



GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 2024

Minutes of the Governing board meeting held on January 23, 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

Sharone Callender (absent)

Maisie Chen

Ilan Dahan

Jacqueline Matuszewski

Ashley Kushneryk

Tina Oppong

Jessica Black (alternate)

Lauren Perez (alternate, absent)

Staff Representatives:

Sharon MacPherson

Laure Bensoussan

Karima Tabbi

Emilia Luciano

Marianne Botelho

Michelle Anderson (absent)

Non-Teaching Professional

Deanna Iazzo

Daycare Representative:

Paquita Nanton (absent)

Support staff:

Rona Lapidus

Commissioner

James Kromida (absent)

Principal:

Elena Zervas

Vice-Principal:

Laura Fundaro

Home and School Representative

Jessica Black

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved to approve: Rona
- Second: Tina

3. Approval of the minutes of November 14, 2023

- Approve: Marianne
- Second: Tina
- Abstentions: Diane

4. Business arising from the previous minutes of November 14, 2023

- No new business

5. Correspondence: None

6. Public Question period: None

7. New Business

7.1 School Budget 2023-2024:

- Ms. Zervas presented the 2023-2024 school budget , giving a detailed description of all the revenues and expenses . There was an amount allocated and approved by a previous GB to purchase desk/chairs. GB would need to vote and approve reallocating the amount to another item. Possible items for consideration are IT items such as new computers for classrooms and students. This discussion is to be tabled for future meeting.
- Approve: Diane
- Second: Tina

7.2. Sexuality Education Plan:

- Ms. Zervas presented the 2023-2024 Sexuality Education Plan and reviewed the MEQ themes and learning content by grade level.
- Approve: Mark
- Second: Diane

7.3. Top Marks (Extension of Contract)

- Ms. Zervas presented the extension of the contract between Top Marks and Gardenview Elementary School for an additional 3 years. This extension will terminate on June 30, 2027.
- Ms. Zervas shared the 2024-2025 Top Marks price list which showed an average increase to items within the 2% range. GB discussed the possibility of adding an additional polo color (navy top) and discussed the possibility of removing 3% donation to the school (used annually to assist families with purchases from Top Marks) in order to maintain the current prices for the following academic year. Ms. Zervas would be communicating with Top Marks and will share with GB at next meeting.

Motion to **remove** the crested vest as a required item.

Approve: Tina

Second: Ilan

No abstentions/nays

Motion to add a navy color option for the polo, **in addition** to the current white polo

Approve: Diane

Vicky abstained and no nays; motion approved

Motion to keep Top Marks as supplier until June 30, 2027

Approve: Tina

Second: Laure B

No abstentions/nays

7.4. Field Trips

- Presented by Laura
- Approve: Tina
- Second: Mark
- Ped day fee of \$30 and Bricks for Kids Motion
- Approve: Jackie
- Second: Tina

8. Reports

8.1. Principal:

- Ms. Zervas: EMSB sent notice to advise of a monetary compensation for parents whose children did not receive transportation services for all the busing strike days. In addition, the school will be reimbursing parents for **paid lunch supervision fees** for the strike days that took place in November and December.

- Snow removal around the school: Ms. Zervas spoke with mayor of Saint-Laurent, the city snow removal workers and the police. Asking for parents' cooperation to ensure safety for our students , to respect designated parking spaces and adhere to the designated circulation signs around our school.

8.2. Vice Principal:

- Laura: Alouettes player event was a great success; Jan 30 vaccinations for Gr4; Feb 15 dress down day at no cost – for cancer awareness; Kindness week activities; OMETZ parent workshops (upcoming); Prestigo puppet/musical show for Gr1-2 ; Scholastic book fair April 16 (tentative date0; SPVM will visit Gr 3 and 4 on Feb 15th; Brick for Kids event (lego) includes parent participation to build with children ; Anti bullying presentation on March 27th; Missing Childrens' Network presentation offered to Gr1-6 (dates TBD)

8.3. Teachers:

- Nothing to report

8.4. Chairperson: no reports

8.5. Treasurer: no reports

8.6. Parents Committee Report (Delegate):

- Vicky: A lot of questions surrounding the strike and if any ped days or break were going to be removed to compensate- ANSWER is no. No updates from Transco on school bus strike. Item raised was that consideration should be given to the marketing of the school

8.7. Home and School Liaison:

- Jessica: Teacher appreciation day in February – preparation is underway

8.8. BASE report:

- Paquita: absent

8.9. Commissioner: absent

9. Varia: none

10. Next meeting: February 20, 2024

11. Adjournment at 9:08 p.m.

- Moved to approve: Tina
- Second: Diane
- *Approved unanimously, no abstentions*

Principal date

Governing Board Chair date