



**Minutes for September 17, 2020
6:50 PM to 7:30 PM**

Attendance:

Fadela Amiri (Zoom)	Cathy Auger	Noémie Battista
Fabiana Ciacciarelli	Iris Del Degan (Zoom)	Marie-Christine Hanlon (Zoom)
Tina Lanni	Jennifer Banks	Myriam Fournier-Tombs
Pietro Gasparrini	Paula Kilian*	Marie Anne Polonia
Anna Tsoulouhas	Karolina Weclas	Despina Michakis

*NB: Paula Kilian as substitute for Robert David.

1. Welcome

- Meeting opened at 7:15 PM.
- Welcome by 2019-2020 Chair, Niki Nikolakakis.
- She explained that she will be Chairing the meeting until new GB executive is elected.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION to approve the Agenda.

Motioned by: Iris Del Degan

Seconded by: Karolina Weclas

Unanimous.

3. Governing Board Operations

3.1. Election of the GB Executive:

- Co-Chairs
 - Pietro Gasparrini & Anna Tsoulouhas
 - Nominated by Cathy Auger
 - Nomination accepted by Pietro Gasparrini & Anna Tsoulouhas
 - **Elected by acclamation.**
- Secretary
 - Parent GB Members were asked to take the role as the School Staff has a lot to cope with as a result of Covid.
 - **REQUEST TO TABLE** the election of Secretary to ask if Robert David would be willing
- Treasurer
 - Marie-Christine Hanlon, nominated by Anna Tsoulouhas.
 - Nomination accepted by Marie-Christine Hanlon.



Elected by acclimation.

MOTION to approve the election of the Co-Chairs and Treasurer for 2019-2020.

Motioned by: Cathy Auger

Seconded by: Tina Lanni

Unanimous.

Niki Nikolakakis left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Pietro Gasparinni and Anna Tsouluhas took over the meeting as Co-Chairs of the newly constituted GB 2020-2021

3.2. Appointment of the Community Representative

- Cannot be employed by or a parent of school
- Barbara Lapointe was suggested
- Rotating rep based on agenda also suggested (invite key individuals based on the current need/initiatives/agenda items)
- **TABLE** to next meeting

3.3. Appointment of the Committee Chairs:

- **Schoolyard Naturalization Committee**
 - Myriam Fournier-Tombs volunteered
 - Appointed by acclimation
- **Marketing Committee**
 - Robert David (not present but confirmed by Anna)
 - Appointed by acclimation
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- **PPO**
 - Signing up for the PPO is still ongoing. The PPO will determine its Executive at the first meeting. Once PPO exec is determined, a report will be submitted to GB and can be reported by GB member that is on PPO exec.

Myriam Fournier Tombs left the meeting at 7:30pm

- **Formation of the Daycare Committee**
 - It was discussed that this committee is formed only if necessary. At this point, there seems no need or interest in forming a daycare committee. Should parents feel the need, we can form one at that point in time.
 - **TABLE** to future meeting if need arises.



- **GB Internal Rules of Management 2019 - 2020 [DOC] Discussion & Approval**
 - New members did not receive the new rules of Management, therefore not able to approve.
 - **TABLE** to next meeting.
 - Day and frequency of meetings was agreed to be a total of 6 meetings that fall on the last Tuesday of the given month. Invitations will be sent out by Chair.

4. Principal's Report (D. Michakis)

- COVID, Constructions & Chaos
 - Year started in the midst of pandemic and construction
 - 90% of classroom ceilings redone (almost complete)
 - COVID measures that had been determined and prepped for anticipated but cancelled spring opening were executed in fall opening
 - Classroom bubbles created and aligned to daycare groups
 - Outdoors: teachers monitoring at a ration of 1 teacher: 2 squares
 - Changes will be slowly integrated (e.g., locker use)
 - Strict and provided protocols must be followed
 - Reporting of cases
 - Quick response plans
- Kids are happy
- New uniform implemented but certain allowances this year for COVID
 - E.g.,
 - Jackets in class to stay warm as windows will stay open as much as possible
 - Gym uniform all day on gym days
- ECA – discussion to start in October if we are allowed
- Composting planned to restart
- Grade 5 Outdoor Classroom Initiative started last year to continue into current grade 6
- Field trips on hold – need to manage transportation
 - **DISCUSSION:**
 - Suggestion to bring field trips to the school
 - Terry Fox Day – will discuss with staff by end of week (option of a virtual run through Move Spring)



