



Symmes / D'Arcy Governing Board – Agenda / Minutes
Wednesday October 19th, 2022
6:00pm

Parents	Present	Staff	Present	Other	Present
Symmes GB Members					
Asha Boucher (PC Rep)	X	Sarah Erickson	X	Brian Rock (Community)	X
Marc Dupont	X	Sean Earl	X		
Jennifer Paquet (alt PCR)	X	Mike Reid	X		
Samia Azar	-	Lydia Toussaint	X		
Marina Gordiyenko	X	Alexandra Peach	X		
D'Arcy McGee GB Members					
Marek Carroll (Chair)	X	Sherri-Lynn Brown	X	Tara Laine (Principal)	X
Tania Lambert	-	Francesco Di Salvio	X		
Trina Hubley (PC Rep)	X	Robin Ezekiel	X	Constance George (VP)	X
Robert Hall	X	Joy Ells	X		
Akash Sinha (VC)	X	Erin Murray	X	Nick G. (Commissioner)	X
Anastassia Glazounova (Sec)	X	Dan Curley	X		
Laura Wilson (alt PCR)	X	Lee Randall	X		

#	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION / NOTES
1	Agenda (vote for approval)	T. Laine	Motioned by: Robin Ezekiel Seconded: Sherri-Lynn Brown Motion results: Carried in full
2	Minutes of the previous meeting (vote for approval)	T. Laine	Motioned by: Robin Ezekiel Seconded: Sherri-Lynn Brown Motion results: Carried in full
3	Election of Joint Chair	T. Laine	Marek Carroll, nominated by Robin Ezekiel Motioned by: Robin Ezekiel Seconded by: Jennifer Paquet Motion results: Carried in full Vice-Chair: Akash Sinha, nominated by Mike Reid Motioned by: Mike Reid Seconded: N/A Motion results: Accepted by acclamation
4	Election of Secretary		Motioned by: Anastassia Glazounova Seconded: N/A Motion results: Accepted by acclamation

	Reports		
5.1	Principal's Report	T. Laine	<p>Refer to attached document</p> <p>Question raised about the availability of extra-curricular activities for students who don't have transportation (remote, no city bus available)</p> <p>Buses provided only to and from school, but can advise parents that if they are struggling with transportation the parents can work together with school to carpool, etc.</p>
5.2	Parent Committee	T. Hubley	<p>Parent committee met Monday Oct 17.</p> <p>Asha Boucher has been elected as PC for secondary. Trina re-elected as English Parents' Committee Association Rep, and as WQSB transportation representative.</p> <p>Initial meeting of the year for PC - hybrid format. 34 candidates for Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC). All candidates were invited to submit a form and/or to present their candidature virtually or in person. PC members voted, based on a variety of criteria including ensuring school and regional representation. All positions on PC were then elected, except outlying region Transportation Representatives. Trina will continue to push PC to focus on Communications for Parents</p> <p>Asha brought up how Parent Government bodies can deal with disciplinary issues that may arise with parent volunteers (as this was an issue that arose last year on SEAC) - Marek informed the group that unfortunately nothing much can be done as these people are elected onto these Parent Government bodies</p>
5.3	SEAC	N/A	Nothing to report
5.4	Student Government Report	N/A	Nothing to report. Representatives will be selected by next GB meeting.
	Business		
6.1	<p>Budget Report</p> <p>(vote to adopt)</p>	T. Laine	<p>Refer to attached document</p> <p>Pleased with the amount of grants; there was uncertainty about how this would play out, as it was hard to spend the grants during Covid, and there was a risk of not receiving enough funding if budget is not spent, but the school is in great shape for this year.</p>

