

Mackay Centre School Governing Board  
January 13, 2025 7:00pm  
Minutes

In attendance:

Irini Margetis  
Leslie Levinson  
Gilles Paquette  
Robert Simpon  
Tanner Harvey  
Katrin Nakashima  
Maria Revuelta  
Brendan Zorbass  
Hema Patel  
Samantha Colatriano  
Iysha Rosales  
Sean Zikman

In absentia:

Pansy Drury  
Sharon Nelson

1. Call to Order and Welcome
  - Called to order at 19h03
2. Adoption of the Agenda
  - Motion to adopt agenda. Moved by Tanner Harvey, seconded by Brendan Zorbas. All in favor.
3. Adoption of Minutes of November 14, 2024
  - Motion to adopt the minutes of November 14, 2024. Moved by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Maria Revuelta, all in favor.
4. Announcements or Correspondence
5. Business Arising
  - PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD
6. Reports
  - 6.1 Commissioner
  - 6.2 Principal / Vice Principal, Report from Irini Margetis:
    - Ped day Monday following Winter Holidays was much appreciated by the staff.
    - Dissemination of admissions package has begun.
    - This Jan 22, Feb 18, visit days for interested families in effort to group visits.
    - Influx of stagiaires for the new few weeks, from Vanier Special Care Counseling Program and Concordia Arts.
    - Notices re non-bilingual website. Work is underway re optimization and visibility.

- 6.3 Teachers, Report from Leslie Levinson:
- Wednesday November 20th, first school-wide spirit day! The first theme was SILLY HAT DAY! Bob read hat themed book.
  - Wednesday, November 27th, Spirit Day Committee launched first Secret Staff Spirit Day! Black out day. All staff wore black.
  - Thursday, November 28th, Movie Afternoon for everyone. Children watched Inside Out or Inside Out 2
  - Monday, December 2nd, Positive Growth Assembly at 12:45; box decorating activity for Share the Warmth
  - Wednesday Dec. 4th, Pizza Lunch
  - Thursday, Dec 12th, Puynung, our community animator, worked on an Intergenerational project with a few classes this year. Homeroom 117 and 115 (grade 3 & 4) made holiday cards for seniors living in the St. Andrews Residential Center.
  - Thursday, Dec. 12th, Aug. Com 1,2,3 and senior class went to Angrignon mall to buy presents.
  - Fri. Dec 13th, Pre K/K field trip to Funtropolis.
  - Last week before Holidays:
    - Monday: wear Chanukah accessories, yellow/gold or blue
    - Tuesday: wear Christmas accessories, red/green; Geordie Production in pm.
    - Wednesday: Breakfast with Santa/ P.J. Day
    - Thursday: wear a Santa hat or tuque
    - Friday: Holiday sweater, variety of class activities (movies, games, etc...)
  - Tuesday, January 7th, Ten week program for Kindergarten skating at LCC started.
  - Monday Jan 13th, Positive Growth Assembly. Theme is empathy.
  - Eco Guardians lunch meeting with Melissa Racine.
- 6.4 RPSS, Report from Hema Patel:
- No application for 4-day psychologist position.
  - Physiotherapist 3-day position, screenings underway.
  - Sport Adventure Club has started. 2 activities occurred in December, and 3 activities planned for January.
- 6.5 Daycare / Lunch, Report from Maria Reveuelta
- 6.6 Parent Representative, Report from Tanner Harvey:
- Heads up for the Budget Building Process
  - EMSBPC to trial a "Highlight Sheet" for PC members to bring to their governing boards
  - Motion failed to modify internal rules to change one vote per school GB to one vote per delegate, to prevent undue concentration of power for delegates representing multiple schools or GBs.
  - Motion carried to send letter to the EMSB regarding non-standardized school surveys
  - Motion carried to send letter to the EMSB requesting email addresses for EMSBPC delegates
  - Motion carried approving draft calendars (teachers) for the youth, AEVS 2025-2026
  - Next meeting Feb 6, via zoom

7. New Business

7.1 Adoption of 2024-2025 School Budget

- Motion to adopt 2024-2025 School Budget. Moved by Samantha Colatriano, seconded by Iysha Rosales, all in favor.

7.2 Approval of Funds for Graduation Hoodies

- Motion to approve Funds for Graduation Hoodies, approximately \$1300 (tax excluded, amount to be confirmed). Moved by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Samantha Colatriano, all in favor.

8. Field Trips & Fundraisers

8.1 To Ratify

N/A

8.2 Field Trips

- Jan. 13, Biodome, all Aug Comm Classes.

- Feb. 11, Skating at LCC.

- Motion to approve. Moved by Iysha Rosales, seconded by Brendan Zorbas, all in favor.

8.3 Fundraisers

- Selling of cards with student art for Share the warmth,

- Motion to Approve. Moved by Iysha Rosales, seconded by Samantha Colatriano, all in favor.

9. Varia

N/A

10. Good & Welfare

N/A

11. Adjournment

Adjournment at 19H43

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Gilles Paquette, Governing Board Chair

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Irini Margetis, Principal