

EMS Governing Board minutes for meeting #4

Tuesday, January 30th

Commenced at 6h35 pm at school.

Ems parent members

Patricia Carvalho ---present
Christina D'Alesio---absent
Ana Paula Da Sousa---present
Mark Waterworth---present
Sabrina Zito---Absent

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EMS staff members/admin/Emsb

Mario Bentrovato, EMSB exec.---absent
Christina Chilelli, principal---present
Elisa Giampa, staff assist. ---absent
Giovanna Giuliana, daycare---absent
Alana Gooding, teacher---present
Ida Lento, teacher---present
Melissa Bentrovato, Behavior tech. ---present

1-Welcome by Ms. Christina Chilelli.

2-Adoption of Agenda by Ms. Ana Da Sousa and Mark Waterworth. All in favor.

3-Adoption Of the minutes of the last meeting November 15th, by Patricia Carvalho second by Ana Da Sousa. All in favor.

4- School Photographer.

4.1 Lifetouch: No go, no sibling pictures, Freland also no go, they don't service the island of Montreal anymore. We have to sign by next meeting, we have unanimously agreed on a 1-year contract to give us the next year to find better company.

4.2 the grad pictures this year will be on April 24th 2024. We are looking forward to see all our graduating students looking their best.

5- Ms. Chilelli presentation of the budget

Budget presentation was moved by Melissa Bentrovato. All in favor

5.2 Anti-bullying and anti-violence project. Presented by Ms. Chilelli. (ABAV)

Document are supplied by EMSB with broad guideline and EMS have added its own comments and steps. All information about this ABAV presentation will be posted and available for consultation on the school website.

5.2.1 The school is composed of 262 students in two different concentrations. First the Core English and than the French immersion one. The school has 2 closed ASD classrooms and 2 closed Language classrooms. The Big conclusion that came out of the ABAV presentation is the importance of understanding the true meaning of bullying.

End of presentation moved by Ida Lento, all in favor.

5.3 Educational Project, presented by Ms. Chilelli.

The educational project was moved by Ana Da Sousa, all in favor.

5.4 Free Dress Day. At Valentines a free dress day was suggested by Ms. Chilelli.

Moved by Patricia Carvalho, second by Ida Lento, all in favor.

5.5 Quebec City field trip Grade 5. It was decided after last years experience to go ahead without an official tour guide. The staff (teachers are looking after that) A tour of the Citadelle, Plaines D'Abraham museum and House of chambers visits are being planed. The departures will have to be at 6hAM on May 17th. Fees are TBD but estimated at less than 100\$ per student.

Fifth grade field trip, moved by Alana Gooding, all in favor.

5.6 Fundraising including 2023 chocolates. Pizza days are going very well over 200 pizzas per event. The final amount from the chocolate sales was 2300\$. The prices were given for the school best sellers. The principal was approached by Kevin Doyle who has fundraising options, first jams and second recipe in a jar. TBD if we want to go with that for future fundraising events. We will bring more ideas by next meeting. Ms. Ana Da Sousa suggested Oranges, Patricia knows of a school who has done and will look into name of company.

6. Reports of next school registration. The next school year is looking very good with already 20 registrations fully completed for pre-k and K new students. The only concern is for 3rd grade core who might not have enough students to allocate a classroom might have to combine with 4th grade.

6.1 For the next school, concerns also for French teachers, at least 2 full time positions are yet to be filled.

6.2 The Chairperson presented by Mark Waterworth.

The last meeting at EMSB the internal bylaws are still being revisited. Yet again.

A presentation was made for helping with schools to market themselves better (marketing tools) Information about strikes TBD more to come after votes. Lastly a presentation about A.I. and how it can be a tool for teachers. More to come at next meeting.

6.3 Teachers presented by Alana Goodings

Practices for the variety show have started. A date for the show is to be determined. Art club will start a mural project on a selected and approved school wall. The project will be ongoing for 1 to 2 months. Pet therapy started in wings classes. It was a success a bunny by the name of Mr. Moustache made all the kids calm and happy, a good connection was made with the kids. The basketball game with Pascal Fleury is happening on Monday Feb. 5th, Miss Alana is not Allowed to participate...it's a joke!

6.3.1 Looking for budget for Fun15 TBD to be approved.

6.3.2 Planning the field trip to Ottawa for the graduation students with the grad council.

6.3.3 Kids of grade 5 & 6 have a planed day at Saint-Pius X center.

6.3.4 French reading comprehension exams are coming up soon.


6.4 P.P.O. presented by Patricia Carvalho

Recap on movie night on December 15th, almost 100 guests. The snack and drink stand were great success, made double the amount of tickets sales. 2 mores volunteers would have been needed; we have a nice giant screen in good condition contrary to what was led. A bit hard to install the first time but will be easier next time now that we know how. The draw went well we made 3 happy family with passes to "Espace pour la vie" exhibits.

6.5 Next meeting will be on 26 February.

7. Motion to adjourn by Melissa Bentrovato, second by Mark Waterworth, meeting adjourned at 7h36 PM.


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