

Mackay Center School Governing Board



May.16th 2024, 7:00pm

Attendance

Irini Margetis
Gilles Paquette
Samantha Colatriano
Hema Patel
Karolyn Liverman
Leslie Levinson
Robert Simpson
Pansy Drury
Iysha Karolyn Liverman
Maria Revuelta

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Meeting called to order at 7:06

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda moved by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Leslie Levinson
All in favour

3. Adoption of Minutes March 14th, 2024

Motion to table this until the next governing board meeting moved by Iysha Karolyn Liverman, seconded by Pansy. All in favour

4. Business Arising

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

5. Reports

5.1 Commissioner

No report

5.2 Principal / Vice Principal

The pool is finally open; we have been waiting for this day for a long time. It has been going very well; everyone came together quickly to organize it, and the children are having a lot of fun in the pool.

We started meeting regularly with the project manager for the school board for the playground. Things are moving forward right now; the estimated time for the finalization of the playground is the end of September.

The citizens of NDG are protesting the project for the bike path. The principals of the schools affected will be talking with the city to vocalize their concerns. A potential protest is scheduled for May 20th.

Grade 6 Westmount graduation in the afternoon.

We will have activities spread out throughout the week of June 17th instead of a single day. This should be a fun week for the children.

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5.3 Teachers

MARCH – Theme of Physical Health

March 11th -15th: Rainbow colour week at school. Every day the children wore a different colour of the rainbow.

March 18th: St. Patrick's Day; green was worn.

March 18th: The Steppers came and performed for us.

Montreal Steppers is a performance collective and non-profit organization committed to the art form of step – a black diasporic dance that uses the body as an instrument to create rhythms and beats through stomps, claps, and chants.

Friday, March 22nd: Positive Growth committee hosted a workout on Zoom.

Monday, March 25th and Tuesday, March 26th: All the classes had yoga with Lara.

APRIL – Theme of Diversity

Tuesday, April 3rd – Friday, April 5th: I Love to Read Week

Tuesday assembly to kick off the week and introduce activities (Collaborative Story Writing, Tournament of Books, Preloved Book Fair, Daily Zoom readings, Author visit, and Stations in the gym)

Wednesday, April 4th: Preloved Book Fair

Assembly to introduce the new Theme of Diversity

Thursday, April 5th: Snow Day! The following activity will be rescheduled.

Friday, April 6th: We rotated to Stations all over the school

Thursday and Friday, April 11th and 12th: R.I. visits

Tuesday, April 16th: Final I Love to Read assembly giving results of the Book Read contest.

Hands for humanity: The foyer is covered with decorated hands covering the globe. It is beautiful.

Art Project with robotics: The project will take place over three days: April 19, May 3, and May 10. (Cycle 3, PreK, and K)

Thursday, April 25th: Sucrerie Urbaine came to the school. This activity was planned by PEL, but Mackay children were welcomed as well.

Friday, April 26th: Party for Humanity at school. Many parents came, and both parents, staff, and children were dressed in national costumes. Music, dance, and a lovely day made it a fun and successful party!

Presentation of the Hallway “The Shape of Me”

April 26th: Defi Sportif began and continued through the next week.

Swimming pool opened

MAY – Theme of Empathy

Tuesday, May 7th: I Love to Read follow-up activity. Special viewing of the three collaborative stories put to film by two creative teachers.

Wednesday, May 8th: Montreal's Hands of Steel, a steel pan band, performed in the gym for both schools.

Wednesday, May 8th: Halo Road Race Cycle 2 and 3

Art Project with robotics: continued May 3rd and May 10th.

Thursday, May 9th: I Love to Read activity follow-up. Author Marlee Kostiner came to visit and talk to the children. The story is about different animals who use yoga to calm

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themselves in various situations. Every class received a book, Namoste, a fun yoga book for children. The children practiced their moves in the assembly.

Monday, May 13th: Assembly for last theme: empathy.

5.4 RPSS

We are busy with admissions. We are evaluating new kids coming in, and we have received a lot of applications, so we should have a good turnout for pre-k and k next year. A lot of standardized testing, trying not to interrupt the current activities.

We would like to thank all the parents who sent messages to all the nursing staff for nursing appreciation week. We were able to fill two walls full of appreciations.

In preparation for the next school year, parents received the medical information sheet so that we are prepared for next year.

5.5 Daycare / Lunch

The CAP program will continue right till the end for the students.

We started giving kids a little treat once a week; the kids are very excited for this treat.

All parents have signed and returned the sign-up sheet for next year.

5.6 Parent Representative

Nothing to report

6. **New Business**

6.1 School Calendar 2024-2025: To Ratify (Approval April 15th)

Motion to ratify moved by Iysha Karolyn Liverman, seconded by Samantha Colatriano
All in favour

6.2 Parent Handbook 2024-2025

Motion to approve moved by Maria Revuelta, seconded by Iysha Karolyn Liverman
All in favour

6.3 ACGC Program

Motion to approve the ACGC program for this year and continue into next year moved by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Samantha Colatriano
All in favour

6.4 Last Governing Board Meeting

All in favour to move the next governing board meeting to the 17th of June starting at 18:00.

Motion to approve funds from the governing board to cater the meeting, moved by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Pansy Drury
All in favour

7. **Field Trips & Fundraisers**

7.1 To Ratify: Field Trips: Defi Sportif (Approved by email March 20th); Halo Race (Approved April 15th); Biodome (Approved by email April 30th)

Ratify the above field trips moved by Pansy Drury, seconded by Maria Revuelta
All in favour

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7.2 Field Trips

May 28: Insectarium for Aug Comm 1-2-3 Anna Grade 3 - 26 students

June 4: Planetarium Cycle 1 - 28 students

June 11: AQVA sailing Aug Comm

June 20: AQVA Aug Comm 2

September 17: Ecomuseum Cycle 2 - 35 students

Motion to pass the above field trips moved by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Pansy Drury

All in favour

June 5 to June 7: Camp Massawippi for Aug Comm 1 + 2 - 12 students - \$150 fee for each child

Motion to approve the field trip moved by Iysha Karolyn Liverman, seconded by Gilles Paquette

All in favour

If parents cannot afford the fee, it will be paid for by the governing board.

Motion to approve the vacation and the fee payment moved by Gilles Paquette, seconded by Leslie Levinson

All in favour

7.3 Fundraisers

No fundraisers

8. **Varia**

No Varia

Good & Welfare: Congratulations to all the athletes who participated in the Defi Sportif!

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48

Next Meeting: June 17th, 2024, at 18:00

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Liverman".

Karolyn Liverman
Governing Board Chairperson

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irini Margetis".

Irini Margetis
Principal