

Mackay Centre School Governing Board

March 15th 2022, 7:00pm

- Irini Margetis (Principal)
- Greg Watson (Vice-Principal)
- Karolyn Liverman (Parent)
- Gilles Paquette (Parent)
- Mark DeAngelis (Parent)
- Jean-Pierre Campbell (Parent)
- Pansy Drury (Teacher-Pre-K)
- Leslie Levinson (Teacher-Aug-Com1)
- Maria Revuelta (Day Care Tech.)
- Emily Lecker (RPSS Representative)
- Samantha Colatriano (Teacher-Aug-Com1)

Guest:

- Shawn Zikman
- Kathy Nakashima

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Call to order at 7:01

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda by Pansy
 - All in favor

3. Adoption of Minutes Dec.9th, 2021

- Motion to adopt the Minutes by Jean-Pierre
 - All in favor

4. Business Arising

4.1 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- No question from the public

5. Reports

5.1 Commissioner

- Regrets from the commissioner, they could not attend

5.2 Principal / Vice Principal

- New CO2 detectors have been added to all classrooms.
- This is to monitor the levels and ensure they are under 1500 p/m. They are currently around 900 p/m.

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- Restrictions are being removed regarding COVID. A new committee has been put together to talk about how to open up at school. The goal is to be careful and the first meeting will start this week.
- The ARC committee has started to meet. They discussed the resources needed by each school and distribution of professional and support staff to each school.
- We are almost done with receiving admissions, last admission should be by the end of the month.
- We are also looking into staffing for next year.
- We are looking to hire a company to perform 8 workshops in each class to talk with children about interactions, playing together, and getting along.
 - Kids in the Know workshop was very well received last year.
- Another workshop would be targeted to higher grades, 4 workshops to manage stress, breathing and meditation
- Looking to purchase accessories, like snow equipment, skates, and track pads.
- We will be looking to purchase Ipads to be used by the teachers in the classroom.

5.3 Teachers

- The breakfast with Santa was a success with gifts from JFK for the children.
- We started activities for black history month.
 - A dancer came in to do whacking.
- A barista came in to help with teacher appreciation day.
- Valentine Day had a box and delivery for the valentines. The grade 4s delivered the valentines.
- The winter activity day went very well and the weather cooperated with both snow the day before and clear skies the day of the activity.
- Mad Science came in and was well received by the students.
- In March, we will be having a wear something green day for St. Patrick's Day.

5.4 RPSS

- The psychiatry clinic went well.
- The next clinic will be a low vision clinic.
- The Toys Like Me project is an initiative with the Rehabilitation and Habilas for toys that represent different disabilities to the younger grades. There is also a display case where we display the toys. We will eventually have duplicates to allow for students and parents to borrow toys.
- A list will be provided to parents to purchase some toys themselves.
- The relief fund, up to 300\$, that the foundation will be able to provide to parents that will help in the everyday life of the children. This is an opportunity for the therapist to apply for the fund on behalf of the family.
- We are heading into the last block of therapy before the end of year evaluation before the summer.

5.5 Daycare / Lunch

- The breakfast program is still running.
- There was a resource issue in January with the supplier being low on supply.
- We are back on track with all the food for breakfast but the bulk items are now individual, which is slightly more expensive.
- We are now subsidizing six students' lunch.
- We treated the kids to a pizza lunch, which was well received.

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- The kids in daycare worked super hard to make a big three dimensional heart. Now it is a little shamrock, also in three dimensions.

5.6 Parent Representative

- A lot of conversation regarding the school shooting last year.
- They started a racism workshop for the parents.
- Still looking at ways to bolster enrolment. An enrolment community is in place to look for ideals.
- Modernize the technologies in the school.
- A lot of budgeting talk, trying to add more professional support for teachers.

5.7 Habilitas

- We are working with TD, we have made it past the initial round and qualify for following rounds to get zot artz.
 - Zot artz is a guide to help make art accessible to students with physical disabilities. For example, for kids in wheelchairs you can attach it to the wheel chair so they can roll and paint. [ZOT ARTZ PBS Movie 2](#)
- In order to complete the application form we need to finish a full budget.
- The playground project got an updated budget. There has been some increase due to Covid as expected. New drainage requirements from the municipality.
- Everything is going as scheduled.
- The fundraising for the playground has been going very well. It is at the point where we are comfortable to say that we will meet the target, maybe even exceed it.
- Looking to be able to properly maintain the playground for a 10 year horizon.
- The gala will be taking place this year on May 7th. They have been a major donor for this initiative and thanks to them we were able to launch this project. They set a table for MacKay.

6. New Business

6.1 Approval of Collecte-Info Budget Report to ratify

- Voted on in email, and adopted on the 23rd.
 - all in favor
- Needs to be ratified formally.
- We sent the resolution on Feb 23th
- Movement to ratify from Sam
 - All in favor

6.2 Budget Building Consultation - deadline March 25

- First priority will be to increase professional resources. Increase to 2 days per week from 1 day per week.
- Looking to increase part time behavior technician by 50%.
- Increase the number of consultants servicing the school board.
- Increase in the number of technicians servicing schools directly. An increase of 20% due to the high number of devices used by our students.
- Increase in programs and services targeted for transition for 21+ students.
- Motion to provide the 5 points as was presented to the governing board.
- Motion firsts by Maria
 - All in favor

6.3 Consultation for Criteria for the Selection of School Principal

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- Reviewed the document.

6.4 Set meetings for April-June

- We can skip the April meeting.
- The 12th of May and June 9th meetings will not be moved at the moment.

7. Field Trips & Fundraisers

7.1 To Ratify

- Nothing to ratify

7.2 Field Trips

- End of year field trips are coming up.
- We will look into the proper process for approval of field trips.
- In the interim we will email any field trips to the governing board.

7.3 Fundraisers

- The senior class would like to sell cards they are making at school in packages of 10. A pack would cost 10\$ and would go from the beginning of April to the end of April.
- Motion first by Leslie
 - All in favor

8. Varia

- Everyone should attempt to watch Koda.

9. Good & Welfare:

In honor of last months Staff Appreciation Week: Thank you to all the Staff of Mackay School for your hard work and dedication in this unprecedented school year. You have gone above and beyond the call of duty and we salute you all!

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 8:57
- Next meeting with take place on May 12th.

Respectfully,

Karolyn Liverman

Governing Board Chairperson

Irini Margetis

Irini Margetis, Principal