

Mackay Center School Governing Board

February 5th 2024, 7:00pm



Irini Margetis
Karolyn Liverman
Gilles Paquette
Brendan Zorbas
Samantha Colatriano
Hema Patel
Katrin Nakashima
Leslie Levinson
Pansy Drury
Maria Revuelta
Sean Zikman
Robert Simpson

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Adoption of the Agenda
 - Motion to adopt the agenda by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Maria Revuelta. All in favor.
3. Adoption of Minutes Dec. 4th, 2023
 - Motion to adopt by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Brendan Zorbas. All in favor.
4. Business Arising
 - 4.1
 - PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD
5. Reports
 - 5.1 Commissioner
 - 5.2 Principal / Vice Principal
 - Happy to report that work on the pool has resumed. If nothing is delayed, we should be able to fill it up in the next couple of weeks and test the functionality. Looking to maybe be open by the end of the spring.
 - The contractor will resume work on the playground project once the weather improves. We are looking for it to be open by the end of Fall. Unfortunately, the original contractor's bankruptcies have caused unforeseen delays.
 - Parents will be receiving emails about staff appreciation week soon.

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- April 8th will be a PED day because of the safety concerns because of the solar eclipse.

5.3 Teachers

● **December**

- December 5th: Teamwork assembly. The students had a relay race in the gym. This month's theme: Giving.
- Mackay Star published online today, Dec. 5th.
- Monday Dec. 18th. Yellow/gold or blue, Chanukah accessories
- Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Dress in Red/Green, Christmas accessories and Geordie Productions presented: The Perfect Storm.
- Wednesday, Dec. 20th. Breakfast with Santa/ PJ day. Santa came around to each class after recess. The school sang in the gym after breakfast was finished. Each cycle presented a song.
- Thurs. Dec 21st Santa hat or tuque day.
- Friday Dec. 22nd. Ugly Holiday Sweater. A variety of class activities (movies, games)
- Westmount class visited Action Center Dec. 21st. Action Center is a day center serving clients over 21 years of age.

● **January**

- Monday January 15th. The positive growth assembly for January with the monthly theme of Growth Mindset. The children will make resolutions they think they can meet to better themselves
- Spirit awards were given out for last month's theme, giving.
- The Mackay Star's December edition was published. The edition had pictures of ugly sweaters from "Ugly Sweater Day" in December and an advice column. This month the advice was on how to convince your parents to buy a dog.
- Kindergarten classes started their skating program at LCC.
- January 18th. We had an assembly for Peter, our head caretaker who is retiring. Cards were made by the children.
- January 24th Spirit Day. We had a Workout Day! Everyone dressed in workout gear. A zoom session was held
- January 25th. Three Augmentative Communication classes went to Angrignon Mall to buy a secret present for a friend. They had lunch there.
- January 23rd and 29th Maggie the puppeteer came for two visits to make puppets with the children. Augmentative Communication, Kdg. and cycle 1 participated. The puppets were made of paper with tape to make the head. Facial features were added with pipe cleaners, markers, etc. The body was made of cloth. The puppets were amazing!
- January 29th, we had photo retakes.
- Information about camp was distributed to all students.

5.4 RPSS

- It's the time of year for admissions. We have started to get applications from interested parents for new students. We have 6 complete applications, but it is still early.

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- Parent teacher night is on the 29th. Most parents have responded with the form and we will proceed with scheduling soon.
- 5.5 Daycare / Lunch
- Time to get ready for the fiscals. We were a bit behind on receiving payments for the last couple of months.
 - Parents can retrieve fiscals in mosaics, similar to last year. Hard copies will be provided on request.
- 5.6 Parent Representative
- Marketing was discussed in the meeting in January, social media was a big topic, how to get the most effect for our cause on social media.
 - We discussed the solar eclipse on April 8th. Some parents were concerned about the risks to children during the school day and the trip back home.
- 5.7 Habilitas
- Some visits from new potential donors went well. They were very enthusiastic.
6. New Business
- 6.1 Adoption of School Budget Gilles Paquette
- Moved to approve the school budget by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Pansy Drury. All in favor.
- 6.2 Consultation for Criteria for the Selection of School Principal: deadline March 15th
- Moved to approve by Brendan Zorbas, seconded by Maria Revuelta, all in favor.
- 6.3 Approval of Grade 6 Graduation Expenses
- Yearbook for 18 grads for 486 + tax
 - Grad hoodies for 810\$ + tax & shipping
 - Motion to allocate a maximum of 1800\$ for graduation expenses moved by Pansy Drury, seconded by Samantha Colatriano, all in favor.
- 6.4 Change of Date for March GB Meeting
- Motion for moving the March meeting to March 14th moved by Pansy Drury, seconded by Gilles Paquette. All in favor
- 6.5 Staff appreciation funding
- Requesting 250\$ to complement what the parents are providing as threats.
 - Motion to approve 250\$ moved by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Brendan Zorbas, all in favor.
7. Field Trips & Fundraisers
- 7.1 To Ratify
- 7.2 Field Trips
- 2024-02-13 Museum of Fine Arts, 2024-02-05 grade 3 and grade 4 trip total 20 students.

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- 2024-02-15, Youth Day at Action Center. Westmount High School (WHS) - 5 students
- 2024-03-12, visit All Access Life Workplace. Aug Comm 6 students
- 2024-05-17, Ottawa Museum of History Tulip Festival, WHS - 5 students
- Motion to approve field trip by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Samantha Colatriano, all in favor.

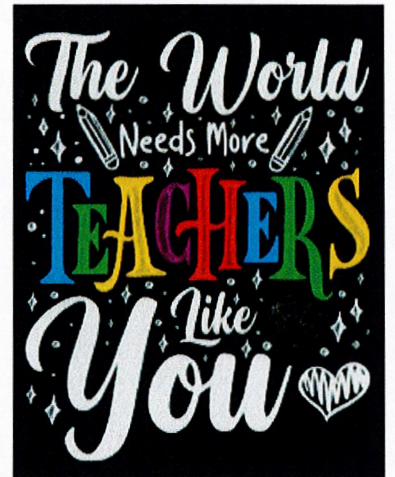
7.3 Fundraisers

8. Varia

9. Good & Welfare: **Happy Valentine's Day!**

In honor of this month's Staff Appreciation Week: Thank you to all the Staff of Mackay School for your hard work and dedication. You always go above and beyond the call of duty and we salute you all!

9. Adjournment – Next Meeting TBD



Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Karolyn Liverman
Governing Board Chairperson

Irini Margetis
Principal