

Ecole Bancroft School

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2023-2024 General Assembly - MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:00p.m.

1- Welcome

Principal welcomed parents and chaired the meeting.

2- Role Governing board

Governing Boards are comprised of parent representatives, teachers, support staff, parents and member of the community. In order to serve on the Governing Board, parents may not be employed by the EMSB in the school where they are running. The terms are of a 2-year duration with half of the positions coming up for election each year. The Governing Board normally meets each month, the day of the week and time being determined by the members once the board is formed.

On the Governing Board agenda are topics and issues related to the educational project of the school and to the well-being of all its students. Members are expected to take an active part in the meetings and to respect the responsibility of ensuring that every decision is made in the best interest of all the students. Of the elected Governing Board parent members, one parent will also be the representative to the EMSBI Parent's Committee at the School Board.

3- Annual Report Presentation 2022-2023 as approved during last GB meeting June 2023

Yannick Riopel, vice-chair during the 2022-2023 school year read from the 22-23 annual report that was approved at the June GB meeting (see attached)

4- Election of Governing Board Members 2022-2023

For the 23-24 school year there are 3 GB positions opened positions for a 2-year mandate. And 1 position opened for a 1-year mandate. Interested candidates were asked to briefly introduce themselves, indicating their involvement in school activities and their reasons for wishing to be a member of the Governing Board.

Nominations

Presentation of candidates

Candidacy were received through online link and also onsite the night of the general assembly. Each candidate had a chance to express their interest and how they would contribute to GB. One candidate was absent (Olivia Lecoufle) her intent was presented by the principal Candidates (see attached voting ballot)

o Vote

All four candidates were voted by acclamation into Bancroft's Governing Board since there was 4 candidates for 4 opened positions.

5- Election of Central Parents Committee Delegate & Alternate 2023-2024

Yannick Riopel, proposed his candidacy as Delegate Acclaimed

Tenisha Irvin proposed her candidacy for alternate Acclaimed

6- Establish the Bancroft Parent Participation Organization (PPO) 2023-2024

Veronica Reis proposed to the assembly the renewal of the Parent Participation Organization for the 2023-2024 school year. Seconded by Yannick Riopel

Vote: Unanimus

7- Governing Board Meeting Dates and Means of Communication with school community

Dates of the first Governing Board meeting will be communicated to members once the school council as established their meeting dates to allow for a timely flow between meeting to facilitate organization and submission of projects and discussion items.

The GB meeting dates will be communicated at large to Bancroft's community through the Monthly Newsletter. Everyone was reminded that parents are always invited to attend GB meetings as member of public.





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GOVERNING BOARD- 1stMEETING Monday, October 23, 2023

Members in attendance:

Yannick Riopel - Olivia Lecoufle - Evita Ntinopoulu - Melissa Le Doussal - Veronica Reis - Josie Sabelli - Charles Martin - Luc Loiselle - Vanessa Giancioppi - Ian Mackenzie Sending regrets:

Fernando Kucher - Tenisha Irvin

1. Adoption of Agenda

It was suggested to add as item #5 - VARIA
2 items were proposed under varia:
Future Communication of GB meeting dates to parent at large
BASE Daycare Ped day organisation & fees

2. Election of Governing Board Executive

• Chairperson

Josie nominated Yannick Riopel . Yannick Accepted . No other nominations were brought forward .

M. Yannick Riopel acclaimed

• Vice-Chairperson

Veronica Ries proposed her name. No other nominations were brought forward .

Ms Veronica Reis acclaimed

Secretary

On rotation basis

Treasurer

Olivia Lecoufle proposed her name. No other nominations were brought forward.

Ms Olivia Lecoufle acclaimed

3. Reports

Principals report

According to the Friday, September, 29, 2023 registration, we have at this date 321 students at Bancroft.

A new class of Kindergarten should open to split Miss Ria's class into 2 classes of K4 & K5

The recruitment is in progress.

Mrs. Lusignan thanked PPO for its actions and involvement.

Teachers' report

Mrs Josie said that the Apple picking was a "Juicy" success and also thanked PPO for the Halloween decorations.

• PPO's report

The Sorbet fundraiser for Grade 6 is going well.

The last sorbets will be sold during the Halloween Party.

We don't have as many pizzas ordered as usual but it is normal for the first period of the year. It is about 40 pizzas / week (4 to 5 less than usual). There is still the opportunity to order for parents who missed the communication. A reminder can be made in the November's Newsletter.

Watermelon Day and Corn Day were a success. The children really enjoyed it

4. New Business:

4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly

Yannick Riopel presents a correction to the wording item 3 * Should read: "read from the annual report 22-23"

Motion to approve with correction, by Veronica

Seconded by Yannick

Vote: Unanimous

4.2 Field Trip approval Approval

Mrs. Lusignan proposed a "Blanket motion" to facilitate the process. For example, if the field trip is on the Island of Montreal and cost less than 25\$ and the School council approved, it can be approved automatically

The following field trips were approved unanimously:

Nov 6th -25\$ Reptile theme. Reptizoo will be coming to the school for 3 hrs (1 hr per group) and the children will do other reptile themed activities throughout the day

Nov 23rd – 25\$ Movies. The children will be using an STM shuttle to go to the movie theater (Mega-plex Spheretech 14) to watch the movie Wish. They will also receive a bagel in the morning and popcorn in the afternoon Nov 24th – 15\$ Music and Instruments – Using recyclable material the children will create their own instruments and activities throughout the day will be music themed

Dec 8th – 15\$ Holiday Pyjama day – the children will come to school dressed in their favorite pyjamas. They will be served a waffle breakfast and then they will make ornaments to bring home as well as to decorate the daycare tree

4.3 PPO Projects for October/November Approval

4.4 PPO fundraisers 23-24 *Update*

A Craft Fair will be organized during the Holiday Concert with homemade things.

