

Minutes for Governing Board

Call to Order: A virtual meeting of Governing Board was held on January 13th on Zoom. It began at 6:30pm and was presided over by Tanya McCormick (elected Chairperson) with Hannah Patrick as secretary.

Attendees:

- **In attendance:** Jennifer Davin, Tanya McCormick, Gilles Chagnon, Hannah Patrick, Mirella Berteau, Andrea Gervais, Emily Lance, Ky Lee, Robyn Stronach, Roxana Tiron-Baleanu, Samantha Halpin Angela Stafford, Valerie Pinkham, Karl Lambert
- **Guests in attendance included:** N/A
- **Members not in attendance included:** N/A

Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda presented by Tanya

Time: 6:32pm

Notes:

- Add school survey to agenda

Motion: Hannah motions to approve the agenda.

Secunder: Roxana

All in favor: Motion carried unanimously

Agenda Item: Approval of November Minutes presented by Tanya

Time: 6:33pm

Motion: Ky motions to approve the October minutes.

Secunder: Andrea

All in favor: Motion carried unanimously

Agenda Item: Operational Budget presented by Samantha

Time: 6:34pm

Notes:

- School Admin Support- paid by school
 - -8,279.55 deficit
 - Currently, school board has not transferred funds- will be changed
 - Pays for office agent salary
- Health /Anti Violence: Emotion
 - Staffing issue
 - Finance has attached the wrong budget code- should be coming out of grant- will be fixed
- Building Maintenance Paid by School
 - Cost for tents- concrete slabs \$\$
 - -3,741.09 ill stay negative
- Handicap Aides Support
 - -7,114.60 finance coded staff member to wrong budget line- should be coming from a grant- will be fixed
- School is not spending much money
 - Spent on treats for staff and students
- Breakfast/Lunch program
 - We run a breakfast program in the mornings with one of our Spec. Ed. Techs
 - Gilles can look into providing support for lunch programs
 - Discuss at the end of the year

- School Fees
 - Waiting for finance to get the school e-transfer set up
 - No concrete date
 - Other schools have not started collecting
 - Sam will discuss at management meeting
- Pastoral, Spiritual Animation
 - Social emotional support and mental health well-being of students
 - Usually tagged onto Spec. Ed. Tech staffing

Agenda Item: Grant Allocation & Distribution presented by Samantha

Time: 6:44pm

Notes:

- The Government is coming out with 2 new measures for extra support for students with academic difficulty
 - Grant #1: Based on tutoring
 - Lump sum is given to the schoolboard per capita
 - School board looks at number of students and distributes funds
 - Ask teachers to identify students who would benefit from extra time
 - Would be after school or during lunch
 - Cannot mix classroom bubbles- will need to get creative
 - Grants #2: Support for services for social-emotional well-being
 - More funds for students with anxiety and stress
 - How we can best support them to feel safe, comfortable and happy

Agenda Item: Educational Project & School Survey presented by Samantha

Time: 6:47pm

Educational Project Notes:

- Educational Project is from 2019-2022
 - Shift from the school success plan- looks at the context of the school
- Created 2018-2019
 - Our context has greatly changed
 - Some key points are not accurate
 - Ex: A small number of students, approximately 15% in grades 1-6, generate most of our work on disciplinary and special needs issues. This figure is disproportionately represented in the Regular English Program (about 1/3 of overall student population).
 - Not the reality anymore- special needs issue spread across both English and French Program
- Sam would like to start a school committee to relook at the project
 - Look further into our changed context and adjust as needed
- Give our Governing Board the opportunity to come with questions, comments and concerns
 - Sam will bring to school team to highlight key points
 - Focus and collect data on COVID and mental health of our students
- Open discussion with Governing Board at next meeting
 - Members read through document
- Sam will include the school's vision and mission statement
 - What do we think is missing and what do we need to do to get that information?
 - Many contextual components
 - How can we measure the success of our students?
- Current educational project is our base

- Gives us a good idea of who we are as a clientele, our strengths and challenges, etc.

School Survey Notes:

- Survey collects data from students in grades 4-6
 - Based on bullying and safety
 - Ex questions: Is there violence happening within your school? If you have an issue, do you feel safe approaching an adult within the building?
- Insert data into our education project
- Becomes available in February and is administered in March
 - Can have data in April/May
- A lot of reading for our students- can be a long process
- Will revisit educational project after school survey

Agenda Item: Teacher Cycle Report presented by Various

Time: 7:08pm

Notes:

- Kindergarten & Cycle 1: Kindergarten had a pajama day first day back from the winter break, focusing on winter theme: snow, snowmen, hibernation, climate, animals
- Cycle 2: Winter theme- weather projects, in February cycle 2.2 students will do a formative assessment in ELA (reading response & narrative writing piece)
- Cycle 3: Cross country skiing, focusing on aboriginal people

Agenda Item: Daycare Report presented by Natasha

Time: 7:13pm

Notes:

- Emergency daycare before and after the break- 8 students at most
 - Shout out to the staff who worked together to uphold the emergency daycare
- Feb 8th & 9th PD Days– Harry Potter and Winter Carnival theme

Adjournment: Next Governing Board meeting will be on February 10th @ 6:30pm on Zoom. Tanya moved the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 7:15pm