



Symmes / D'Arcy Governing Board – Agenda / Minutes
Wednesday February 17th, 2021
6:30pm

Parents	Present	Staff	Present	Other	Present
Symmes GB Members					
Akash Sinha (PC Rep)	X	Rebecca Gilbert	X	Tara Laine (Principal)	X
Sonia Caravan	X	Nadine Malloy	X		
Krista Denison	X	Alexandra Peach	X	Nick G. (Commissioner)	X
Tania Lambert (alt PC-R)		Cindy Beaton			
Christy Hitchcock	X				
D'Arcy McGee GB Members					
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 (Sec.)	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: Robin E. Seconded: Kim G. Motion results: Carried in full
2	Minutes of the previous meeting (vote for approval)	M. Carroll	Please note the correction to December's minutes 4.2, bullet 2: Trina H. elected to EPCA Motioned by: Trina H. Seconded: Tristan W. Motion results: Carried in full
3	Article 70	M. Carroll	---
Reports			
4.1	Principal's Report	T. Laine	Refer to attached document, additional details: 2. Tutoring Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around \$12K, for both schools • Will also receive well-being grant, around \$15K • Will be rolled out after March break • Service accueil is a separate envelope: already received and services currently being offered 3. Parent-Teacher Interviews

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 25th: Thursday evening only, 5:30-8:30pm <p>4. Police Presence in School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalized presentations given to all grade 8 students <p>6. Planning and Training Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given 1-on-1 support and within departments • Significant support from ICT team <p>7. Building Update</p> <p>Portables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandated testing from Ministry: with students absent, again with students present • Correct filters were not installed, which contributed to higher CO₂ levels • New/better filters are being installed, new tests will be conducted • Students will be moved back to portables after March break <p>8. 2021-2022 Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for homogenous groupings, like this school year • All CEGEP/university prerequisites will be offered
4.2	Parent Committee	A. Sinha & T. Hubley	<p>Verbal Report</p> <p>January meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents.quebec website launched • Consistent communications plan in development • Online learning: quality/quantity of learning discussed, feedback requested • Issues with how school fees have been administered this year, feedback requested <p>February meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality presentation by P. Proulx • More funding for LEARN, English tutoring • COVID resilience training, upcoming • EPAC putting out newsletter • Developing WQSB-specific communications plan for parents (working with board to use website/app) • \$11K funding: communications, anti-racism programming, outreach and exposure (to greater community), extra education

			resources (i.e., canoes, stationary bikes, etc.)
4.3	SEAC	TBD	No Report
4.4	Student Government Report	P. Walsh & C. Findlay	Verbal Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooks in classrooms: missing in D'Arcy classrooms (prioritized Symmes as they are in the building all the time) • Gyms not open for after-school activities • No gathering for prom/grad parties (based on current public health guidelines)
In-between Meetings			
5.1		M. Carroll	
5.2		M. Carroll	
Business			
6.1	Subject-Time Allocation (School Year 2021-22) (vote to approve)	T. Laine	See attached documents. Moted by: Rebecca G. Seconded: Todd J. Motion results: Carried in full
6.2	Budget Update (information, vote if necessary)	T. Laine	Verbal report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unspent funds remain due to restrictive criteria (also, capital expenditures are not allowed) • Creative ways to spend funds, i.e., honouring honour roll students, grad ceremony/honouring graduating students • Look into leasing and/or online opportunities
6.3	Criteria for Selection of School Principal (vote to approve)	M. Carroll	See attached document Symmes Criteria Moted by: Krista D. Seconded: Akash S. Motion results: Carried in full D'arcy Criteria Moted by: Todd J. Seconded: Kim G. Motion results: Carried in full
Varia			
7.1	Requesting letter to be drafted by GB to the ministry	M. Reid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GB responsibilities in the Education Act: #64, #76, #78.1, #210.1, #457.5 • Jurisdictional restrictions

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be raised at EPCA for discussion
7.2			
	Adjournment		
8.1	Next Meeting Date		Wednesday, March 31 st , 2021 – 6:30, Zoom
8.2	Meeting Adjourned		<p>Motion for adjournment at: 8:30pm</p> <p>Motioned by: Tristan W. Seconded: Trina H. Motion results: Carried in full</p>

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

Tara Laine
Principal

Chair