

PHILIP E. LAYTON SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Date: November 27th, 2023

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Virtual meeting using Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Irini Margetis, Bob Simpson, Meaghan Laurie, Lysa Marie Mancini, Emily Lecker, Kimberly Young, Melany Murray, Sean Desouza, Katrin Nakashima, Sean Zikman, Yolande Kambou

Absent: Joseph Lalla, Julia Sowerby, Maria Revuelta

1. Call to Order & Welcome

- Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Irini Margetis.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- The agenda was motioned by Meaghan Laurie, seconded by Sean Dsouza. Unanimously agreed therefore adopted.

3. Adoption of Corrected Minutes

3.1 June 6, 2023

- Motioned by Meaghan Laurie, seconded by Kimberly Young. Unanimously in favour therefore corrections adopted.

3.2 September 2023

- Motioned by Melany Murray, seconded by Meaghan Laurie. Unanimously agreed therefore corrections adopted.

3.3 October 2023

- Motioned by Meaghan Laurie, seconded by Lysa Marie Mancini. Unanimously agreed therefore corrections adopted.

4. Announcements or Correspondence

- Nothing to report.

5. Business Arising

5.1 Re-Election of Treasurer

- Lysa Marie Mancini elected; Motioned by Melany Murray, seconded by Meaghan Laurie. Unanimously agreed therefore re-elected.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: Irini Margetis will write an email to advise parents of upcoming GB meetings and include the meeting link.

6. Reports

6.1 Commissioner's report: Absent

6.2 Principal's report:

- Mr Lalla will be attending the meeting on November 30th where the city borough will be presenting the bike path to be created on Terrebonne Street. The GB will compile a list of concerns regarding the impact this will have on our school, to be brought to the city's attention by Mr. Lalla. It is understood that this initiative is a final decision.

The two main concerns discussed (as resumed by Irini Margetis) were:

1) This will pose a great danger to our visually impaired students.

2) Parking: the school parking lot is not large enough to accommodate all of the teaching staff, the teachers that are currently using street parking will therefore lose 1/3 of available spots.

6.3 Teacher's report:

- Halloween; there was a costume parade, a haunted house in the library and activities in the gym.
- Remembrance Day ceremony held with an animator and a Veteran.
- Project Pace is de to visit on December 13th.

6.4 RPSS report:

- The new PEL & Mackay nurse resigned; an agency nurse has returned.
- APTS on rotational strike.
- FIC nurses on strike on different days; also rotational.
- Planning is underway for Parent-teacher night.

6.5 Daycare / Lunch:

- No report; Maria Revuelta has a broken foot.

6.6 Parent representative:

- Three meetings attended by Lysa Marie Mancini; notes as provided:

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- The complaints process has been finalized. Principal is to be contacted for all complaints. They have 10 working days to respond. If they do not respond or the solution is unsatisfactory, parents may then contact the Complaints Officer. The entire process can be found at the following link:

<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/services/central-services/Complaint>

Students who are eligible to receive their English eligibility certificate but decided to go French primary and secondary school are being denied their certificate when they apply as a Cegep student. We are still reviewing how this will affect their kids.

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- Bill 21 - was discussed which is the bill pertaining to the banning of religious symbols for teachers. The EMSB went to court and won. Government appealed. It is possible we will receive new ruling in the next couple of months. However, government will most likely appeal again. If EMSB wins without government appeal, the EMSB will have the ability to hire teachers who wear religious symbols.

Bill 40 – Attempt to abolish school boards. EMSB won on every single point. Government appeals. Hopefully receive a new ruling in the next year or year and a half.

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- Ministry asking EMSB to implement short term vocational programs to start in Jan 2024. The new programs would be located at Lester B. Pearson High School and will be run by Rosemont Technology Center. It will offer vocational programs in shorter forms in the following fields: Carpentry, Electricity, Heating and Plumbing due to the shortage of workers in these fields. The Lester B. Pearson School and the adults in the Vocational programs will be completely separated.

7. New Business

7.1 Approval of GB annual Report 2022-2023:

- No questions posed by the GB members; Motioned to Adopt by Meaghan Laurie, seconded by Kimberly Young, unanimously in favour, therefore adopted.

7.2 Approval of 2023-2024 Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan:

- For both PEL and Mackay; Motioned to Adopt by Meaghan Laurie, seconded by Kimberly Young, unanimously in favour, therefore adopted.

7.3 Approval of 2023-2024 Daycare Handbook:

- Motioned to Adopt by Meaghan Laurie, seconded by Kimberly Young, unanimously in favour, therefore adopted.

8. Fieldtrips, Fundraisers

8.1 To Ratify:

- Share the Warmth fundraiser; food boxes approved by GB unanimously by email.
- 500\$ PEL Holiday Parent Pot Luck approved by GB unanimously by email.

8.2 Field trip:

- Skating will be brought back in the new year to the Doug Harvey Arena; weekly trip of 1-2 classes. Motion to Pre-Approve by Melany Murray and seconded by Kimberly Young. Unanimously in favour, therefore adopted.

8.3 Fundraisers:

- None.

9. Varia


- Progress in the playground; new general contractor. Inauguration date expected for June 2024.
- Project Enfant Soleil: Portable snoozelyn cart, equipment for staff.
- Grief counselling for staff

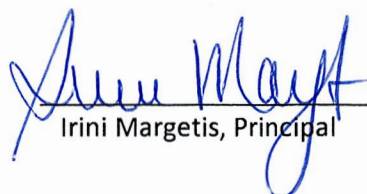
10. Good & Welfare

- Thanks to the Representatives for your time and for serving on the GB. *Coffee and pastries will be served on December the 6th to treat the staff. *

11. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn meeting by Meaghan Laurie, seconded Lysa Marie Mancini, all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.


Sean De Souza, GB Chair


Irini Margetis, Principal