École Edward Murphy School

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

Present: Laura Saragosa, Sandra Tartamella, Cristina Celzi, Dominique Jodoin, Karine Bruni, Giovanna Giuliana, Renee Deschamps, Rita Pacifico, Jennifer Branco

Regrets: Rosario Ortono, Diana Sukovski, Nadia Greco,

Meeting commenced at 6:40pm

1. **Approval of the Agenda**
   Motion to approve: *1st Sandra Tartamella, 2nd Renee Deschamps, unanimous.*

2. **Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2017 Governing Board Meeting:**
   Motion to approve: *1st Dominique Jodoin, 2nd Giovanna Giuliana, and 3 Abstentions*

3. **Public Question Period:**
   None

4. **Arising from the minutes of January 25th, 2017 Governing Board meeting:**

4.1 Lice

Another school has parents pick up their children if they have lice and the parents must provide a written letter after they had administered the lice treatment.

EMSB states it is against the law to send kids home if they have lice.

Our school can provide money for lice treatment if the families cannot afford it.

Certain classes have reoccurring lice. Some parents are concerned and feel the letter the nurse sends home is not enough. New strategies to combat the lice problem must be thought of.

4.2 Robotics

Nadia Greco is piloting a robotics project in her class for grade 2.

Dominique Jodoin will be receiving 12 Robotic kits used for ECA for cycle 3 in the next school year.

A committee should be formed for the following school year to implement a robotics program.

4.3 School Supplies

Question asked if the teachers would purchase some school supplies for their students. This may help parents and make sure the students have the same supplies.

Teachers are asked to discuss this option at the next staff council meeting.

It is suggested that buying supplies in bulk might be cheaper.

It was stated that other EMSB schools purchase supplies for the students and the cost is included in the student fees.

5. **New Business:**

5.1 Hot Chocolate Sale

Motion to approve a hot chocolate fundraiser where the proceeds will go to WE Day. The cost will be 1$ and will include a cup of hot chocolate and a baked treat, providied that it does not coincide with another fundraiser already planned. 1stJennifer Branco 2nd Renee Deschamps, Unanimous

5.2 Crisis procedure/post mortem

Procedures have been revised. It is suggested that the students could use more security drills to practise.

5.3 Yard Maintenance

It is suggested that the cracks in the yard be fixed.

5.4 Security Cameras

We have received a monetary donation which will be used to purchase and install security cameras in the yard. The caretaker has been asked to contact companies for quotes. We are hoping this will be set up before summer.

5.5 Pre-K lease

The school needs space to provide accommodations for the many professionals in our school. We also need a space to create a crisis room.

Resolution:
The Governing Board of Edward Murphy School is asking the EMSB to renew the pre-k lease for one year only ending in June 2018.

Motion to accept the resolution: 1st Giovanna Giuliana, 2nd Karine Bruni, 4 yea 4 abstentions Motion passed.

5.6 Resources

The school has resource teachers that help certain students. We also receive a small amount of money to hire extra tutoring. Remediation is possible. The parent or students can always ask for extra help by asking the teacher.

5.7 GB Grad Scholarships

Motion to award a 100$ scholarship to one student from the graduation class where the staff will determine the criteria: 1st Laura Saragosa, 2nd Dominique Jodoin, unanimous

6. Principal Report

The following school year will have the following classes: 2 kindergarten classes, 2 grade 1 classes, 2 grade 2 classes, core 3 and 4 separate, immersion will be split, core 5 and 6 will be separate, and immersion will be split. 1 junior and 1 senior language class and 1 junior and 1 senior asd class.

7. Teacher Report

Quebec trip was fun but it rained all day. It is suggested that next year the trip take place in June.

Exams have begun.

Science Fair was a big success. The winners will be announced in the upcoming days. A record amount of parents attended.

Planning for the 6th grade graduation has begun. Many autistic students graduating and a special scholarship have been created for them. There are also many scholarships that will be presented such as an award for citizenship, perseverance, academic etc.

8. Daycare Report
None

9. PPO Report
Teacher Appreciation was a success.
Breakfast is going well.
We needed to change supplier at the last minute for the Pizza Days. We will look for other suppliers for next year.
Yard Sale will be June 3rd.

10. CPC/RPC Report
There will be a parent conference on April 29th.
A Literacy book will be chosen to give as a gift for one 6th grade grad.
It was suggested that 2 schools plan their trips together to bring costs down.
Il Colisseo Catering has suspended all contracts with EMSB schools concerning hot lunches.
John Paul High School had received a direct city bus from RDP to help students. Therefore the school hours have changed from 9am to 4pm.

11. Commissioners Report
None

12. Varia
None

Motion to adjourn 8:30 1st Giovanna Giuliana, 2nd Renee Deschamps, unanimous

Prepared by Sandra Tartamella