			<p>Motion to adopt the budget.</p> <p>Motioned by: Asha Boucher Seconded: Marc Dupont Motion results: Carried in full</p>
6.2	<p>Emergency Preparedness Plan</p> <p>(vote to approve)</p>	T. Laine	<p>Refer to attached document</p> <p>Added severe weather procedures.</p> <p>Robert Hall: How are the parents informed if there is a lockdown or other emergency? Can communication procedures be codified / specified in the EPP? Can staff be assigned to communication responsibility?</p> <p>Priority is the safety of children over communication with parents; recognize the stress, but safety first. Tara will communicate as soon as possible after an incident. Difficult to predict specific situations.</p> <p>Motion for Tara to bring up the communication section to be added to the Plan with the school board. Voting on plan to be tabled until next meeting.</p> <p>Motioned by: Jennifer Paquet Seconded: Robert Hall Motion results: Motion carried by majority, with some opposition.</p>
6.3	<p>Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Plan</p> <p>(vote to approve)</p>	T. Laine	<p>Refer to attached document</p> <p>Minor changes in the documents: some action items already completed.</p> <p>Insights resulting from the anonymous reporting data? What are the reasons for bullying numbers being high? After-effects of Covid, lots of anxiety, stress, tension; packed hallways, no outlets in extra-curriculars for a while. Extra-curriculars are coming back now, expecting improvement.</p> <p>Motioned by: Robin Ezekiel Seconded: Alexandra Peach Motion results: Carried in full</p>
6.4	Grant Update	T. Laine	<p>Refer to attached document</p> <p>Specific grants can only be used as prescribed</p>

	(information)		Point of information - already approved in the budget above.
6.5	Rentals (vote to approve)	T. Laine	Refer to attached document Generated revenue projected at \$34K Funds used mainly for maintenance and support for students, i.e. lunches, events for students who are not able to afford them. Motioned by: Asha Boucher Seconded: Erin Murray Motion results: Carried in full
6.6	School Activities (vote to approve)	T. Laine	Refer to Attached Document Blanket approval of extra-curricular activities Contact for managing activities is Michael Harris – mharris@wqsb.qc.ca Motioned by: Asha Boucher Seconded: Marc Dupont Motion results: Carried in full
6.7	Heritage Program Exploration Day – November 17 (vote to approve)	T. Laine	Presented at the meeting Opportunity for students to visit Heritage College. Paid from inspiring schools grant. Motioned by: Laura Wilson Seconded: Erin Murray Motion Results: Carried in full
6.8	Altitude Gym – Team Building October 21 st – WOTP (vote to approve)	T. Laine	Presented at Meeting Funding for busing from grants Motioned by: Sean Earl Seconded: Sarah Erickson Motion Results: Carried in full
6.9	Halloween Activities Fright Night - Thursday October 27 th D’Arcy Dance - Friday October 28 th	R. Ezekiel	Presented at Meeting Friends of the Gatineau River, other activities, fundraiser: BBQ on the 31 Motion to approve for all three items. Motioned by: Trina Hubley Seconded: Laura Wilson Motion Results: Carried in full

	Rugby “Fun” Tournament / Fundraiser - Monday October 31st (vote to approve)		
	Varia		
7.1	Election of Community Member (vote to approve)	M. Carroll	Brian Rock has presented himself for consideration. Motioned by : (missing) Seconded: N/A Motion results: Accepted by acclamation
7.2	N/A		N/A
	Adjournment		
8.1	Next Meeting Date	M. Carroll	Meeting time and format discussed among board members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Virtual is easier for many members - Some like to meet in person, drawbacks to virtual are discussed - Hybrid is possible, but not ideal due to imperfect technology Motion to hold next meeting in person, Nov 30 at 6:30. Motioned by: Akash Sinha Seconded: Mark Dupont Motion results: Not carried – 9 opposed, 6 in favor Motion to keep meetings virtual for entire year, at 6:00. Motioned by: Robin Ezekiel Seconded: Dan Curley Motion results: Carried, 10 in favor, 5 opposed Future meeting dates: November 30, 2022 @ 6pm February 1, 2023 @ 6pm March 15, 2023 @ 6pm April 19, 2023 @ 6pm May 24, 2023 @ 6pm

8.2	Meeting Adjourned		Motion for adjournment at: 8:28 Motioned by: Trina Hubley Seconded: Sarah Erickson Motion results: Carried in full
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Minutes accepted at the _____ Symmes / D'Arcy (joint) Governing Board meeting.

Tara Laine
Principal

Marek Carroll
Chair