



**Symmes / D'Arcy Governing Board – Agenda / Minutes**  
**Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**  
**6:30pm**

Parents	Present	Staff	Present	Other	Present
<b>Symmes GB Members</b>					
Akash Sinha (PC Rep)	x	Rebecca Gilbert (Sec.)	x	Tara Laine (Principal)	x
Sonia Caravan	x	Nadine Malloy	x		
Krista Denison		Alexandra Peach	x		
Tania Lambert (alt PC-R)	x	Cindy Beaton			
Christy Hitchcock					
<b>D'Arcy McGee GB Members</b>					
Marek Carroll (Joint Chair)	x	Robin Ezekiel	x	Piper Walsh (student)	x
Kim Kourtsidis (alt PC-R)	x	Tristan Wicks	x	Cayla Findlay (student)	x
Jennifer Paquet	x	Lee Randall	x		
Kim Greene	x	Mike Reid	x		
Trina Hubley (PC Rep)	x	Matt Parkinson	x		
Todd Jolicoeur	x	Daryl Howse	x		

#	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION / NOTES
1	Agenda  (vote for approval)	M. Carroll	Motioned by: Kim K. Seconded: Nadine Motion results: Carried in full
2	Minutes of the previous meeting  (vote for approval)	M. Carroll	Please note the correction to November's minutes 4.2 : Trina was present at the Parent Committee Meeting  Motioned by: Trina Seconded: Kim K. Motion results: Carried in full
3	Article 70	M. Carroll	---
<b>Reports</b>			
4.1	Principal's Report	T. Laine	Refer to attached document  5. Building update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lab space is now free due to classroom shifts</li> <li>• Rules indicate full disinfection of any room before rotation of groups can occur</li> <li>• Currently working to ensure safety and equity for lab and gym usage</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While in the Red Zone, teachers are not permitted to leave school property with their classes</li> </ul> <p>9. Training and Planning Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a technology agreement being developed by admin regarding on-line etiquette</li> <li>There is not a policy requiring student cameras be turned on in virtual learning situations</li> </ul>
4.2	Parent Committee	A. Sinha & T. Hubley	<p>Verbal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was a quick meeting with more elections taking place</li> <li>Trina was appointed to be the transportation committee and elected to EPCA</li> <li>P.C. has a budget of \$11,000 that they are looking to spend on behalf of students and school community</li> <li>Ideas for spending can be brought forward to Akash or Trina</li> </ul>
4.3	SEAC	TBD	No Report
4.4	Student Government Report	P. Walsh & C. Findlay	<p><b>Verbal Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognition of the challenges faced by teachers during the current circumstances</li> <li>Frustration is felt by not being able to access one-to-one support or extra remediation support due to pod restrictions due to Covid protocols as well as distance learning schedule</li> <li>Assessment being done during on-site days which is resulting in feeling overwhelmed and stressed to return to school</li> <li>Concerns about lack of opportunity for movement in classes and during the day due to being confined to one space</li> </ul>
	In-between Meetings		
5.1	Changes to GB composition	M. Carroll	<p>Nick G. formally resigned from the D’Arcy GB on Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, following move to Commissioner at WQSB.</p> <p>No election took place for D’Arcy GB, and therefore there is no list of “parent-in-waiting” to join as a replacement. As such, Nick’s spot will not be backfilled.</p>

			<p>Replacing Nick as primary Parent Committee rep for D’Arcy is the former alternate, Trina. Kim is now the alternate rep in her place.</p> <p>Two students representing D’Arcy are now members of the GB – Cayla &amp; Piper.</p> <p>Cindy Beaton has been moved from D’Arcy GB to Symmes GB, to re-balance the number of members and parent/staff ratio of each group.</p>
5.2	E-vote – Christmas Donation Drive	M. Carroll	<p>Proposal from Robin for Christmas Donation Drive – Dec 1<sup>st</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Organized by school ‘group’ (ie pod).</p> <p>Proposal put to e-vote on Weds Nov 25<sup>th</sup>. Failed to achieve quorum due to lack of parent responses.</p> <p>Result-proposal was not passed</p>
	Business		
6.1	Christmas Donation Drive  (vote to approve)	M. Carroll	<p>See section 5.2</p> <p>Motioned by: Robin Seconded: Nadine Motion results: Carried in full</p>
6.2	Budget Update/Request  (vote to approve)	T. Laine	<p>Verbal report and proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitators of Pride Club have requested \$2500 from our Inspired Schools grant currently at a balance of \$46000</li> <li>They would like to bring in professionals to work with our LGBTQ plus and allies on topics that are of interest</li> <li>Inclusion exercises and workshops by Zoom after school hours</li> <li>Professional brought in to offer PD to staff</li> <li>Suggestion that more students have access to the messages being presented</li> </ul> <p>Motioned by: Robin Seconded: Trina Motion results: Carried in full</p>
6.3	2020-2021 Student Progress & Evaluation	M. Carroll / J. Pacquet	<p>Concerns from parent community.</p> <p>Use of Mozaik Parent Portal</p>

	(discussion)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern regarding the significant gap in parent-teacher communication as the progress report was distributed in October and the next communication is in February</li> <li>• Parent engagement to facilitate support of students is identified as being a concern at this time</li> <li>• The Ministry of Education communicated the change in reporting after the Symmes-Darcy Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for entry of results</li> <li>• Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers if they would like feedback</li> <li>• Teams is the platform that is being used by teachers to communicate work and assignments</li> </ul>
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	Adjournment		
8.1	Next Meeting Date		Wednesday, January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021 – 6:30, Zoom
8.2	Meeting Adjourned		<p>Motion for adjournment at: 8:41</p> <p>Motioned by: Kim K.  Seconded: Akash  Motion results: Carried in full</p>

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

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Tara Laine  
Principal

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Chair