

# Philip E. Layton Governing Board

## Minutes

October 11, 2022 7:00pm

GB Members Present: Irimi Margetis, Greg Watson, Stuart Logie, Lisa Marie Mancini, Melanie Murray, Kamini Patel, Julia Sowerby, Meghan Laurie, Kimberley Young, Maria Revuelta, Hema Patel



1. Call to Order and Welcome  
Principal Irimi Margetis calls meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. Adoption of the Agenda  
Motion: Kamini Patel  
Seconded: Julia Sowerby  
Adopted unanimously
3. Election of Executive
  - 3.1 Chairperson: Stuart Logie nominated himself as chairperson
  - 3.2 Secretary: Kamini Patel and Melanie Murray proposed to share the task of secretary for the year
  - 3.3 Treasurer: Kamini Patel nominated accepted to be the treasurer for this year

Motion to accept nominations for chairperson, secretary and treasurer was put forth by Julia Sowerby.

Seconded: Stuart Logie  
Motion was carried

4. Announcements or Correspondence

None

5. Business Arising

None

### PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public were not present.

6. Reports

#### 6.1 Commissioner

Mr. Lalla sent his regrets as he could not attend the meeting tonight.

#### 6.2 Principal / Vice Principal

- Irimi Margetis reported that the school year was off to a good start with less restrictions and isolation. Spirits are high, sense of community is building again as we are able to mix classes.
- The enrolment has gone up to 48 students divided up into 9 homerooms. We have 9 new students at PEL this year.
- Principal also gave an update on the pool situation. One minor detail needs to be adjusted before reopening the pool, which should take only a few weeks. The PE department is currently hiring replacement lifeguards and swim assistants for the program.
- Latest update on the playground (as reported by Sean Zikman from the Habilitas Foundation)

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Construction has been going very smoothly and on schedule. Delivery of the play structures have been delayed. This means that the timeline from the general contractor has been updated, and the project will now be finished in the spring. In the meantime, work continues on preparing all else for the playground – they are continuing to build up the ground and complete everything else with the exception of the rubber on the surface and installation of the swing, merry-go-round, etc.

On the fundraising side, we are just under \$165,000 from fully covering the project (including the endowment) in gifts in and pledges. The final cost of the playground is \$2.9 million, and we also set a goal of a \$500,000 endowment for maintenance. Habilitas Foundation is very confident that the full amount will be raised by the spring.

We will be planning the official inauguration (with a ribbon cutting ceremony) for spring 2023, with our campaign chairs, the media, etc. Anyone who wishes to assist the foundation in planning the affair is welcome to give their name to Irini who will share with Sean.

### **Community campaign**

Sean has been working with two parents of students at the school, who have been very active reaching out to others to support the campaign – and have also personally supported the project. They said it is their pleasure to give back to the school by supporting the creation of the playground, and they thought it would be nice to invite the entire school community (parents, EMSB and RPSS staff) to be a part of this movement.

We are asking the GB to grant the foundation, or these parents, to invite in a voluntary way, everyone to be a part of the campaign. It is important to understand that our expectation is not to raise a lot of funds, but more in line with the spirit of inclusivity behind the playground – that everyone who will be touched by the playground has an opportunity to proudly be a part of it, in any small way possible.

Motion put forth by Lysa Marie Mancini to allow the school principal to send out a letter to our parent population on behalf of the Habilitas Foundation inviting them to contribute to the fundraising campaign in any way they can, either monetarily or by donating their time.

Seconded by Kamini Patel

Motion carried

### **6.3 Teachers**

- Meaghan Laurie reports on behalf of the teaching staff at PEL. So far this year we have celebrated Orange Shirt day in which Metis artist, Moe Clark performed music for the students. She explained the meaning behind orange shirt day, and her traditions and why they are important.
- Terry Fox Run/Walk and Roll was held in the school yard on October 7th.
- Volunteers are back: storyteller Elizabeth comes and reads old favorites on Thursday mornings to our students.
- Carlos a former PEL student volunteers on Fridays to sing and play guitar for us.

### **6.4 RPSS**

Hema Patel reports.

- Welcome package has gone out to all parents. It includes contact information for therapists.
- The first therapy block has started. Parents are encouraged to contact therapists to collaborate.
- There is a new psychoeducator on the team—this is a new role and will be a partnership with the behaviour techs and CCW from EMSB.

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- Dr. Yeates has returned and will be visiting 1 x every 2 weeks for children at PEL and Mackay.
- The rehab team is preparing for accreditation which will take place in December. This is to ensure RPSS is following best practices.

### 6.5 Daycare

- Breakfast program began October 4, 2022. It is served as soon as the students get off the school bus or are dropped off in the morning.
- We offer pedagogical day services. There is an increase in the demand this year. Happy to be able to service the parents.
- Due to shortness of staff, today we began to offer afterschool daycare service. Currently we have one student using the service.
- Daycare payments are invoiced monthly once the service is rendered as per government regulations. They can be paid online, by cheque or cash. For students twelve and older, they fall under the lunch program. Payments can be by cheque or cash. No online service.

### 6.6 Parent Representative

No report as first EMSB PC meeting has not taken place yet.

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 Adoption of GB Operating Budget

Postponed to next GB meeting

### 7.2 Dates for Governing Board Meetings

Principal Irini Margetis proposed the following GB dates:

- November 21
- February 6
- March 13
- April 17
- May 8
- June 5

Motion to accept the proposed virtual GB meeting dates put forth by Stuart Logie.  
Seconded by Melanie Murray  
Motion carried

### 7.3 Community Representatives

Principal Irini Margetis informed the GB members of the process of selecting a community representative to join our GB meetings. She mentioned that for the past 2 years, Sean Zikman, from the Habilitas Foundation, key player in the fundraising campaign for our adapted playground, has been one of the community representatives for the Mackay GB.

Motion put forth by Lisa Marie Mancini to nominate Sean Zikman as a community representative for the 2022-2023 school year.  
Seconded by Kimberley Young  
Motion carried

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8. Field Trips & Fundraisers

8.1 To Ratify: none

8.2 Field Trips

PEL teachers would like to organize an outing to Ferme Guyon for the ambulatory students in homerooms 238, 239, 240 and 241. This field trip would take place on October 26, with no charge to parents.

Motion: Meaghan Laurie

Seconded: Stuart Logie

Motion carried.

8.3 Fundraisers: none

9. Varia: none

10. Good & Welfare: none

11. Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

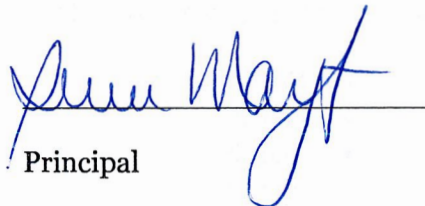
Motion: Meaghan Laurie

Seconded: Maria Revuelta

Motion carried



Governing Board Chair



Principal