

Governing Board – Edinburgh School

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 19:00 hr. (Teachers' Lounge)

Minutes of the meeting

Present:

Leah Auclair
Sergio Giacobbe
Sandy Cudzinowski
Talia Edwy
Dale Stack

Jon Wiersma
Gail Goldman
Vicky Leprohon
Jennifer Banton
Suzanne Fortin

Josh Miller
Johanne Poirier
Rhona Feigelson
Jacky Farrell

Regrets:

Jacqui Roye

1. **Call to Order & Opening Remarks:** Dale Stack called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Dale offered to send a condolence card to Madeleine Veloce on behalf of the Governing Board. All members agreed.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Three agenda items were added under New Business: Dress Code, Action Sport Partnership, and Consultation on Major School Changes. Dale requested that wording for the time capsule plaque be added under Varia. Upon the motion by Sandy Cudzinowski, seconded by Johanne Poirier, the agenda was approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of minutes:** Three changes were made to the minutes of March 22, 2011. The discussion about staff parking and snow removal issues were added. Sergio Giacobbe's name was replaced by Josh Miller in Question period #1. Josh requested that the minutes be revised to read that the Home and School provided a *portion of the funds*. The minutes of the Governing Board meeting held March 22, 2011 were then approved (motioned by, Gail Goldman, seconded by Talia Edwy).
4. **Question period #1:** No questions.
5. **Business Arising From Minutes of March 22, 2011:**
 - a. *Proposed three-year plan: Allocation and destination of immovables 2011-2014:* Dale had no update.
 - b. *Major school changes proposed (EMSB):* To be discussed in New Business item (c).
 - c. *Colour code/ uniform distributor:* Leah Auclair reported that a contract was signed with Lofts des enfants.
 - d. *Selection criteria for the appointment of the principal:* Dale informed the Board that she received a letter from the School Board acknowledging our submission.
 - e. *Budget:* Leah updated the Board on the budget including: the use of surplus for school trips and the deficit in lunchtime supervision. Josh expressed concern that the School Board might take back the surplus. Leah assured the Board that the School Board would advise her before they took back funds.
 - f. *Letter regarding snow removal in and around the school:* Additions were made to the letter which will be sent to Montreal West now and again in October, they included:
 - exact drop off and pick up times.
 - request for snow removal to be completed by 7:00 AM in order to accommodate staff parking.

- reminder that Edinburgh has the earliest start time of all surrounding schools.
- line of appreciation for past efforts to accommodate Edinburgh's timing issues.
- closing line with contact information for both Dale and Jon.
- cc to Mr. Joe Mackenzie, Councilor of Public Works.

- g. *Continuation of Management and educational success agreement (MESA)*: Leah explained some of the overall principles and new strategies. However, she also stated that a new version will be ready for all members to read soon. Dale suggested that the revised document be sent to the members of the Governing Board for consideration as soon as possible before the next meeting.

6. New Business:

a. Committee Reports:

- i) *Communication & Promotions*: Sergio reported that the new website would be ready for the end of April. Dale requested that a link be sent to the Governing Board members for approval prior to the meeting in May. Dale thanked the committee for their excellent work.
- ii) *Enrichment*: Vicky Leprohon reported that she met with the new committee members and discussed the possibility of starting a fine arts club with a student teacher from Concordia University. She also stated that she would continue to recruit new members for the Enrichment committee through the Edinburgh Express.
- iii) *Regional Delegate report*: Vicky reported that a number of issues were covered including the major school changes proposed for July 1, 2011.

- b. *Dress code*: Dale read a letter from Edinburgh parent, Sue Maheu, regarding the school's dress code. Dale had responded to Sue by agreeing to read the letter at the April meeting and by inviting Sue to the April meeting (she could not attend) and May Governing Board meetings. Although on the agenda for May, a short discussion ensued and culminated in the GB's position that the policy would remain the same but that clarifications would be made and the issues would be raised at the next staff meeting. Dale was asked to send a letter to Sue to explain the position of the Governing Board.

- c. *Major school changes proposed (EMSB)*: Dale explained that the Central Parents' Committee wrote a proposal to rescind all decisions made by the School board made in the March meeting and to begin the process again. The CPC requested the support of the Governing Boards. Talia motioned to vote on whether the Edinburgh Governing Board would support the CPC's request to rescind all decisions made by the School Board in the March meeting, seconded by Vicky. With 2 voting in favor, 3 against and 6 abstentions, the Edinburgh Governing Board voted to not support the request by the CPC.

- d. *Action Sport Physio Partnership*: Tabled

7. **Principal's Report:** Leah informed the Board of the following:
 - a. A successful Literacy Week.
 - b. Several successful outings and events: Insectarium, Buddhist temple, skating party.
 - c. The grade 6 classes raised \$400.00 for relief in Japan.
 - d. MESA is being developed.

8. **Home and School Report:** Tabled

9. **Correspondence:**
 - a. Dale received the bill for the new chairs in the Teachers' room. Josh stated that it would be paid.

10. **Varia:**

Time Capsule: (Rusty) Rusty updated the Board on the time capsule. A 7 by 9 inch plaque in English will mark the spot of the time capsule that is to be opened in 20 years. Mark Benchley will make the plaque. The text for the plaque was approved by the GB. A French translation was raised by Josh.

11. **Question Period #2:** No questions.

12. **Adjournment:** On a motion by Gail seconded by Sandy, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Banton
Recording Secretary

Chairperson: _____

Principal: _____