



EMS Governing Board Minutes for January 23, 2023

Commenced at 6:32 pm via Zoom

EMS Parent Members	Present	Absent	EMS Staff Members/Administration/EMS B	Present	Absent
Stacey Birmingham, Chair	X		Mario Bentrovato, member of the EMSB Executive Committee (vice-chair ward 9)	X	
Sara D'Agostino, parent		X	Christina Chilelli, principal	X	
Ana Paula De Sousa, parent	X		Elisa Giampa, staff assistant	X	
Sabrina Zito, Secretary	X		Giovanna Giuliana, daycare technician		X
Mark Waterworth, Vice-Chair	X		Alana Goodings, teacher	X	
			Ida Lento, teacher	X	
			Sandra Tartamella, child care worker and Treasurer	X	

1. Welcome by Ms. Stacey Birmingham, Chair.
2. Adoption of Agenda - 1st Mr. Mark Waterworth. 2nd - Ms. Stacey Bermingham. All in favour.
3. Adoption of the minutes from December 12, 2022- 1st Ms. Anna Paula De Sousa. 2nd- Ms. Ida Lento. All in favour.
4. Business arising:
 - 4.1 N/a
5. New business:
 - 5.1 Safe School Action Plan
 - 5.1.1. Drafted by Ms. Christina Chilelli in conjunction with other staff members.
 - 5.1.2 The 2 main priorities which arose from the survey are "fostering a positive view of school life" and "consistency in enforcing various school rules".
 - 5.1.3 A "playground leadership program" will be implemented and can be tailored for each grade.
 - 5.1.4 Adoption of the Plan -1st Ms. Sandra Tartamella. and 2nd- Ms. Elisa Giampa. All in favour.
 - 5.2 Fundraiser Opportunity- Guardian Smart Safety Keychain
 - 5.2.1 Ms. Stacey Birmingham will forward the information to Mr. Mark Waterworth.
 - 5.2.2 Ms. Stacey Birmingham mentions that the keychains are quite pricey.

6. Reports

6.1 Principal

- 6.1.1 Our 1st fundraiser of the year, the “Felix and Norton Gourmet Cookie Dough Fundraiser” raised a total amount of 5000\$. An amount of 2500\$ will be remitted to EMS. 20 students participated and approximately 10 staff members.
- 6.1.2 “Breakfast with Santa” will be earlier in December next year in case of unforeseen events such as a winter storm. December 20th was suggested as per other EMSB schools in the East End of Montreal.
- 6.1.3 “Share the Warmth” was a successful fundraiser, 8-10 boxes of donations were collected in total.
- 6.1.4 A New Year’s breakfast was held on Tuesday January 17th, 2023 and was well received (food and music). Food was on time, delicious but cold. Ms. Christina Chilelli will address this unfortunate issue with the caterer.
- 6.1.5 “Read to Me, Read to you” event is quite popular as many parents participated this month.
- 6.1.6 The first Pet Therapy session took place on Friday January 20th and was very well received by students. The sessions also had a reading component. Ms. Sabrina Zito suggests that said sessions be offered until the end of the school year given the benefits (language stimulation and reduces anxiety).
- 6.1.7 Mr. Paul St-Pierre Plamondon, leader of the *Parti Québécois*, visited today. Ms. Chilelli noted that he was impressed by the quality of French of the students and even stumbled on a question posed by a student (ie “*quelle est ta plus grande réussite?*”). He was also very pleased by the school cleanliness.
- 6.1.8 EMS “House Rewards Day” will take place on January 27, 2023. The crest winners were announced before the holidays and the crests will be laminated.
- 6.1.9 Kindergarten registration started today and may be done online. 12 parents have already registered online, which is wonderful.
- 6.1.10 Two “Dress Down days” will take place in the upcoming months, one in February for the “Heart to Heart Campaign” lead by Mr. Rocco and the other on April 3, 2023 for the “Autism Campaign” lead by Ms. Alana Goodings.
Motion to approve the two Dress Down days- Mr. Mark Waterworth 2nd - Ms. Stacey Birmingham.- All in favour.

6.2 Chairperson

6.2.1 Mr. Mark Waterworth says a very lengthy meeting took place last week regarding internal laws and Bill 96.

6.3 Delegate: Mr. Mario Bentrovato says the public Board Meeting will take place tomorrow night. The topics which will be discussed include the budget process for the buildings, budget rollovers and transportation. It appears there are issues with the berlines at other schools, not at EMS.

6.3.1 Mr. Mario Bentrovato will provide a gift for Staff Appreciation Week (February 6-10, 2023).

6.3.2 Mr. Mario Bentrovato volunteers to call the borough of Mercier-Hochelaga-Maisonneuve regarding EMS' issues for snow removal on Desautels Street.

6.3.3 Mr. Mario Bentrovato remains available for questions.

6.4 Teachers:

6.4.1. Ms. Alana Goodings explains the "Fun15 Program", which will run for 5 weeks. She mentions that she opened the 1st closed class at EMS approximately 10 years ago. There is also pairing between students within said Program. Staff and student volunteers are required. Beautiful relationships were made in the past. A Google Form will be sent by email.

6.4.2 A Dress Down day will take place on April 3rd, 2023 for Autism Awareness.

6.4.3 In Ms. Alana Goodings' Book Club the children started reading "Harry Potter".

6.4.4 Ms. Ida Lento said the Pet Therapy Session was very well received.

6.4.5 Ms. Elisa Giampa says there will be activities planned for Black History Month.

6.4.6 Ms. Elisa Giampa says in the next couple of weeks children will learn how to use skies outdoors.

6.4.7 Ms. Christina Chilelli says an amount of 6000\$ was granted to EMS for an exterior container to store equipment.

6.5 Daycare:

6.5.1 n/a

6.6 PPO

6.6.1 A meeting will take place on January 26, 2023 to discuss the activities to be organized for "Teacher Appreciation Week".

7. Varia/Public Question Period

7.1 N/a

8. Date of next meeting: Monday February 21, 2023 via Zoom at 6:30 pm.

9. Adjournment: 1st Ms. Alana Goodings - 2nd. Ms. Sandra Tartamella. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Chilelli
Feb. 21, 2023

S. Bentrovato
Feb 21/2023

