École Edward Murphy School

MINUTES
Governing Board Meeting
January 25th, 2017 at 6:30pm

Present: Laura Saragosa, Sandra Tartamella, Cristina Celzi, Diana Sukovski, Dominique Jodoin, Karine Bruni, Nadia Greco, Giovanna Giuliana

Regrets: Rosario Ortono, Renee Deschamps, Rita Pacifico, Jennifer Branco

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

1. **Approval of the Agenda**
   Motion to approve: *1st Dominique Jodoin, 2nd Karine Bruni, unanimous.*

2. **Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2016 Governing Board Meeting:**
   Motion to approve: *1st Diana Sukovski, 2nd Laura Saragosa, and 1 Abstention*

3. **Public Question Period:**
   None

4. **Arising from the minutes of October 25th, 2016 Governing Board meeting:**

4.1 Community Rep.
We are still looking for a suitable Community Rep.

4.2 Date for next meeting
Thursday March 30th, 2017

4.3 Ped Days
In answering the question from the October 24th governing board meeting: Why can there not be more in house ped days that cost less?

-It is difficult to hold the attention of the students for 11 hours.
-Most parents drop off their children at 7:00am and pick up past 5:00pm.
-Indoor paid activities are costly and only entertain for about 2 hours. More hours scheduled is more expensive.
-Our budget is based on the number of children who registered. We are a small daycare therefore are allocated a smaller budget.
-We have a higher number of students that attend the ped day outings when an offsite activity is planned.
-Many parents said that they appreciate the offsite outings.
-Some parents with multiple children find the ped day costs expensive. Ms Giovanna Giuliana stated that those parents who have difficulties financially and need daycare services can call her and she can accommodate them through a special fund.
- Many parents found the month of November difficult because of the 4 ped days that were scheduled.
- It was suggested that next year to try not to have too many back-to-back expensive ped day outings.

4.4 Ped Day Electronics
Motion to allow the daycare students to bring in their electronic devices one ped day out of the year. 1st Giovanna Giuliana, 2nd Laura Saragosa, 1 Nay, 7 Yes

4.5 Breakfast Club Update
- Breakfast club going well, we have 162 students registered.

4.6 Honour Role Update

-The Honour Board is up and the students were presented a certificate during an assembly. The teaching staff decided to honour those students with an average of 85% and above.

4.7 Innovative methods to attract new students (staff)

-Print ads do not help to attract new students. The EMSB suggested that schools collaborate to have paid social media ads and believe that may help with enrolment.

-We are looking into adding a robotics program

-A committee should be formed to help think of ideas.

4.8 Offering both online and paper school supplies (staff)

-Suggestions were made to help parents when purchasing the school supplies. We can look into companies that offer services. Another suggestion was to write the codes especially for copybooks.

-It was suggested that the teachers are asked for their opinions.

5. New Business:

5.1 Principal's Criteria

Motion to keep our principal's criteria as is. 1st.Giovanna Giuliana, 2nd Dominique Jodoin, Unanimous

5.2 Security Cameras + Signs for the park

A monetary donation has been secured. We are looking for the camera equipment to purchase and hope to have it installed in the spring. It was suggested we ask Rosemont School to make the signs we need.

5.3 Mesa

-Mrs. Celzi presented the Mesa. She has stated that it has changed from the previous years. There has been a color code added; green indicates we are meeting our goals, yellow we are working on our goals, red we are not achieving our goals.

Motion to approve the Mesa, 1st Nadia Greco, 2nd Diana Sukovski, unanimous

5.4 Budget

-Mrs Celzi presented the budget for the 2016/2017 school year.

-The PPO has 13874.00 in their account.

Motion to approve the 2016/2017 Budget: Diana Sukovski, Sandra Tartamella, unanimous

5.5 Pizza Days

-The PPO would like to have 3 pizza days. Pizza will be ordered from Cafe Cabrini and cost 2$ a slice. The choices will be cheese or pepperoni and cheese.

Motion to have 3 pizza days at 2$ a slice: 1st Giovanna Giuliana, 2nd Nadia Greco, unanimous

5.6 Teacher Appreciation

Motion to allow the PPO to spend 300$ for teacher appreciation: 1st Laura Saragosa, 2nd Diana Sukovski, 3 abstentions

5.7 Fund 3 + fundraising

Make sure we say what we are fundraising for.

5.8 Lice

We will update the letter that is send home to parents concerning lice.

6. Teacher Report

-Cabana a Sucre outing has been scheduled for March 27, 2017.

-Motion to sell advertising space in the mini treasures book to offset some of the costs involved. 1st Giovanna Giuliana, 2nd Nadia Greco, unanimous

-Motion to allow the proceeds from the Bake for Change to be donated to the We Day organization: 1st Laura Saragosa, 2nd Dominique Jodoin, unanimous.

-Cycle 3 Storytelling will take place on April 5th.

-Science fair will take place on April 12th.

-The teachers were happy to sit with their students during breakfast with Santa.

6.1 Principal Report

-A new CCW has been hired but no additional tech support was allocated.

-Open house had 7 families visit the school. The secretary has been taking appointments for registration that will begin next week.

7. Daycare Report

Activities have begun, there is soccer, ebooks and Everblast games in the gym.

8. P.P.O Report

-Motion to allow the Frozen Fridays Fundraiser during the last 8 Fridays of the school year where one Fridays proceeds will be donated to Second Chance Cafe. 1st Diana Sukovski, 2nd Giovanna Giuliana, unanimous

-Motion to allow the PPO to spend $1500.00 to organize the end of year party. 1st Nadia Greco, 2nd Dominique Jodoin, unanimous.

-Motion to allow Laura Saragosa to spend 300$ to purchase decorations for the 6 grade graduation.1st Diana Sukovski, 2nd Giovanna Giuliana, unanimous

Nadia Greco left at 8:45pm

10. CPC/RPC

None

11. Varia

None

Motion to adjourn 9:30 1st Sandra Tartamella, 2nd Diana Sukovski, unanimous

Prepared by Sandra Tartamella