

# Bancroft School

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**Bancroft Governing Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, November 7 2022; 6:30-8:30 PM ET**  
**HOSTED VIA ZOOM**

## **Meeting Details:**

**Format + Location: Virtual via Zoom**

Members of the parent community that wish to attend must RSVP at least 24 hours in advance to [bancroftgovboard@gmail.com](mailto:bancroftgovboard@gmail.com)

## **Participants:**

**Governing Board:** Arron Neal (Chair), Yannick Riopel (Vice-Chair and EMSB Parent Committee Delegate), Veronica Reis (Treasurer), Jess Conn-Potegal (Alt. EMBS Parent Delegate), Esther Yang

**Governing Board Alternate:** Andrea Lowry, Olivia Lecoufle

**Community Representative:** Rubens Ernest

**Bancroft Staff:** Myrienne Lusignan (Principal), Josie Sabelli, Fernando Kucher, Charles Martin (Teachers), Monique Gaudreault (Daycare)

**Regrets:** Michelle Pomeroy (Secretary), Christina De Sousa,

**Guests:** Guinness Rider, Sun Youth

## **Agenda:**

### **Welcome and Good News**

- Yannick acknowledged the good work of the PPO in hosting the Halloween Party

### **Adoption of Today's Agenda**

- Motion: Arron
- Second: Josie
- Unanimously resolved

### **Adoption of October Meeting Minutes**

- Motion: Arron
- Second: Yannick
- Unanimously resolved

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- Confirmation of GB 2022-23 Meeting Day and Dates - For Discussion/Adoption
- Adopted meeting dates:
  - December 12 (Jess will be unable to attend)
  - January 23
  - February 27
  - March 21
  - April 19

- May 30 (June 5 held as a back-up date in case we need to meet later. This meeting will serve as both the May and June meeting.)
- Motion: Arron
- Second: Veronica
- Unanimously resolved
  
- Updated Rules of Internal Management – For Discussion/Adoption
  - Approved Rules available on Google Drive here:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gAGjWpwl\\_qiexCOW8iDPH\\_aFxcvzLcwYMY05WJDCNLU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gAGjWpwl_qiexCOW8iDPH_aFxcvzLcwYMY05WJDCNLU/edit?usp=sharing).
  - Motion to adopt: Arron
  
- November 24 PED Day Activity Change (PI-O Amusement Park) for same cost of \$25
  - Motion: Arron
  - Second: Fernando
  - Unanimously resolved
  
- Bancroft Website Updates (For Discussion) -
  - suggested priority was subscribable, updated calendar
  - Link to fundraising efforts/activities on main page
  - Kids section (resources, links to google classes, etc.)
- GB Sub Committees:
  - Marketing and Communications (website and photos, EMSB newsletter)
    - Tasks involved would include, but are not limited to: developing a shot list, photos for the website of our students, blurbs for postings across social media, photos from events, like Halloween party, etc. shared with the teachers who are on the committee
    - Photo archive for the Halloween Party
    - Designate an official photographer for events, as well as, an ipad/camera specific to school activities/events
    - All images, blurbs, etc will be sent to teachers for final review
    - Committee members: Yannick, Jess, Veronica, Arron, Josie, Madame Lusignan
  - Community Engagement Q&A (Petit Parents Cafe)
    - Welcome table at parent/teacher interview to let parents know about the PPC
    - First PPC needs to be scheduled for first week of December
    - Mr. Fernando asked if we could offer something more nutritious than coffee and donuts
    - Committee members: Yannick, Veronica, Esther, Madame Lusignan

## November Reports

- Chairperson Report (5 minutes)
  - Nov. 1 EMSB Meet and Greet. Led by EMSB Chairman Joe Ortona and Director General Nick Katalifos. Focused on Bills 40, 21 and 96
  - **Bill 40:** Amends the Education Act to abolish school boards, turn them into service centers that are managed more like the GB with parent and community volunteers rather than EMSB staff.
    - **Bill 40 Explained:**  
<https://epcaquebec.org/for-parents/bill-40-explained/>
    - An injunction blocked implementation in EMSB in Feb 2020. A decision is pending but it has now been 1.5 years of waiting. Judgment could be any day.
  - **Bill 21:** Bans teachers, lawyers, police officers and others from wearing religious symbols (crosses, hijabs, turbans).
    - EMSB won in the Superior Courts of Quebec but the government appealed and it is now with the Court of Appeals.
    - EMSB is challenging the Bill on two points - Section 23 that reserves the right for the EMSB to manage and control its own board, including the selection of teachers to work in schools - and Section 28 on the basis of gender equality acknowledging the law targets primarily Muslim women - we did not win here. A decision is expected by April.
    - The hearings begin today and will extend for the next two weeks
  - **Bill 96:** Requires our meetings and materials to be conducted or created in French. Many are fighting against it. It has not yet been heard.
  - Bill 21 and 96 are expected to go to the Supreme Court with decisions in 2024 and beyond
  - **Action items:** Reach out to elected officials and commissioners, GBs can collectively come together to adopt resolution to state we do not agree with the legislation, that it conflicts with our morals and it's discriminatory
- Principal's Report (8 minutes)
  - no news from Ministry of Education and/or Public Health
  - Chimney fixed and boilers changed, but no news on roofing
  - 4 benches have been received
  - Report cards will be distributed next week via Mosaik
  - Tables will be set up at parent/teacher to help anyone having difficulty signing into Mosaik
  - parent/teacher interviews will be in person but booked online starting Wednesday
  - IEP revision meetings were held, parents will be able to sign final copies at interviews. In Spring, IEPs will be reviewed again.

