

Governing Board Election Minutes

Tuesday, October 6th, 2020 at 6:30pm

Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: L. Bélanger, M. Arfanis, S. Milonas, G. Stamatopoulos, M. Argyriou, E. Zervas, T. Nicholls, R. Ayas, H. Zereik, K. Der and L. Kansou. **Absentees:** None

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Tia Nicholls welcomed all the members of GB to our first meeting and shared her well wishes for the new school year.

2. Additions to the agenda

- 6c) School safety for dismissal
- 6d) Not enough homework

3. Adoption of the agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda by Helen Zereik
- Seconded by Lydia Kansou

4. Review of the minutes from June 16th 2020 (virtual meeting)

5. Approval of minutes

- Motion to approve by Raymond Ayas
- Seconded by Tia Nicholls

6. Business issues:

A) Assignment of roles:

- Motion to nominate Tia Nicholls as chair by Lydia and seconded by Raymond Ayas.
- **Chair** – Tia Nicholls
- Motion to nominate Helen Zereik as alternate chair by Lydia Kansou and seconded by Tia Nicholls.
- **Alternate Chair** – Helen Zereik
- Motion to nominate Karen Der as secretary by Lydia Kansou and seconded by Tia Nicholls.
- **Secretary** – Karen Der
- Motion to nominate Lydia Kansou as treasurer by Tia Nicholls and seconded by Raymond Ayas.
- **Treasurer** – Lydia Kansou
- **Parent Committee:** Raymond Ayas will represent the parents.

B) Daycare:

- Due to Covid 19, daycare would like to limit the attendance on Ped. Days to regular and sporadic students only for this 2020-2021 academic school year. This will avoid

collage/mosaic style class picture. Disinfecting booth after each use will be done by the personal of Green Apple.

- **Budget:** Last June, parents were reimbursed 84\$ for paid lunch fees as a result of closure. We are in deficit of 13 000\$ as a result of long term closure of COVID-19. Lunch monitors were still getting paid when school was shut down. Workbook fees are lower than previous year. In the workbook fees school agenda is included. Art supplies are paid by the school. Presently, school is spending a lot of money on COVID-19 products (sanitizers/paper towels/soap, etc)
- B) Teacher's Report:** Teacher's are glad to be back at work even through these unprecedented times. Teachers and students alike are adjusting to their "new normal" in school. Younger students are happy to be back and to see their friends. As for the older students, they are also happy to be back but are more aware of the situation. They have some level of anxiety of transmitting the virus to their loved ones.
- C) Commissioner's Report:** Absent
- D) Parents Committee's Report:** First meeting is on Tuesday, October 20th via Zoom. Raymond Ayas will attend and report to us on our next GB meeting.
- E) Daycare's Report:** 130 students about 99 of these students are regular.
- F) Home and School's Report:** The account has 25 000\$. Teachers were asked to submit a wish list of items they need. The items were approved by H&S and Elena Zervas. Teachers were allowed to go ahead and purchase their items. They will be reimburse within two weeks of purchase. H&S is having a difficult time planning events due to COVID-19. They are presently speaking with Mr. Katsifolis to organize a welcome back event. Perhaps distributing a small individual snack to students. Also, H&S is also organizing something for Halloween. They are brainstorming ideas for now. Some of their ideas was to purchase individually wrapped Bad Monkey popcorn, bingo threw the intercom, decorate a mask, etc. On a last note, if teachers need any extra help, please feel free to contact H&S.
- 8. Questions Period:** Raymond Ayas asked the GB committee their thoughts on a project to install solar panels on the school's roof. Perhaps connect this idea as a school wide project. He would look into all the logistics of this project and get back to us. Elena Zervas mentioned to Raymond Ayas that we would have to speak with Costas Spyridakos of **Material Resources** at the board. GB members expressed that although it is a great idea in the long run, for now, we need to focus on more relevant projects, such as, the ventilation system in our school, having students use less plastic at school, etc.
- 9. Meeting Adjournment:** At 8:20pm

10. Next Microsoft Teams GB Meeting: Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 6:30pm

11. Minutes by: Maria Arfanis