



EMS Governing Board Minutes for December 2, 2024
Meeting # 2

In Person – EMS Staff room,
6800, rue Pierre-de-Coubertin Montréal, (Québec) H1N 1T2

EMS Parent Members	Present	Absent	EMS Staff Members/Administration/EMSB	Present	Absent
Annie Baldessari, parent	x		Maria Corsi, Commissioner	X	
Christina D'Alesio, parent	X		Christina Chilelli, principal	X	
Ana Paula De Sousa, parent		X	Elisa Giampa, staff assistant	X	
Amanda Mini, parent	X		Giovanna Giuliana, daycare technician	X	
Fei Sha Zhou,, parent	x		Alana Goodings, teacher	X	
			Ida Lento, teacher	X	
			Melissa Bentreovato, behavior technician	X	

Special Guest: Maria Corsi, new School Commissioner. Welcome!

- Meeting started at 6:32
- Brief Introductions all around.
- Adoption of Agenda by Ms. Alana and Ms. Elisa

- Adoption of the minutes from September 23rd, 2024 – 1st Ms. Christina and 2nd Ms. Ida

- Introduction of new School Commissioner: **Maria Corsi**
 - Newly elected school commissioner, representing us for the next 4 yrs. Would like to attend as many governing boards as possible. She wants to know the community and learn about our needs, and anything she can do to assist and support.
 - Commissioner may need a resolution to continue coming? (Ms. Christina to double check)

- New Business:
 - a. Additional Ped Day
 - January 27th 2025 : additional Ped Day
 - Approved: 1st Ms. Johanne & 2nd Fei Sha Zhou
 - b. PPO Halloween & Christmas
 1. Halloween staff put together the decorations and goody bags for the students. Christmas, work on decorating the school and soliciting little gifts. Spent some money from the PPO 250\$ for Halloween. Christmas gift on behalf of the school. 250\$ - Motion to approve – Annie 1st and 2nd Christina

- Q: Treasurer position in relation? Mention that the 250\$ fund she oversees was not touched.
 - c. Tae Kwon Do & Soccer
 1. Approved in June for the full year. Fall session will be ending in a few weeks. successful so far. The kids really love it. Perhaps in the new year, there may be an opportunity to work with CF Montreal instead. To be determined.
 - d. Fundraiser
 1. We haven't done a big fundraiser this year. Previously, card box, cookies, chocolate. Do we want to bring in another fundraiser for this year?
 - Some questions about which would be easiest as we do not have a strong PPO.
 - Some ideas: Pizza kits, donuts Krispy donuts, Lafrenaie treats, Maple syrup products, Chocolates, card boxes.
 - Ms. Elisa – if things are overly priced it might be harder to market. Chocolates are always popular and make a good profit.
 - Ms. Christina – explains the Jam option.
 - Motion to approve fundraiser – 1st Fei sha & 2nd Ms. Elisa
 - General approval is Chocolate and Jam
 - e. Consultation for the Selection of the Principal
 1. Done every year. Gov. board needs to discuss what they would like to see in their principal. Ms. Christina will send around previous examples- will be able to discuss at next meeting. Due in March 2025.
 - f. Quebec City & Ottawa Trips
 1. Already planned and ready to go. Approved at June 2024 meeting. Cost per parent will be 25\$ other part will be paid by fundraising.
 2. Ottawa June 18th. Quebec City is May 15th, 2025.
- Reports
 - a. Principal
 - Very busy first half of the year. Completed the Terry Fox Walk, surprise to come for the students in the spring. (still a mystery to most!) Apple picking field trips, Halloween.
 - **60th anniversary in November 2024.** Celebration to come in the spring – bury a time capsule in the spring for the 75yr mark.
 - Upcoming, the holiday committee for the days/weeks ahead of dec 20th.
 - Operation Warm (Nov 13th) with FedEx, gave jackets to all the students – Out of 250 students, only 13 were missing jackets. Those missing should arrive on Friday the 6th hopefully.
 - Remembrance ceremony on November 5th . Food drive from Halloween donated. Current food drive for St. Brendan's.
 - "Full of Character" Character development workshop with the grade 4-5. One hour a week, for 4 weeks, the company Everblast/Dynamix – they talk about honesty, responsibility, kindness etc. have those lead you. Students are enjoying themselves.
 - Ms. Alana – Comments positively on "Full of Character" and the School Yard leadership programs.
 - b. Chairperson (not present)
 - c. PPO Delegate
 - Annie volunteers as delegate moving forward for the PPO.

d. Teachers Report

- Ms. Elisa – Applied for a PE grant for new gym mats. (expensive). Some grade 5 – school yard leaders. If there are students having trouble in the yard they interact with them. The little ones (pre-K, K) are involved with the art workshops.
- Ms. Melissa– Soccer team at the GMAA now is open the tournaments for elementary schools. EMS to try for the soccer tournament this year. far going very well (cycle 3). Looking for funding for uniforms. Promoting leadership skills through “assistant coach” positions.
- Ms. Ida – Cycle 3 going to the ballet.
- Ms. Alana: Field Trip at Holocaust Museum, the information and guide was great and sparked a lot of conversation at home.
- Ms. Alana: ECA have started.
 - Wednesdays - Variety show (grade1-6) spearheaded by Ms. Sandra (Show in June 2025)
 - Mondays and Fridays – creating the yearbook. Work with Grade 6 students, first time doing so as an ECA. Work with Green Apple, delegating their yearbook to a new company. Should be under 30\$ is in line with what we paid in the last year. Discount possible if we have more orders.
 - Photo and Video editing ECA, combined with stop motion last year which was successful. This year, more videos created and edited by the students.

e. Daycare

- Educators have started their Christmas theme, PED days are going well, students are enjoying the activities. Daycare has 4 students from Vincent Massey Collegiate – they come twice a week for an hour to play games and help around.

f. PPO

- Conversation about the need more (or any) parent involvement in the PPO. Current PPO organized by school members. Low involvement by general parent population.
- Some ideas: Propose an Information session for PPO potentials? Maybe parents need some kind of incentive? Meet and Great? Tea and brainstorming ideas? Social-Tea. PPO “Pizza, Popcorn and Orange juice” School can be used for location of parent’s meetings.
- Annie, now PPO delegate, to follow up for more information.

- Varia / Public Question Period
- Date of next meeting: **January 20th, 2025**
- Motion to Adjourn at 7:42pm Motion passed 1st Melissa and 2nd Elisa.

Annie
Jan. 20, 2025

Ana P. de Souza
Jan 23, 2025