- Buses: accommodation requests have been granted, when buses are late parents receive email and voicemail notifications
  - School activities: grade 6 leadership (helping to sell sorbet and pizza)
  - In October, Spiritual animator held workshops for K-3 focused on kindness, Grade 5-6 was on Truth and Reconciliation; coming up, Remembrance Day
  - Thank you PPO for the Halloween party!
  - Lunch club activities
  - November 11 PED will be for professional learning - discuss how students are doing on ministry exams in detail
  - Update on school yard (re)organization - conversations with students
  - Open house coming up
- Teachers Report (5 minutes) -
  - Lunch Clubs:
    - Ms. Catherine - meditation/mindfulness/yoga/breathing exercises. Held daily
    - Ms Christine, Ms Shanna and Ms. Isabel - art club
    - Senior teachers have board game
    - Mr Hamid Soccer club (Tues/Thurs)
    - Mr. Francois - rainbow and choir club
    - Green club is working on getting bike racks for the school
    - Mr. Rubens and Ms Carla - Various sports for grades 5 and 6 on Wednesday
    - Mr. Charles - Robotics - grade 5 and 6. Mon, Tue. Wed at lunch.
    - Small science fair - kids volunteer to present something in front of peers and parents, (20 groups so far)not evaluated but will be judged by teachers and awards will be given out on Nov 22. Students will present during parent/teacher interviews from 4-7
    - Book fair at the same time as science fair
- Daycare Report (5 minutes) - approval for handbook update (new emergency site Eglise Santa Cruz) will be done in New Business. Fees have changed.
- GB Treasury (5 minutes) - nothing to report
- EMSB Parents Committee (5 minutes) - 2 meetings. First meeting was about voting in new members. Second meeting was a presentation on the Commitment to Success Plan which is being revised this year. Parents were the last group being consulted for additions/thoughts on the plan. Plan can be viewed on EMSB website. Consultation polled all parties (teacher, parents, students etc). Some of the issue: recruitment and retention, well-being of all stakeholders, academic and social learning gaps, communication and tasking, upgrading building and technology. Discussion on parent conference improvements. Many sub-committees haven't met yet. Pilot project for school bus tracking.

- Motion to extend meeting
  - Motioned: Arron
  - Seconded: Veronica
  - Unanimously resolved
- PPO Update – (5 minutes)
  - Walkathon - collected over \$7k
  - Halloween - \$2100
  - Bake sale - \$800
  - Grade 6 sorbet to date: \$1100
  - Pizza - over \$5k for this session

**New Business**

- Bancroft Provisional Budget - For Approval
  - Motioned: Arron
  - Seconded: Monique
  - Unanimously resolved
- PPO Items For Approval - Pre-approval for max \$1000 to be kept for small expenditures PPO might have
  - Motioned: Veronica
  - Seconded: Arron
  - Unanimously resolved
- Daycare Handbook 2022-2023
  - Motioned: Arron
  - Seconded: Josie
  - Unanimously resolved
- School Field Trips For Approval - no new requests
- Sun Youth Intro - Guinness Rider, Director, Athletic and Community Services -

**Public Question Period**

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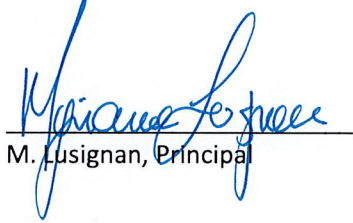
**Recap Action Items and Next Meeting Date/Time (virtual)**

**Meeting Adjourned**

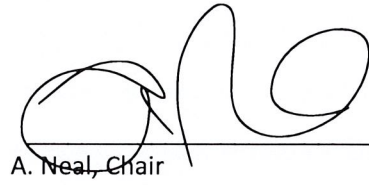
- Motioned: Arron
- Seconded: Yannick
- Unanimously resolved

\*\*\*Governing Board minutes can be made available in French by request\*\*\*

Signatures:



M. Lusignan, Principal



A. Neal, Chair