

Philip E Layton Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18th, 2024

Time: 7:15PM

Location: Virtual Meeting Using Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Irini Margetis, Bob Simpson, Maria Revuelta, Katrin Nakashima, Kimberley Young, Julia Sowerby, Sean Desouza,

Missing: Melany Murray, Yolande Kambou, Joseph Lalla, Emily Lecker, Sean Zikman

1. Call to order & Welcome:

Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Sean Desouza.

2. Adoption of the Agenda:

Meaghan Laurie motioned the adoption of the agenda, Kimberley Young seconded. Motion carried.

3. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from February 8th was adopted by Meaghan Laurie and seconded by Kimberly Young.

4. Business Arising:

Nothing to report.

5. Reports

5.1 Commissioners Report:

Absent

5.2 Principals Report:

The staffing ratios with students are being reviewed for next year. March 31st is the deadline for new admissions. However, if there are still spots available, applications past the deadline will be accepted.

There have been no cases of the measles at PEL. If there are any cases, they will be reported to the Sante Publique who will then contact parents of children who are in the same bus and class. Students who are not vaccinated will have to stay home for fourteen days if they come into contact with a student who has the measles.

Student teachers from Concordia University visit Mackay every year. They have offered their time to create a mural at Mackay. They will be using the input from staff and students. However, this will also include teachers from PEL. This mural will include textures and colours that will benefit the students with visual impairments.

Pool Update: Rust has been removed. The pool has been filled up with water and the systems are running.

5.3 Teachers Report:

Meaghan's class went skating last week. Bowling occurred over carnival week.

Dance Troop Montreal Steppers came for black history month. They spoke about the history of stepping.

5.4 RPSS Report:

The Braver App has officially launched as a pilot program with a few parents at PEL and Mackay participating. This app will enhance the communication between therapists and parents. Teachers will have access as well. Pictures, videos and updates can be shared using this app. It is possible that this app can be used between teachers and parents for a similar purpose.

Therapists are now required to wear N95 when in presence of children due to the increase of measles in Quebec.

A Social Worker will be presenting a workshop on Wednesday, March 20th entitled: Transition to Adulthood. Parents of children who are 14 and older were invited.

5.5 Daycare and Lunch Report:

Nothing to report.

5.6 Parent Representative:

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There was a presentation on rescinded policies that are out of date as new policies have now replaced them.

Every year the EMSB Parent Committee chooses a book that one sixth grade student from each EMSB school will receive. This year the book that was chosen is Akata Witch.

EPCA has several parent workshops happening. There is one on April 11th that is about special needs programs and there will be representatives from the government of Quebec present at this meeting. There is also one on April 17th entitled Mental Wellness of the Family. Links will be sent out to parents in the upcoming days.

5.7 Habilitas Report:

Absent

6 New Business:

6.1 Sexuality Education Plan:

Grade levels have been removed and what is taught will now be determined based on class, profile of students, age. This way the students will be learning content that is appropriate as the teachers will pick and choose what topics are best suited for their class.

Some students can be exempted from program but its minimal. A letter will be sent out explaining how parents can apply for an exemption. The lessons will be taught sometime in April or May.

Motioned by Julia Sowerby and seconded by Kimberley Young. Motion carried.

6.2 Consultation for Budget Building Process:

Budget building was reviewed. Three categories were chosen to have the school board concentrate their funds.

1. Assistive Technology Support: Three consultants are insufficient to train teachers and students to use Assistive Technology such as laptops when the majority of students use devices at PEL.
2. Professional Resources: Psychologists, SLPs, OTs. PEL does not have a psychologist. We would like to have one who visits one day per week.
3. Computer Technician Support: Computer technician once a week at PEL to troubleshoot issues is not sufficient. We are asking to have an allocation to increase by another day. It is possible the technician visits less than one day per week when they are busy elsewhere.

Motion by Meaghan Laurie and seconded by Lysa Marie Mancini. Motion carried.

7 Field Trips:

Defit Sportif: April 26th – May 3rd.

Defi Sportif is a competition for children with disabilities. Which students are attending and on what day has yet to be finalized. Some of the events that PEL students may attend are high school and elementary track & field and rhythmic gymnastics.

Motion by Meaghan Laurie and seconded by Kimberley Young. Motion Carried.

There will be a mobile sugar shack at PEL on April 25th.

8 Varia:

EMSB lost their case on Bill 21. Teachers are not supposed to wear religious symbols on the job. Quebec.ca has up to date information on number of cases of measles and where there is exposure. The head of the Children's Hospital has said that they are having less cases of the norovirus, however they are remaining on alert for measles.

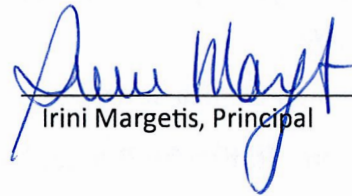
Next Meeting April 8th.

7:55pm: Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjournment was moved by Kimberley Young, Meaghan Laurie seconded. Motion carried.



Sean De Souza, GB Chair



Irini Margetis, Principal