

MacKay Center School Governing Board

March 16th 2023, 7:00pm

Irini Margetis (Principal)
Karolyn Liverman (Parent)
Gilles Paquette (Parent)
Brendan Zorbas (Parent)
Pansy Drury (Teacher)
Samantha Colatriano (Teacher)
Leslie Levinson (Teacher)
Bob Simpson (Vice Principal)
Maria Revuelta (Daycare)
Katrin Nakashima (Community Rep)
Sean Zikman (Community Rep)

1. Call to Order and Welcome

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Pansy Drury, all in favor.

3. Adoption of Minutes Feb.9, 2023

Motion to approve minutes by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Pansy Drury, all in favor.

4. Business Arising

4.1

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

5. Reports

5.2 Principal / Vice Principal

This summer many renovations will be done to major systems (ventilation, pool). We are waiting for the timeline for all of the repairs. This is expected to take the entire summer and will affect Camp Massawippi and RPSS staff who will need to be relocated.

We have been meeting again with the project managers for the playground construction. Now that the snow is melting, we will continue with the construction work. A more precise timeline will be given to us in the coming weeks.

AHEPA raised close to \$60,000 for our new adapted playground during their charity ball held in February.

We have begun receiving applications for the 2023-2024 school year and are planning for next year's enrolment. We received 19 Reverse Integration applications. They will be invited to spend some time with us in the coming months, after which we will select

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candidates for the program. This is the most applications we have received since before Covid.

5.3 Teachers

We received a lot of treats during the staff appreciation week, it was greatly appreciated. The ice skating program was successful, we had some students skating by themselves by the end.

We had a crazy sock day and a weird shirt day for anti-bullying efforts.

The entire school went bowling which was a lot of fun.

Five classrooms had movies before the winter break with tickets, there was great participation from the kids.

5.4 RPSS

Parent teacher-therapist interview on March 2nd was successful with most of them done in person.

We will be starting the process of reviewing new files and inviting families for a half day screening.

5.5 Daycare / Lunch

The compensation day after the teacher-therapist interview was very appreciated by the staff.

We have entered the Base Boks Challenge. The school board sent us 15 challenges, 5-10 minutes each, for the entire school to stay active and to participate in team building activities. These challenges will be done over the next 2 weeks.

In a few weeks we will begin planting seeds in our Nutritower. The kids can see the progress daily and experience the growth of the plants.

5.6 Parent Representative

The EMSB responded in public on bill 96.

<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/articles/an-open-letter-to-bernard-drainville>

<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/csem/nouvelles/lettre-ouverte-a-bernard-drainville>

The parent conference will be held the last Sunday of May with lunch and learns happening the week after.

5.7 Habilitas

We made an application to Enfant Soleil and will be giving \$20,000 towards the school. Hippotherapy will be starting soon.

We raised enough funds for new Tobii AAC devices which should arrive in the coming weeks.

We were also able to raise funds for new equipment.

Assuming weather is compliant we can have a big media push before St Jean Baptiste to memorialize the donors.

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6. New Business

6.1 Approval of Safe School Action Plan

Ensure consistent use of words “bullying and violence” throughout the document. Motion to approve with the above modification, by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Samantha Colatriano, all in favor.

6.2 Budget Building Consultation - deadline March 24

Motion to approve part 1 and part 2 of the Budget Building Consultation by Maria Revuelta, seconded by Brendan Zorbas, all in favor.

6.3 Approval of Academic, Career and Guidance Program

A new program starting in cycle 3 and continuing into high school. This will assist with identity discovery and career choice until the end of high school. This program will be embedded in the curriculum.

Motion to approve by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Samantha Colatriano, all in favor.

6.4 April 28th Ped Day: Change of Date

New ped day will be on May 1st to allow students to participate in Défi Sportif activities on April 28th.

Motion to approve by Brendan Zorbas, seconded by Pansy Drury, all in Favor.

7. Field Trips & Fundraisers

7.1 To Ratify

7.2 Field Trips

Therapeutic Horseback Riding, possibility for 03-29. Every Wednesday, 6 students and 2 alternates are selected by RPSS.

Defi Sportif, 04-23 to 04-28, 70 students spread out over 5 days.

C.A.R.E, 05-04, WHS - 5 students

Halo Road Race on Mount Royal, 05-10 to 05-11

Ottawa visit for WHS - 5 students

Adapted Sailing at AQVA in Pointe Claire, 06-08, WHS - 5 students

Motion to approve the field trips moved by Pansy Drury, seconded by Leslie Levinson, all in favor.

7.3 Fundraisers

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8. **Varia**

9. **Good & Welfare**

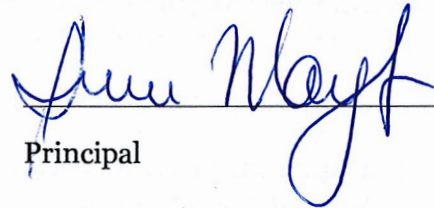
10. **Adjournment – Next Meeting TBD**

Next meeting is Thursday April 13th at 19:00.

Respectfully submitted by,



Governing Board Chair



Principal