

Mackay Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 23, 2024

In attendance:

Samantha Colatriano  
Pansy Drury  
Joseph Lalla  
Leslie Levinson  
Irina Margetis  
Hema Patel  
Gilles Paquette  
Maria Revuelta  
Robert Simpon  
Brendan Zorbass

In absentia:

Iysha Rosales

1. Call to Order and Welcome  
Meeting called to order at 7:05pm, Monday, September 23, 2024.
2. Adoption of the Agenda  
Agenda approved, motion moved by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Leslie Levinson, all in favour.
3. Election of Executive
  - 3.1 Chairperson  
Gilles Paquette elected as Chairperson, unopposed
  - 3.2 Secretary  
Brendan Zorbas and Tanner Harvey elected as Secretaries, unopposed
  - 3.3 Treasurer  
Brendan Zorbas elected as Secretary, unopposed
4. Adoption of Minutes - June 17, 2024  
Moved to adopt the Minutes of June 17, 2004 until our next meeting.
5. Announcements or Correspondence  
No announcements or correspondence.
6. Business Arising  
No business arising.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

## 7. Reports

### 7.1 Commissioner

Report from Joseph Lalla:

- the EMSB elections will be held November 3rd, with advance polling October 27th
- Important issues surrounding the upcoming election include Bill 40, a bill to dissolve school boards, and bill 96, the office language bill, both of which have serious ramifications within the EMSB.
- Many well attended meetings have occurred regarding the new bike path on Terrebonne, averaging 150 in attendance.

### 7.2 Principal / Vice Principal

Report from Irini Margetis:

- The bike path on Terrebonne was implemented over the summer.
- The bike path has presented parking complications for staff, many having to park blocks away from the school.
- Circulation of busses has proceeded without too many complications, but the turning radius for departure is small, and may present additional trouble with snowfall.
- Parking tickets have been issued for vehicles that are on the "white line", with cars parked here trying to accommodate the buses.
- City ombudsman contacted administration to be more involved.
- Parents had concern for a possible drop-off zone on Terrebonne, so it was moved to Benny.
- Within the school's parking lot there are 5 accessibility parking spots, and an additional 2 parking spots reserved for drop-off of students with reduced mobility. It is possible that one of these drop-off spots may be returned to general staff parking, depending on usage.
- The current count of student population is 150 **\*\*TBC\*\***. The official count is taken on September 30, which determines budget for following year.
- There has been an increase in late applications.
- Teachers are fully staffed.
- 3 part-time daycare positions added, 1 daycare position expanded.
- Pool is closed until a lifeguard for pool remains to be hired, hopefully early October.
- A fire drill occurred last week (week of September 16) with an evacuation time of 6.5 to 7 minutes, a very good time.
- Inauguration of new playground will occur this Wednesday the 25th.
- Scheduling of visits on per class basis will occur to safely introduce the students to the new playground.

### 7.3 Teachers

Report from Leslie Levinson:

- A school assembly occurred for this year main themes: Kindness, Empathy, and Inclusion.
- A field trip occurred on September 17th for cycle 2, with Erika and Melissa G, at the Ecomuseum.
- A school assembly occurred on September 18th preparing for the Terry Fox Run.
- Horseback riding (RPSS) began on September 18th.

- A cultural field trip occurred on September 20th, for Grade 6 and WHS class, to McGill University for a Pow Wow event.
- An assembly occurred for the Indigenous Culture Program with guest Kawisente.

#### 7.4 RPSS

Report from Hema Patel:

- first block of therapy began September 23rd.
- 18 new admissions before June, 10 late applications, 4 have been accepted, 3 remain for screening
- Older students new to the county are accounting for most of late applications.

#### 7.5 Daycare / Lunch

Report from Maria Revuelta:

- Breakfast program has begun
- The Milk program will begin Monday, September 30th.

#### 7.6 Parent Representative

- Tanner Harvey will be the Parent Representative this year.
- Brigida Sellato to contact Tanner regarding meeting in November.

#### 8. New Business

##### 8.1 Adoption of GB Operating Budget

- \$423 is the current budget for the Governing Board, including the rollover from last school year.
- Budget adopted, motion moved by Pansy Drury, Seconded by Brendan Zorbas, all in favour.

##### 8.2 Dates for Governing Board Meetings

- Thursday, October 24
- Monday, December 2nd
- Monday, February 3rd
- Thursday, March 20
- Thursday, May 8th
- Thursday, June 12

Motion moved by Maria Revuelta, Seconded by Pansy Drury, all in favour.

##### 8.3 Community Representatives

Motion to invite Sean Zikman and Katrin Nakashima, to serve as Community Representatives once again.

Moved by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Pansy Drury, all in favour.

#### 9. Field Trips & Fundraisers

##### 9.1 To Ratify

- Robert Simpson: The date for Therapeutic Horseback Riding had to be moved earlier date to accommodate temperature in the stables and was approved by vote on Meet-the-Team night, September 12th.

Motion to ratify by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Brendan Zorbas, all in favour.

9.2 Field Trips

- All Access Life, November 5th, 2024, adapted gaming and leisure for Melissa G. Senior
- Skating at LCC, January 8th to February 25th.
- Apple picking this following week to be postponed due to weather.
- Motion for to approve all field trips by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Pansy Drury, all in favour.

9.3 Fundraisers

Motion to approve the Terry Fox fundraiser, moved by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Leslie Levinson, all in favour.

10. Varia  
None.

11. Good & Welfare

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn moved by Maria Revuelta at 7:50pm, seconded by Samantha Colatriano, all in favor.