representatives:

Vicky Pololos

Mark Monaghan

Diane Biard-Goble

Maisie Chen

Ilan Dahan

Jacqueline Matuszewski (absent)

Ashley Kushneryk

Tina Oppong

Sharone Callender

Jessica Black (alternate)

Lauren Perez (alternate)

Teaching Staff Representatives:

Sharon MacPherson

Laure Bensoussan

Marianne Botelho (absent)

Emilia Luciano (absent)

Karima Tabbi Anneni

Michelle Anderson (absent)

Non-Teaching Professionals:

Deanna Iazzo (absent)

Daycare Representative:

Paquita Nanton (absent)

Support staff:

Rona Lapidus

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: Lauren
- Second: Laure
- No abstentions

3. Approval of the minutes of January 23, 2024

- Approve: Diane
- Second: Mark
- Abstentions: none

4. Business arising from the previous minutes of January 23, 2024

- No new business

5. Correspondence: None

6. Public Question period:

- George Varelas asked where the minutes from previous GB meetings could be found.
Ms. Zervas replied that all GB minutes are posted on the school's website.
- Teacher comments on report cards: The teaching staff decided not to add personal comments on the report cards for the remainder of the school year. It is not a mandatory requirement. Certain parents have expressed some concerns which will be shared with the staff.

7. New Business

7.1 Pre-k Allocation 2024-2025:

- Ms. Zervas: 2 Pre-K classes (total of 34 students). A Governing Board Resolution confirming the opening of the 2 MEQ funded Pre-K classes is required.
- Approve: Mark
- Second: Diane
- No abstentions/nays

8. Reports

8.1. Principal:

- Tina Oppong presented workshop to the students and staff; shared how schooling is in Ghana. It was greatly appreciated by students and staff
- Gr 6 had glissades outing Feb 20; Preschool parents joined their children on February 20 for a collaborative Bricks for Kids activity in the gymnasium; Staff appreciation week by Home and School (FRIENDS themed) was much appreciated by all Gardenview staff. Ms. Zervas thanked the parents on the GHSA for their time and all their hard work.

8.2. Vice Principal:

- Steel Pans musical performance and historical presentation enjoyed by students and teachers
- Upcoming events: Youth Stars with Malik Shaheed, parent workshop on the “Importance of Play” hosted by Ometz, Cyberbullying presentation for Gr3/4 after March Break
- Field Trip Approval: Upper Canada Village on June 18 for Gr4 – maximum cost is \$71 per student if all students go and 3 buses are required. Could be less expensive if not all students go or if parent volunteers drive themselves – survey will be sent home to parents.
- Holocaust Museum on May 15 and 16th for Gr5 – cost is \$15 per student
- Approve: Rona
- Second: Tina

8.3. Teachers:

- Nothing to report

8.4. Chairperson: no reports

8.5. Treasurer: no reports

8.6. Parents Committee Report (Delegate):

- Vicky: no reports

8.7. Home and School Liaison:

8.8. BASE report:

- Paquita: no reports

8.9. Commissioner: absent

9. Varia:

- There is a balance in the Fund 8 (Special Purposes Fund) that was allocated from previous years to purchase desks and chairs for students. We are waiting for confirmation from Financial Services to get back to us on how to proceed in order to allocate the funds towards the purchase of computers instead.

10. Next meeting: March 19, 2024

11. Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

- *Approved unanimously, no abstentions*

Principal

Date:

Governing Board Chair

Date:

