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English Montreal School Board

## **CEDARCREST SCHOOL Governing Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

### **Attendees - Members:**

Maria Argyriou, Lorraine Bélanger, Andrew Mangal, Karen Der, Marylène Favreau, April Luong, Stephanie Vezina-Tulli, Jessica Sabatini, Geneviève Shano, Jayshree Sirmour, Georgia Stamatopoulos

**Absentees – Members:** None

**Public in Attendance:** None

### **1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

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The meeting was held virtually. The meeting started at 6.40 PM.

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### **2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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- Chess
- Governing Board Accessibility to Parents

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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*Motion to adopt today's Agenda was put forth by Geneviève Shano, seconded by Lorraine Bélanger and carried by members in attendance.*

### **4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM February 7, 2024 MEETING**

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Minutes were approved as drafted.

### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

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- 7:55-8:10 Morning Recess follow up
  - o Most of the teachers prefer the students being ready inside and they are unsure as to how construction will impact student entrance in the morning

- The ten minutes from this recess has been reallocated to an afternoon recess
- Will revisit topic in the fall

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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***Motion to approve the February 7th, 2024 Meeting Minutes was put forth by Karen Der, seconded by Geneviève Shano and carried by members in attendance.***

## **7. BUSINESS ISSUES**

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### **a. Subject Time Allocation**

- Ethics and Religious Culture being renamed to Culture et citoyenneté Québécoise
- CCQ will integrate the sexual education plan and most religious components will be removed
- All the minutes are staying the same

***Motion to approve the subject time allocation was put forth by Karen Der, seconded by April Luong and carried by members in attendance.***

**a.**

### **b. Sexuality Education Plan**

- Tabled until next meeting (April)

### **c. Hot Lunch Supplier**

- The quality of the hot lunch from Le Doral has significantly decreased this year
- EMSB has an inhouse catering service, Le Mini Bistro, and Lauren Hill junior campus is picking up the program
- Parents would be able to order online
- Current contract with Le Doral expires on June 21, 2024
- If we change suppliers from Le Doral to Le Mini Bistro parents would need to be informed by the end of the year

### **d. Construction Update/Timeline**

- Feb 8<sup>th</sup> was the kickoff meeting
- Going to be done in 5 phases, May 2024 – August 2025
  - Contractor has committed to hitting milestone dates
- #1 – May 8<sup>th</sup> - prepare the ground for the modular classrooms, and the area for the contractors, putting up fences to ensure safety
  - Will have access to the paved part of the play ground

June – the 5 classrooms on the main floor will be packed up and moved into the modular classrooms, they will also construct the passageway from the modular classrooms to the main building

- #2 – the summer – demolition, repairs happening to the gym, staff room and main hallway, pouring concrete in the new slab – all this has to be done before students return
- #3 – Fall - construction in the classrooms – they are aiming to do all the noisy work in the summer before students return
- Christmas Vacation – PK/K classes are being moved back into their new classrooms and students from the second floor are to be moved into the modular classrooms
- #4 – January to June 2025 – classrooms on the upper floor, less extensive, lighting, painting, floor repairs
- #5 - June 2025 upper classrooms moved back, modular classrooms removed and playground restored
- Have committed to minimize the amount of noisy during school hours
- Contractor has worked in a school previously and it went well

#### **e. Field Trips**

- Parents displeas about the \$5 raise for the grade 5 field trip. The price went up to offset the cost of some students not attending.
- École Montréalaise will fund a trip for the Kindergartens and Grade 3 to Mac Museum in St-Laurent on April 19 and 25
- June 6<sup>th</sup> will be the vernissage

#### **f. Toys/Balls in the Schoolyard**

- Parents were approaching because they have not been available for months
- They were taken away due to the number of head injuries occurring during the winter months to ensure student safety
- Students have managed well and the Grade 6s came to Mr. Mangal with an implementation plan

#### **g. Chess Club**

- The plan was to have each student pay Mr. Vincent \$100 for the year of chess. This wasn't approved by the financial services department at the EMSB
- If he was paid \$100/student then it has to go through tender due to the spending restrictions since it would be over \$5000
- This year, due to the budget and the spending restrictions he is being paid \$25/hour
- He needs to register as a company in order for the parents to be able to pay him a fee for the year
- Mr. Mangal will meet with Mr. Vincent to explain what steps can be taken for next year

#### **h. Governing Board Access to Parents**

- School's website has been updated with a delegated section for Governing Board
- Upcoming meeting dates and meeting minutes are posted for the parent community

## 8. REPORTS

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### b. Principal's Report: Andrew Mangal

- Buses back!
- Police had been watching school traffic undercover, they recognise that we had a large problem and are still working on a solution
- In February letter sent out to parents regarding attendance (as per the education act)
- There is a new tool that allowed Mr. Mangal to flag all the students that are at risk which really helped with implementation of tutoring. There was extra funds due to the strike action to allow for extra tutors.

### c. Teacher's Report: Stephanie Vezina-Tulli

- In May Grade 4-6 will have orienteering
- Track and field will occur at the end of May
- June 5-6 Sport Mobile booked – baseball, golf, and pickleball
- April 9<sup>th</sup> PreK/K yoga in the gym

### d. Commissioner's Report

- There was no Commissioner Report.

### e. EMSB Parents Committee Report: Jessica

- There was no Parents Committee Report

### f. Daycare Report: Georgia Stamatopoulos

- April 8<sup>th</sup> no Day Care open due to the PED

### g. Home & School Report: Karen Der

- Staff appreciation week went well - bagel breakfast one day, lunch another day, donut day, junk food day
- Learning commons desks and chairs have been installed, there will be a teachers committee to discuss use of space
- March 22 there was a grade 5 and 6 dance at the school that went very well.
- June 20 end of year festival
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Comedy night – line up has been posted

## 9. QUESTION PERIOD

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- Is the school supplying eclipse glasses – they will be sent out April 2<sup>nd</sup> along with a lot of resources

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8.29 PM.

Minutes By: Jessica Sabatini

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Signature: Chair, Karen Der