



**Minutes of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) meeting of the 2019-2020 McCaig Elementary School Governing Board held on Thursday, October 24, 2019 in the library at 7 p.m.**

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**Members Present:** Lisa Cipriani, Cristin Filacouridis, Deborah Mortilliti, Jeanie Jaber, Jossie Tortorici, Karl Trottier, Parents; Kristin Crowdis, Ann Phillion, Dan Strina, Gautama Swaminadhan, Teachers; Pat Gilmour; Daycare Representative; Marie-Soleil Lecompte, Community Representative

**Alternate Members Present:**

**Also present were:** Richard Mason, Administrator

**Regrets:**

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The Principal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**1.0 Recognition of visitors**

Welcome to Adam Gordon, Chairperson of the Parents Committee.

**2.0 Approval of the agenda**

**GB20191024-01** Ann Phillion MOVED THAT the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Lisa Cipriani.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**3.0 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2019**

**GB20191024-02** Deborah Mortilliti MOVED THAT the minutes of September 26, 2019 be approved as presented. Seconded by Ann Phillion.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**4.0 Reports**

**4.1. Principal**

In response to a comment from Kristin Crowdis, 85% of school fees have been collected.

In response to a question from Marie-Soleil Lecompte, the professionals come every two weeks.

**4.2. Financial Report**

Year end June 30, 2019.

Mr. Mason explained the deficit on postage/messenger. Schools are not allowed to charge for delivery of school items, they must assume them. Overall the school ended up in good shape.

**4.3. School Committee (PPO)**

As e-mailed to members

**4.4. SWLSB Parents Committee**

As e-mailed to members

**4.5. TFOMES**

As e-mailed to members.

Working on sock fundraiser.

**5.0 New Business**

**5.1. Deed of Establishment**

As e-mailed to members. This was discussed and there are no changes.

It does not include Pre-K because it is a rental.

**5.2. BILL 40 – INFO**

A condensed version of the Bill was presented in a PowerPoint. Mr. Mason will send the full Bill to members.

**5.3. Content in Sexuality Education**

Mr. Mason explained the number of hours and themes suggested by the MEES for this subject.

This year's course outline and schedules remain status quo.

In response to a question from Karl Trottier, the teachers did not receive much training but met together to come up with topics and strategies. Things seem to be going well.

#### 5.4. Outdoor Classroom project

Mr. Mason met with the architect and will be able to bring final plans to the next meeting. It will be amphitheater style with canvas covering. There will be work surfaces with chairs and a gazebo off to the side.

He will bring the plans back for member input at next month's meeting

In response to a question from Marie-Soleil Lecompte, Mr. Mason will verify that the seats can accommodate all grade levels.

He went on to say that the architect is responsible for looking at all of these aspects.

In response to a question from Deborah Mortilliti, the canvas covering will be removed for the winter.

#### 5.5. ABAV Plan

Committee members met to look and update the plan. Not too many changes were made.

- A line needs to be added on page 5 on what grades were surveyed before the analysis.
- Clarification needed on the percentage of students who do not feel safe coming to school. Part of the problem of the responding to the survey is the interpretation of the answers to the questions by the students. Although staff makes an effort, a lot of times the students do not have a good understanding of what it is they are supposed to answering. Mr. Mason does not believe that that big of a percentage of students. Actual incidents of bullying is a fraction of what was reported in the survey. The survey is for the grades 4-5-6. It is anonymous and it is never clear if the students take it seriously. When the survey is given this year, a more in depth discussion will be had with the students.
- Page 12 – number 1 – social skills training – when will it start this year. October 28, Wellness committee will be reporting back to the staff their progress. Once the staff is updated, it will begin in the school. Hoping to start in early November.
- Students who are in this zones of regulation training – there was no feedback given back to the parents. Mr. Mason will discuss it with the special education technicians.
- Page 15 – last sentence is unclear.
- Page 16 – the bottom section - would like the terms that are not considered bullying defined and what the consequences are of these should they be happening.

All of the edits will be looked into

**GB20191024-03** Lisa Cipriani MOVED THAT the ABAV Plan be approved with the above edits taken into account. Seconded by Karl Trottier.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

#### 5.6. Poppy Campaign

There will be Remembrance Day ceremonies and the week before poppies will be sold at a suggested price of \$2 each.

**GB20191024-04** Pat Gilmour MOVED THAT the Poppy day sale be approved. Seconded by Kristin Crowdis.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

### 6.0 Field Trips/Activities

#### 6.1 WE Day – Montreal – E-VOTE

McCaig WE Team - 20 students from cycle 2 and 3; Theatre St-Denis; February 03,2020 at 7:10 am to 16:30pm; 1:5; Transport by train and metro. Price will be clarified and sent out as an e-vote.

Cost will be \$5 per student for the metro (train is free for kids 12 and under accompanied by an adult).

**GB20191025** Jossie Tortorici MOVED THAT the WE Day trip to Montreal is approved as presented.

Carried

#### 7.0 E-votes

Hip Hop; - Tuesdays, Nov 19, 26, December 3,10,17, 2019 January 7, 2020; \$80/each; 3:40 to 4:40 p.m.

**GB201911-04** Jossie Tortorici MOVED THAT the Hip Hop activity be approved.

Carried

## 8.0 Correspondence

### 8.1 Piccola Gioia

Concerns from a parent on nutrition of the food and how much money goes back to the school from the pizza fundraiser. The parent wants to know if we will be switching caterers. This has to be discussed in March so that there be a change, the caterer is informed before April 30. We are in the final year of the catering contract.

In response to a question from Deborah Mortilliti, interested parties should contact the GB chair or principal and present themselves to say they are interested in catering the school.

Members felt that there are not many complaints about the current caterer.

### 8.2 Uniforms

The uniform issue is coming up again. This governing board has voted several times on this and there is never a high percentage of parents who want the school uniform.

## 9.0 Adjournment

Next meeting November 21, 2019

**GB20191024-05** Kristin Crowdis MOVED THAT the meeting is adjourned 8:14 p.m. Seconded by Ann Philion.

Carried **UNANIMOUSLY**

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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Chairperson

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Principal

Respectfully submitted by:  
Susan O'Keeffe, Recording Secretary