

PHILIP E. LAYTON SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Date: March 20th, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Irini Margetis, Bob Simpson, Meaghan Laurie, Kimberley Young, Julia Sowerby, Maria Revuelta, , Lysa Marie Mancini, Sean Zikman, Kamini Patel, Stuart Logie, Emily Lecker

Absent : Joseph Lalla

1. **Call to Order & Welcome**

- Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Stuart Logie.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

- The agenda was motioned by Kimberly Young and seconded by Melany Murray.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

- The February 6th, 2023 minutes were approved by Kimberley Young and seconded by Julia Sowerby.

4. **Business Arising**

4.1 Selection Criteria for Principal:

- Motion to adopt by Meaghan Laurie and seconded by Maria Revuelta

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: None

5. **Reports**

5.1 Commissioner's report: Absent

5.2 Principal's report:

- Major renovations will take place this summer to the central ventilation system and the pool. The EMSB will not be renting our building to outside organizations this summer. The RPSS team would have to relocate.
- Playground is near the end of time completion. A \$60,000 donation was given by the AHEPA
- Planning staffing and enrollment of both schools, joint admissions meetings given to look over applications IAPA Event: IAPA is a Greek organization who will be having their annual ball. Proceeds raised will go towards the Playground Project. Members from the school board and Habilitas Foundation will be present, as well as the director general.

5.3 Teacher's report:

- Adapted skating has finished and was very successful.
- Georgie Productions gave a play for both schools
- There were 2 Spirit Days as well as Valentine's Day and St-Patrick's Day

5.4 RPSS report:

- Parent/Teacher evenings went well
- Braver App to enable communication between healthcare workers; we wish it to be modified to include therapists and parents. Approved, a parent will be needed to volunteer in the future to try out the App.

5.5 Daycare report:

- Tax receipts on Mosaik were available at the end of February. A small glitch occurred and the school board got involved to fix it. Paper copies are also available.

5.6 Parent representative report:

- March 2 EMSB Meeting: Bill 96 Statement; The EMSB Parents Committee (EMSBPC) wrote a letter with the help of lawyers concerning that we are in agreement with the lawsuit opposing Bill 96. The link to the letter is below:
<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/articles/an-open-letter-to-bernard-drainville>

5.7 Habilitas:

- **Inclusive Playground:** the campaign has achieved its fundraising goal to support this \$2.5 million project, including a \$500,000 endowment for maintenance and upgrade
 - Proceeds from the 2023 annual Valentine's Day Ball of the Montreal Chapter of AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) were directed towards the play structures of the Inclusive Playground at Mackay Centre & Philip E. Layton schools. More than \$58,000 was raised this year!
 - Construction of the Inclusive Playground is set to re-commence soon as the snow melts. The final step will be pouring the rubber surface followed by installation of the accessible swings, merry-go-round and other structures. Assuming the work is finished in mid-June, Habilitas Foundation will plan a grand inauguration in the final days of the school year
 - Opération Enfant Soleil announced a gift of \$20,000 towards the purchase of the We-Go-Round – their largest gift to Habilitas Foundation to date.
- **Other projects that Habilitas Foundation has secured funding for in the school**
 - a NuStep cross-trainer (to promote aerobic capability and muscle strength through sessions with the rehab teams kinesiologist)

- Additional augmentative communication devices (tablets)
- ZotArtz : adaptive art tools so that children with disabilities can create huge, amazing art pieces

6. New Business

6.1 Approval of Safe School Action Plan:

- A few years ago, the Ministry of Education put into place a Safe School Action Plan for every school in an effort to reduce bullying in schools. This plan describes the Programs school putting into place to deter violence and bullying. Once it is approved by the Governing Board, it is sent to parents and is displayed on the school website.
- Motioned to Approve by Kimberly Young, Passed unanimously

6.2 Budget Building Consultation:

- **The Governing Board was consulted on the Budget Building Process set forth by the EMSB and Agreed to the following points:**

1. Assistive Technology Support: Increase the number of consultants servicing the school board as the current allocation is insufficient. Mackay/PEL would benefit from a 20%-40% allocation seeing as a good portion of our students use technology to communicate.

2. Professional Resources: more specifically an increase in the allocation of psychology services (one day) and speech and language services (one day).

3. Computer Technician Support: Increase in the number of technicians servicing schools directly. PEL would benefit from a 20% increase due to the high number of devices used by our student population.

- **Regarding the Guiding Principles, Criteria, and Related Orientations:**

- The GB had no questions / comments
- Motioned to Approve by Kimberly Young, Passed unanimously

6.3 April 28th Ped Day Change of Date

- April 28th Ped day change of date to May1st due to students' participation in the Defi Sportif. This would cause an issue with transportation. Mackay has already voted and approved.
- Motioned to approve by Stuart Logie and seconded by Meaghan Laurie, unanimously passed.

7. Fieldtrips, Fundraisers

7.1 Ratify:

- Nothing to report

7.2 Fieldtrips:

- Biodome : March, April and May; a different group each time.
- Adapted bowling.
- Defi Sportif: 24 students spread out over 5 days
- Motion to approve by Julia Sowerby and seconded by Lysa Mancini ; Passed unanimously

7.3 Fundraisers:

- Nothing to report

8. Varia

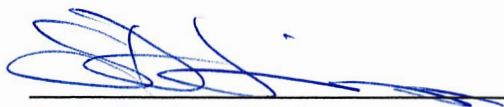
- Nothing to report

9. Good & Welfare

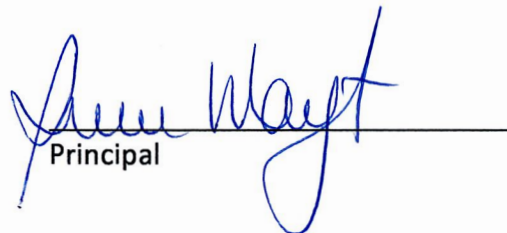
- Nothing to report

10. Adjournment/Next meeting:

- The next meeting will be virtual and will take place on April 17 at 7:00pm. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.



Governing Board Chair



Principal