

Mackay Center School Governing Board

Oct. 26th 2023, 7:00pm



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

1. Call to Order and Welcome
The meeting commenced at 7:01.
2. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Iysha Rosales.
All in favor.
3. Adoption of Minutes - Sept. 28th, 2023
Motion to adopt the minutes was moved by Samantha Colatriano.
All in favor.
4. Business Arising
 - a. Appointment of the Community Reps
Officially appointed Sean Zikman and Katrin Nakashima as community reps for the governing board.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

5. Reports
 - 5.1 Commissioner
 - Regarding Bill 21, we are awaiting a judgment.
 - Concerning Bill 40, we won, but the government has decided to appeal. The injunction against the application of Bill 40 is still in effect. We believe this will end up in the Supreme Court of Canada, and whether we win or they win, either side will appeal.
 - Regarding Bill 96, the new language law, we are awaiting a date to start the proceedings.

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- The issue regarding the bike path on the street in front of the school has been brought back to light.

5.2 Principal / Vice Principal

- Staffing remains a bit of an issue for Cycle 3. Unfortunately, we have had many substitute teachers for these classes and are still looking for a permanent teacher.
- The sanding and recoating of the pool were completed; hopefully, we will be able to fill it up before the holidays and get the systems going.
- Parents received an email about the bus route; it does not affect us. Our kids will be able to come to school by bus.
- This year, all schools are reviewing the educational project with consultation from different stakeholders (teachers, parents, support staff). Teachers were consulted, support staff will be during the next PED day, and over the course of next week, parents will receive an email for their opinion on a few matters. This will be brought up to the governing board for approval before submission.

5.3 Teachers

- Friday, Sept. 29th: Orange shirt - Assembly in gym with a visiting elder. All orange shirts are on display in the foyer. Beautiful!
- Tues. Oct. 3rd: Monthly Assembly: emotions and mental health; classes teaming up to paint posters of feelings; these posters to be made into cards to raise funds for Kid's Mental health.
- Friday, Oct. 6th: Cycle 3 and Westmount Kahnawake fieldtrip
- Monday, Oct. 16th: Terry Fox run. Assembly in gym followed by run outside. (chocolate milk and pies in face for teachers to come). We surpassed our goal of \$4,000.
- Horseback Riding every Wednesday
- October 18: CIVA presentation: Centre Integration de la vie Active) (WHS, Senior class, HR 239 & HR 241 class) in the gym
- October 23: Augmentative communication class trip to Atwater Market
- Halloween Party and Parade on Tuesday, October 31. There is a haunted house in the library that should excite the students.
- Cards for Heart fundraiser

5.4 RPSS

- Parent night is coming up on November 23rd. We will be scheduling therapists, teachers, and specialists for the 23rd. We will make an exception for parents who will need a remote meeting if it fits into the schedule.

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5.5 Daycare / Lunch

- We decorated pumpkins, and the students did a great job.
- We will be starting subsidized lunches for some of our students to help them out.

5.6 Parent Representative

- Nothing to report from the last meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 Adoption of the Rules of Internal Management

Motion to approve the changes was moved by Pansy Drury.

All in favor.

6.2 Approval of Funds for Staff Treat

Unlimited coffee for three hours for the staff. This would total \$1600 for all staff.

Motion to approve the \$1600 for the staff was moved by Brendan Zorbas.

All in favor.

6.3 Approval of Compensation date for Parent-Teacher Interviews Re: Babysitting

Compensation on March 1st for the extra daycare. This means we will not be offering daycare services on this date.

Motion to approve was moved by Iysha Rosales.

All in favor.

7. Field Trips & Fundraisers

7.1 To Ratify

Nothing to ratify.

7.2 Field Trips

Camp Massawippi will be postponed indefinitely due to pending strikes during the planned time frame.

2023-11-14 - Movie - La légende du Papillon for 94 students.

2023-12-20 - Pre K and K go to Pi-O Amusement Center.

2023-12-21 - Westmount High School satellite class - Action Center.

Motion to approve the trips was moved by Samantha Colatriano.

All in favor.

7.3 Fundraisers

No fundraisers at the moment.

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8. Varia
Bill 15 will attempt to centralize control of the boards for the hospitals with Santé Québec. This might indirectly affect the quality of care at these hospitals.
9. Good & Welfare
10. Adjournment – Next meeting Nov. 30th, 2023
The meeting adjourned at 8:05.



Respectfully Submitted,

K. Liverman

Karolyn Liverman
Governing Board Chairperson

Irina Margetis
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Principal