

Mackay Centre School Governing Board
Minutes February 25, 2025, 19h00

In attendance:

Irini Margetis
Leslie Levinson
Robert Simpon
Tanner Harvey
Katrin Nakashima
Maria Revuelta
Brendan Zorbass
Sean Zikman
Pansy Drury
Samantha Colatrisano

In absentia:

Gilles Paquette
Iysha Rosales
Hema Patel
Sharon Nelson

1. Call to Order and Welcome

- Called to order by acting Chairperson, Brendan Zorbass

2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda by Tanner Harvey, seconded by Pansy Drury. All in favor.

3. Adoption of Minutes January 13, 2025

- Motion to adopt the minutes by Leslie Levinson, seconded by Maria Revuelta. All in favor.

4. Business Arising

4.1 PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

5. Reports

5.1 Commissioner
N/A

5.2 Principal / Vice Principal, Report from Irini Margetis:

- Staff members were very moved by all the desserts and raffle items sent for Staff Appreciation day.
- March 31st is the deadline for new admissions, thereafter parents will be called for individual meetings

- Visits for prospective parents were organized on Jan. 22 and Feb. 18, visit days for interested families in effort to group visits. Twenty-five applicants attended in the two days, next year may require a 3rd day.
- Staffing for next year is underway

5.3 Teachers, Report from Leslie Levinson:

JANUARY

January 13: Positive Growth committee assembly – Empathy

Working on A wish for me and a wish for your activities

Start of sale of Cards from the Heart to raise money for Share the Warmth.

January 22: Rock ‘and ‘Roll Spirit Day. Students were invited to dress up in rock star attire!

Bob read a story on Zoom to students.

January 23rd: Positive Growth committee; Irini read a story on Zoom.

January 31st Was our Second Secret Staff Spirit Day we all wore flannel and/or plaid shirts.

FEBRUARY

February 6th- Aug Com classes had a field trip to the Biodome

Feb 11th was the 100th day of school. There was the 3rd Secret Staff Spirit day where staff wore 100-day accessories (T-shirts) or dressed as an old person.

Feb 11th – Grade 3 class went skating at LCC

February 14th Valentine’s Day – all students to wear red, purple, pink, hearts, and/or Valentine themed accessories.

Assembly in the gym and we did an art activity together

Ended the month with our Winter Carnival

Monday Feb 25th – bowling outing

Tuesday Feb 26th – Board Games afternoon.

Wed Feb 27th – School wide Art activity and a Magician

Thurs Feb 28th – Movie with popcorn or pudding as a treat.

5.4 RPSS, Report from Hema Patel:

- Irini Margetis relayed news of the Sports Adventure Club, having hosted para-hockey and para-ski activities, with upcoming activities including adapted swim.

5.5 Daycare / Lunch, Report from Maria Revuelta:

- Tax information is now posted on Mosaik.

5.6 Parent Representative, Report from Tanner Harvey:

- Presentation OMETZ- SERVICES FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS
- EMSB PARENT COMMITTEE AWARD OF MERIT
- EMSB PARENT COMMITTEE LITERACY AWARD
- BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS CONSULTATION
- Parent Commissioner Report
- Treasurer’s Report
- EPCA Report

Please see EBSB "Highlight Sheet" for details

5.7 Habilitas, Report from Sean Zikman
- Everyone is working hard to make sure that the playground is up and running for the spring. There have been many visitors and a lot of good energy.

6. New Business

6.1 Consultation for Criteria for the Selection of School Principal

- A small revision was made to last year's document, removing a non-appropriate example.
Motion to adopt by Pansy Drury, seconded by Samantha Colatriano. All in favor.

7. Field Trips & Fundraisers

7.1 To Ratify

- Feb 24 Bowling (Approved via email Feb 18th)

7.2 Field Trips

- March 21: Montreal Science Centre

- April 29: Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

- Motion to approve field trips by Tanner Harvey, seconded by Leslie Levinson. All in favor.

7.3 Fundraisers

N/A

8. Varia

N/A

9. Good & Welfare:

10. Adjournment – Next Meeting March 20, 2025

- Motion to adjourn by Pansy Drury, seconded by Maria Revuelta. All in favor. Adjournment at 19h35.

Gilles Paquette, Governing Board Chair

Irini Margetis, Principal