

# MacKay Center School Governing Board

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 7:00pm



## **Attendance**

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

### **1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Adoption of Minutes Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **3. Business Arising**

### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

### **5. Reports**

#### **5.1 Commissioner – no report**

#### **5.2 Principal / Vice Principal**

- Administration is beginning to look at staffing for next school year, which will become more definitive once the new admissions come in.
- Public health authorities are concerned with the increased cases of measles in Montreal. No cases were reported at Mackay or PEL.
- Student teachers from the Concordia Arts program have offered to create a mural for our schools as a way to thank us for allowing them to do their stage at Mackay.

#### **5.3 Teachers**

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Monthly assembly on Anti-bullying/Friendship theme. Certificates given out to recognize students who worked exemplified last month theme of Growth Mindset and a recipe for friendship was demonstrated. Classes have teamed up to make a recipe for friendship. These recipes will be posted in front of the library.
- The Kindergarten skating program continued to end of month.

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- February 7<sup>th</sup>, JOOAY workshop at lunch. JOOAY is a free app that helps children with disabilities and their families to locate leisure opportunities that are: close to where they are, accessible, suit their needs and abilities, match their preferences, can help them develop and participate in society. Jooay is also a community, to help parents, rehabilitation professionals, educators and community to connect, exchange, and learn from each other.
  - February 13<sup>th</sup>, Cycle 2 field trip to the Museum of Fine Arts; the students viewed some artworks and took part in a workshop. They did some beautiful artwork with pastels.
  - February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our February spirit day! Everybody wore pink, red, purple, or dressed in hearts. A Valentine book was read after recess.
  - Carnival Week: February 19<sup>th</sup>- February 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - Monday we had extra time outside to play. It was a cold day but the sun was shining and the children had great fun.
    - Outdoor Activities: shoveling and fort building; snow graffiti; snowboard sliding; ball hockey.
    - Indoor Activities: Curling, bowling, bocce, fort building, snowflake art.
    - Tuesday we had a Magic Show. The children are an excellent audience for this wonderful magician, who has visits Mackay every year. Tuesday, we also had chocolate milk.
    - Wednesday we went bowling at Rosebowl. A well-liked school activity
    - Thursday we had chocolate milk and a Zoom story.
    - Friday we had extended recess again and a movie afternoon; every child received popcorn or a pudding.
  - February 26<sup>th</sup>: Pink shirt Day. We had a guest speaker, Michael Dean Rafferty, who spoke to both schools about his struggles with bullying growing up.
  - February 28<sup>th</sup>, Pink shirt day. Everyone wore pink.
  - February 29<sup>th</sup>. Mackay Star was published.
- Teacher Appreciation Week: Thank you to the parents for their thoughts and kindness.
- Staff enjoyed coffee made by Les Baristocrates.
  - A little surprise in our mailboxes.
  - Sweet table, kindness of the parents
  - Big Raffle, kindness of the parents

## **5.4 RPSS**

- We have been asked to wear masks when working with the kids and interacting with the kids because of the measles outbreak.
- We are launching, as a pilot project, the Braver app. It is an app that facilitates communication and sending videos to parents.

## **5.5 Daycare / Lunch**

- Fiscals are up on Mozaik, and most parents are able to retrieve them.

## **5.6 Parent Representative**

- No GP meeting since our last meeting.

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**5.7 Habilitas** - No updates

## **6. New Business**

**6.1 Sexuality Education Plan:** Motion to pass the plan, moved by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Brendan Zorbas. All in favour

### **6.2 Consultation for Budget Building Process (Deadline March 22nd)**

- Motion to approve the budget building priority, moved by Pansy Drury, seconded by Maria Revuelta. All in favour

### **6.3 Approval of Academic, Career, and Guidance Program** - Tabled

## **7. Field Trips & Fundraisers**

**7.1 To Ratify:** Bowling Feb. 21st, 2024: e-vote approval on Feb. 14th, 2024  
Motion to ratify moved by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Pansy Drury. All in favour

**7.2 Field Trips:** April 25 WHS group action centre - 5 students  
Motion to approve moved by Iysha Karolyn Liverman, seconded by Samantha Colatriano  
All in favour

**7.3 Fundraisers:** None

## **8. Varia**

There have been two cases of exposure to measles. The Quebec government is keeping track of these exposure cases.

**9. Good & Welfare:** On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to express our deepest condolences to the family of Mackay student Trevor Paul. We also would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to the staff and students of Mackay School and RPSS. May his memory live on in the spirit of Mackay School.

## **10. Adjournment**

Next Meeting April 11th, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Karolyn Liverman

Karolyn Liverman  
Governing Board Chairperson

Handwritten signature of Irini Margetis  
Irini Margetis  
Principal