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- Recent media around Dunrae schoolyard instigated by a facebook post from Pierre Arcand (MNA) suggesting that French school board will build a school on Dunrae field
 - recent media around the takeover of the field
 - EMSB has no plans but conversations happen
 - **DISCUSSION:**
 - Update provided by GB parents:
 - 3 meetings took place with members of GB and key individuals: Arcand who is not in the “know” but this came to his attention and thought it was a “done deal” as well as the EMSB and TMR Mayor Roy who both indicated that discussions have happened but neither aware of any official plans or formal proposal
 - Parents were not able to find and proof of formal plan/submission that would take field from Dunrae
 - GB and parent effort is focused on clarifying if a proposal exists and what level it has been approved intended to clarify what intentions EMSB has with the field and if a proposal is in development. In addition, the plan is to not turn this into a French vs. English school board debate, but instead provide alternate silutions and rally the larger TMR community
 - Next step is to formally request clarity form EMSB and this will come through a letter that will be circulated
 - **ACTION:** GB letter to be prepared by chairs, sent for comment and sent to EMSB
 - Virtual program is being designed and implemented at EMSB level for students in isolation. Some students who need technology have been provided with ipads and Chrome books so that so that students in isolation can log in
 - The use of digital communication platform has been adopted by staff for in-school students: all homework, lessons and work should be accessible via Google Classroom
- If a child tests positive and has to isolate, school is responsible for that child and there is no access to “at home” government program
 - Student should be able to keep up through Google Classroom and in some cases, participate from home
- EFP still available
- Grade 6 is overcapacity, and school was refused additional staff



- To avoid a proposed 5-6 class merge:
 - Teachers are OK with managing the size
 - Additional resources will be provided to teachers and students, including extra support person
- **DISCUSSION: COVID–Safety Measures**
 - Masks
 - Masks are not mandatory in the gym
 - It is up to parents to encourage, but cannot force kids to wear it outside of mandatory times (newsletter highlighted masks, but admin not able to do more than that)
 - One parent suggestion to send a note to parents from parents (instead of staff) to ask parents to make masks mandatory at all times, but this was not supported by all. Iris Del Degan mentioned that masks can be very messy and unsanitary for little students as they drop them, step on them, use someone else's, etc. The school is taking several other measures to promote germ control, but parents should decide if kids should wear them all the time, and not the school
 - Busses
 - Concern around COVID safety measures on busses was raised
 - It was confirmed that the busses are not the school property and so the school cannot control what happens on the bus
 - Request was made to encourage bus drivers to protect themselves and exercise health measures

Teachers left meeting at 8:30pm (ZOOM)

5. New Business

5.1. Daycare Operations - Pedagogical Day Daycare Bubbles

- Classes have been successfully designed by daycare bubbles. If Ped days are opened to non-daycare students, bubbles are compromised.
- Principal requesting motion to restrict PED day daycare services to registered daycare students (regular and sporadic).

MOTION to approve: Effective immediately, only children registered in daycare, including sporadic daycare, can attend PED day daycare.

Motioned by: Karolina Weclas

Seconded by: Noémie Battista



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Unanimous.

6. Question Period

- GPS for busses raised by Marie-Anne Polonia as a follow up to a discussion she initiated 2 years ago about EMSB busses having a tracking mechanism like bussed of other school boards do.
- **ACTION:** Principal Michakis will follow up.

7. Varia

8. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

Motioned by: Tina Lanni

Seconded by: Cathy Auger

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm