

**Mackay Center School Governing Board**  
Sept. 28, 2023 7:00pm



Irini Margetis  
Gilles Paquette  
Brendan Zorbas  
Hema Patel  
Iysha Rosales  
Karolyn Liverman  
Leslie Levinson  
Maria Revuelta  
Samantha Colatriano  
Robert Simpson  
Pansy Drury

1. Call to Order and Welcome

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Iysha Rosales, all in favor.

3. Election of Executive

3.1 Chairperson

3.1.1 Iysha Rosales nominated Karolyn Liverman who accepted the nomination. All in favor.

3.2 Secretary

3.2.1 Gilles Paquette was elected as Secretary. All in favor.

3.3 Treasurer

3.3.1 Brendan Zorbas was elected as Treasurer. All in favor.

4. Adoption of Minutes - June 9, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes by Brendan Zorbas, all in favor.

5. Presentation and Approval of GB Annual Report

Motion to approve the report by Iysha Rosales, all in favor.

6. Announcements or Correspondence

7. Business Arising

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

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## 8. Reports

8.1 Commissioner  
No report

8.2 Principal / Vice Principal

- Overall, we have had a good start to the school year. We are currently fully staffed, which is fantastic. This is the first time in the last couple years that we have been fully staffed.
- We have 126 students, a little less than last year. We are having trouble filling up our K and pre-K classes. We have a lot of kids in cycle 3 and less so in cycle 1.
- The Michael Reid Foundation softball tournament was once again very successful. Last year marked the \$1 million raised for the school from this foundation. This money allows the school to pay for field trips without charging parents. This year they raised \$38,000 for the school.
- Pool: We have a contractor coming for a final coating in October. After which we should be able to fill it up and test it. If everything goes well it should be open a couple weeks after the last coating is applied.
- The playground was supposed to be finished today, unfortunately there was a problem with the contractor, and they could not finish the project. The school board is actively looking for a new contractor to finish up the project. The new expectation is late Spring for completion of the project at this point.

8.3 Teachers

- We have started with our first school assembly with a theme of respect, which tied in with international peace day.
- The second assembly was reconciliation.
- We have had two school trips, pre-k through cycle 2 to go apple picking
- The terry fox assembly to kick off the fundraising which will be in mid October.
- The senior students are working on a newspaper, more details to be revealed in the future.
- The next assembly will be for Orange shirt day tomorrow.
- Cycle 3 interacted with Makers Making Change. They adapt objects of daily life. The students had a lot of fun and we got a lot of positive feedback.

8.4 RPSS

- We have been able to hold on to staff for another year, who are in extra positions to provide more support to students. Parents should have gotten a welcome package with all the details for their child.
- This week is the start of the therapy sessions for the children.

8.5 Daycare / Lunch

- We started the breakfast program earlier this year. This is the second week and it is going well. We have not received any milk for this program yet.
- We are offering PED day daycare service again this year.

8.6 Parent Representative  
No report

## 9. New Business

9.1 Adoption of GB Operating Budget

Motion to adopt \$613 budget by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Pansy Drury, all in favor.

9.2 Dates for Governing Board Meetings

- Oct 26th

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- Nov 30th
- Feb 8th
- March 21st
- April 11
- May 16
- June 13

Motion to approved dates by Pansy Drury, seconded by Maria Revuelta, all in favor.

## 9.3 Community Representatives

- We will reach out to Sean Zikman from Habilitas and Kathy Nakashima to rejoin us as the community representatives.

## 10. Field Trips & Fundraisers

### 10.1 To Ratify

- Horseback riding on October 4th
- Terry Fox

Motion to approve moved the Terry Fox fundraiser by Leslie Levinson, all in favour.

### 10.2 Field Trips

- Community history tour of Kahnawake for cycle 3 and WHS on the 6th of October
- Atwater Market for aug. com 1 and 2 on the 24th of October
- Action Center for WHS on the 26th of October
- Camp Massawippi for Aug Com 1 from the 6th to the 8th of November
  - \$50 charge per student for food, same as last year.

Motion to approve field trips by Samantha Colatriano, all in favour

### 10.3 Fundraisers

- The WHS is organizing a fundraiser, over the years they have donated over \$20,000 to MCH.
- Cards from the Heart fundraiser. Each class would design a to be sold as a fundraiser.

Motion to approve by Pansy Drury, seconded by Iysha Rosales, all in favor.

## 11. Varia

## 12. Good & Welfare

We wish everyone a good school year!

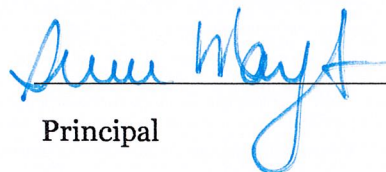
## 13. Adjournment at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governing Board Chair



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Principal

