



**Symmes / D’Arcy Governing Board – Agenda**  
**Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**6:30pm – Michael Donlan Library**

Parents	Present	Staff	Present	Other	Present
<b>Symmes GB Members</b>					
Angele Belanger	X	Rebecca Gilbert	X	Tara Laine (Principal)	X
Lisa Shallhorn	X	Allison Mackenzie	-		
Akash Sinha (PR)	X	Tristan Wicks	X	Wayne Daly (Parent Commiss.)	-
Sonia Caravan	-	Lydia Wilson	-		
Krista Denison (Alt Pr)	-				
<b>D’Arcy McGee GB Members</b>					
Marek Carroll (Joint Chair)	X	Stefan Fuchs	-		
Mike Wallace (PR)	X	Adam McCaffrey	X		
Monica Wolfe	X	Nadine Malloy	X		
Shannon Lafond	X	Robin Ezekiel	X		
Kim Kourtsidis	-	Gail Adler	X		
Nick Giannakoulis (Alt PR)	x	Darrel Howse	X		
Jennifer Paquet	-	Nina Contreras-Wolfe	X		
Kim Greene	X				

#	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION / NOTES
1	Agenda  (vote for approval)	M. Carroll	<b>SYMDAR 2019/20-19</b>  Motioned by: R. Ezekiel Seconded: K. Greene Motion results: approved unanimously
2	Minutes of the previous meeting  (vote for approval)	M. Carroll	<b>SYMDAR 2019/20-20</b>  Motioned by: M. Wallace Seconded: A. Sinha Motion results: approved unanimously
3	Article #70	M. Carroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No update at this time</li> </ul>
Reports			
4.1	Principal’s Report	T. Laine	Refer to attached document
4.2	Parent Committee	M. Wallace	Refer to attached document <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from GB presented at last meeting; motion defeated to forward concerns to EPCA</li> <li>Bill 40 update</li> </ul>

4.3	SEAC	S. Lafond	<p>Verbal report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First meeting was Nov. 11; S. Lafond was nominated as chair, K. Kourtsidis nominated as vice-chair</li> <li>• Good representation on committee; 16 parent reps, 23 members total</li> <li>• Priorities will include examining special needs grants, IEP's, how Bill 40 affects Special Needs portfolio, effective communication</li> <li>• Next meeting Jan. 13</li> </ul>
4.4	Student Government Report (D'Arcy)	N. Contreras-Wolfe	<p>Verbal report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Spirit Week, Movie Night</li> <li>• Concerns raised by students about soap shortage in student washrooms, both water fountains on D'Arcy side broken</li> <li>• Overall cleanliness of building raised as a concern; Board recognized this is an ongoing issue; decided to revisit issue in Jan / Feb</li> <li>• Students upset about video announcements; many students not seeing morning announcements (e.g. gym 1<sup>st</sup> period, supply teacher); potential solutions discussed.</li> </ul>
4.5	PPO (Parent Participation Organization)	M. Wolfe	<p>See attached document</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lots of productive discussion</li> <li>• Facebook group has been initiated</li> <li>• One major concern raised at meeting was cap on class size at each grade level; information provided by T. Laine</li> </ul>
In-Between Meetings			
5.1	Letter to Parent Committee (result of e-vote)	M. Carroll	<p>Edited revision of letter submitted to PC for consideration at Nov 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p><b>SYMDAR 2019/20-21</b></p> <p>16 votes in favor, 3 abstention, 4 non-response</p>
Business			
6.1	School Council - Activity Approval Requests	M. Carroll	<p>Refer to attached documents</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Bake Sale (Band)</li> <li>2) Broomball Fundraiser</li> <li>3) Symmes Holiday Spirit Week</li> <li>4) D'Arcy Holiday Spirit Week</li> <li>5) Movie Night</li> <li>6) Group Counselling Sessions</li> </ol>

			<p>7) Waterloo Math Competition  8) Our School Survey (2020)  9) Bake Sale (Prom)</p> <p><b>SYMDAR 2019/20-22</b></p> <p>Motioned by: R. Gilbert  Seconded: A. Belanger  Motion results: approved unanimously</p>
6.2	Activity Approval Request  (vote to approve)	M. Carroll	<p>Symmes Hockey Afternoon – December 20<sup>th</sup>  (no cost to students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symmes GB vote only</li> </ul> <p><b>SYMDAR 2019/20-23</b></p> <p>Motioned by: A. Sinha  Seconded: T. Wicks  Motion results: approved unanimously</p>
6.3	Midterm Schedule  (vote to adopt)	T. Laine	<p>Refer to attached document</p> <p><b>SYMDAR 2019/20-24</b></p> <p>Motioned by: N. Malloy  Seconded: S. Lafond  Motion results: approved unanimously</p>
6.4	Gender Diversity Workshop / Presentation  (information)	T. Laine	<p>Refer to attached documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to large number of grade 9 students, 2 sessions will be taking place</li> </ul>
6.5	WQSB Policy Consultation  (information)	M. Carroll	<p>Refer to attached documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addresses hierarchy of procedures in grievance process</li> <li>• M. Carroll seeking input by mid-Jan</li> </ul>
6.6	Bill 40 – update  (information)	M. Carroll	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bill has been tabled for holidays</li> </ul>
	Varia		
7.1	Alcohol basket for Peru  (vote to approve)	R. Ezekiel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent has donated a basket of alcohol for a potential fundraiser</li> <li>• Tickets will be sold by parents, R. Ezekiel, J. White</li> </ul> <p><b>SYMDAR 2019/20-25</b></p> <p>Motioned by: A. Belanger  Seconded: K. Greene</p>

			Motion results: approved unanimously
7.2	Christmas Families (information)	R. Ezekiel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of the Christmas families is seeking a functioning washing machine; wondering if anyone has a connection</li> <li>• Members will email R. Ezekiel web links</li> </ul>
	Adjournment		
8.1	Next Meeting Date	M. Carroll	Wed February 5 <sup>th</sup> 2020
8.2	Meeting Adjourned		<p>Motion for adjournment at: 8:08 p.m.</p> <p>Motioned by: A. Sinha  Seconded: S. Lafond  Motion results: approved unanimously</p>

Minutes accepted at the \_\_\_\_\_ Symmes / D'Arcy (joint) Governing Board meeting.

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Tara Laine  
Principal

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Marek Carroll  
Chair