



Symmes / D'Arcy Governing Board – Minutes

Wednesday May 26th, 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	-	Alexandra Peach	X	Nick G. (Commissioner)	X
Tania Lambert (alt PC-R)	-	Cindy Beaton	-		
Christy Hitchcock	-				
D'Arcy McGee GB Members					
Marek Carroll (Joint Chair)	X	Robin Ezekiel	X	Piper Walsh (student)	-
Kim Kourtsidis (alt PC-R)	X	Tristan Wicks	-	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	-		

#	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION / NOTES
1	Agenda (vote for approval)	M. Carroll	Motioned by: Kim G. Seconded: Todd J. Motion results: Carried in full
2	Minutes of the previous meeting (vote for approval)	M. Carroll	Motioned by: Robin E. Seconded: Todd J. Motion results: Carried in full
3	Article 70	M. Carroll	---
Reports			
4.1	Principal's Report	T. Laine	Refer to attached document 0. Non-teaching professionals strikes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-teaching professionals held half-day strike, May 19th. Follow up June 9th strike, again half-day, classes cancelled in the morning, virtual in the afternoon. 3. Planning for 2021-2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next week, designated orange zone— full time attendance for all grade levels starting Monday. 2021-2022: end of term 1, report card needs to be published before January

			<p>28, 2022; 2nd report card will be available 1st week of July 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province is currently drafting new BSR • Main focus is gradual return to normalcy: predictability, flexibility, equality of opportunity for students, enhancing supports for students and technological competency • Additional grants: mental health, tutoring/academic support <p>4. Nurture and Support Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board is removing Lindsay Place program (central WQSB program), to be replaced with small in-school centres <p>5. Vaccination Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting on documents to be translated (consent forms) • Very possible vaccinations will happen on site • No timelines available yet <p>7. Grade 11 Final Celebration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WQSB was reminded by Deputy Minister that there are to be no gatherings to celebrate graduation
4.2	Parent Committee	A. Sinha & T. Hubley	<p>Verbal Report Akash April 19th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on IT systems in schools, and digital action plan • Allocation of funds: every school will get 2 stationary bikes (2 for Symmes, 2 for D'Arcy) • Additional ARC resources will be forthcoming • Kayaks will be coming once funding proposal is finalized • Mike Atelier will be ombudsman going forward <p>Last week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • missed meeting (short, no voting issues) <p>Trina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WQSB PC is exploring a communications committee • EPCA's next newsletter (Thursday) will highlight online safety tips from WQSB (available on EPCA website)

4.3	SEAC	K. Kourtsidis	Verbal report April 26 th : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IEP: formed subcommittee to create pamphlet for parents of students with new IEP's • Presentation from Autism Canada: explained funding, grants
4.4	Student Government Report	P. Walsh & C. Findlay	Verbal Report Cayla: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students dealing with diminishing mental health • Circumstances make workloads feel very heavy
In-between Meetings			
5.1	School board and Ministry Letter – follow-up	M. Carroll	<p>Proposal raised at March meeting by a member. The Chair provided GB members with instructions for follow-up action.</p> <p>Subsequently, following concerns raised by members, this effort was paused. The Chair tasked the GB to vote on the question of whether-or-not this proposal was within the GB mandate.</p> <p>The Chair further researched the scope of the responsibilities of the GB as defined in the Education Act and consulted with outside authorities. The consensus was that only matters expressly defined in the Education Act are within the GB mandate.</p> <p>The above-reference vote and result was therefore set-aside, and the result was not binding. The proposal submitted at the March meeting was determined to be outside of the GB scope, and therefore was denied. All subsequent action items tasked to the GB in consideration of this proposal are disregarded.</p> <p>Akash would like to formally register his dissent to this position.</p>
5.2		M. Carroll	
Business			
6.1	Proposed Budget (2021-22) (vote to adopt)	T. Laine	<p>See attached document.</p> <p>Motioned by: Kim G. Seconded: Alex P.</p>

			Motion results: Carried in full
6.2	Budget Update (2020-21) (information, vote if necessary)	T. Laine	<p>Verbal report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to pandemic constraints, a lot of grants will remain unspent (Cultural outings, Extracurricular activities, etc.) • Grant money cannot be carried forward • Nutrition grant: stockpile nonperishables • Seuil Minimal de service: hired additional person until end of school year <p>GB Budget Spending ideas (\$1000):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gift cards to subject award winners • Teacher awards • What's needed in school <p>Motion to give Tara the authority to spend GB budget at her discretion.</p> <p>Motioned by: Jen P. Seconded: Todd J. Motion results: Carried with one opposed</p>
6.3	School Calendar (2021-22) (vote to approve)	M. Carroll	<p>See attached document.</p> <p><u>Floating PD days:</u> November 15, 2021 January 14, 2022 February 25, 2022 March 28, 2022</p> <p>Motioned by: Robin E. Seconded: Kim G. Motion results: Carried in full</p>
6.4	School Fees Conformity Document – Symmes (vote to adopt)	T. Laine	<p>See attached document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget is not an individual fee schedule for parents, but a global schedule of costs to the school that could be charged to parents (workbooks, photocopying fees, supervision fees, etc.) • Not allowed to charge \$0.01 more than what something actually costs, so school always rounds up (at the cost of the school) <p>NO QUORUM</p>

			Vote to occur electronically. Motioned by: Seconded: Motion results:
6.5	School Fees Conformity Document – D’Arcy (vote to adopt)	T. Laine	See attached document. Motioned by: Robin E. Seconded: Jen P. Motion results: Carried in full
6.6	GB Members – term audit	M. Carroll	Roll call of members to confirm end of term in 2021. Members finishing 1 st year, but who will not be serving 2 nd year, to notify Tara directly. Members ending their 2 nd year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonia C. • Akash S. • Jen P. • Marek C.
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7.1			
7.2			
	Adjournment		
8.1	Next Meeting Date		Final meeting – no further meetings planned
8.2	Meeting Adjourned		Motion for adjournment at: 8:06 p.m. Motioned by: Akash S. Seconded: Sonia C. Motion results: Carried in full

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

Tara Laine
Principal

Chair