We were discussing the "Business Model" which would be the best. The last time PPO organized this event in 2019, people were paying 40\$ to rent a table. We should do differently this year to encourage people to come and sell their creations. We were talking about a % for example 20% of their sales (or profit?) with a max of 40\$ (or without max?). It was decided it would be 20% of sales.

The profits will be used for School activities. - Motion approved

4.5 Rules of Internal Management 2023-2024 Approval

Members were given last years' GB Rules of Internal management and will have until next meeting to make proposal of additions, amendments and removals. A Shared Document will be created for everyone to contribute their suggestions before teh next meeting.

4.6 Educational Project Renewal – Consultation Timeline Approval

A survey will be sent to all parents as consultation later in November. It will be discussed at our next GB meeting

3.6 Dates of Governing Board Meetings Approval

A doodle poll will be sent for ideal time to meet during the week of November 13

3.7 Bancroft GB Community Representative Discussion

Members were explained the role of a GB community Representative and how they can submit candidacy

5. Next Meeting: TBD

A doodle poll will be sent for ideal time to meet during the week of November 13

6. Varia

For our next meeting, we need to add to the Agenda a discussion about different aspects of Bancroft's Social Media.

7. Adjournment

Bancroft Governing Board Meeting Agenda November 14 2023; 6:30 PM ET

Meeting Details

Format + Location: In Person at Bancroft school

Members of the parent community that wish to attend must RSVP at least 24 hours in advance by contacting the school secretary.

Invited Participants:

Governing Board Parents: Yannick Riopel (Chair, EMSB Parent Committee Delegate), Veronica Reis (Vice Chair), Melissa Le Doussal (Secretary), Olivia Lecoufle (Treasurer, Secretary), Tenisha Irvin (EMSB Parent Committee Alternate), Evita Macmillan (Secretary)

Governing Board Alternate: N/A
Community Representative: TBD

Bancroft Staff: Myrianne Lusignan (Principal), Josie Sabelli (Teacher), Luc Loiselle (Teacher),

Charles Martin (Teacher), Fernando Kucher (Teacher), Ian Mackenzie (Support Staff), Vanessa Krystal Giancioppi

(Daycare)

Regrets: Charles Martin, Ian Mackenzie, Vanessa Krystal Giancioppi

Meeting notes

1. Welcome

Members of the GB were welcomed by the chair

2. Adoption of Today's Agenda

Mme Lusignan added the item: School calendar updates under New Business Agenda adopted. Motion by Josie, seconded by Fernando, all in favor

3. Adoption of October Meeting Minutes

Change in minutes to clarify point 4.4: "20% of all sales will be given to the school fundraiser" Minutes adopted. Motion by Josie, seconded by Luc, all in favor

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

<u>4.1 Updated Rules of Internal Management – For Discussion/Adoption</u>

GB members read the draft and highlighted the changes proposed. Additional points were discussed and will need to be included in the Rules. The adoption was tabled for the next meeting.

4.2 Governing Board 2023-2024 meeting dates - For Discussion/Approval

Tuesday Dec 12th 2023

Tuesday Jan 30th 2024

Tuesday Feb 20th 2024

Tuesday March 26th 2024

Tuesday April 23rd 2024

Tuesday May 21st 2024

Tuesday June 4th 2024

Dates approved. Motion by Fernando, seconded by Luc, all approved.

4.3 Social Media policies – For Discussion

GB members discussed concerns around social media safety for children as well as opportunities social media provide to engage the school community and promote the school. They agreed that further analysis and discussion would be beneficial.

4.4 School and Daycare/Ped Day Activities Fees – For Discussion

GB members raised the question whether the fees associated with daycare and school activities could be a barrier for some children to participate. School staff provided insights on existing processes and budget lines available to provide financial support to families as needed. Suggestion to do a pulse check in the community and to propose language to advertise those processes in a sensitive manner. Will be covered in part through the educational project review process.

5 November Reports

5.1 Chairperson Report

Nothing to report.

5.2 Principal's Report

Report cards: completion underway

Parent Teacher Interviews – will take place in person and Individualized Educational Plan will be shared at that time for signature

School bus strike – ongoing, no more daily follow up with families

Halloween party – congrats to all the volunteers! PPO and the team, the families who came, the decoration were outstanding, and also taken down so efficiently!

5.3 Teachers Report

Finalizing report cards and getting ready for the parents teachers interview

5.4 GB Treasury

Fees for child care support in order to allow a GB member to attend the meeting – amount will be confirmed at the next meeting.

5.5 Commissioner Reports N/A

No commissioner present at the meeting

5.6 EMSB Parents Committee Reports

Meeting on the 19th. Vacant positions were filled.

Parents brought questions about the email sent about the Israel/Palestine conflict, and expressing disagreement of the EMSB .

Nov 2nd – adopted bylaw 13th which was a reform of complaint procedure. Refer to the EMSB website to see the new procedure. The sources of complaints are now more inclusive.

Conversation about Bill 96 – it is into law but not very clear to what stage. Many families cannot get their certificate and a lot of concerns about the possibility to lose your eligibility or not get it based on many reasons, such as going to French school for a year.

Marketing for school was brought up, guide for principles. We can bring Mike Cohen to talk about it in our meeting. English schools feel at threat and marketing might be essential.

5.7 PPO Update

Halloween fundraise: 2900\$ raised for school activities

Walkathon: 7500\$, after expenses 7300\$, half for school and half for donation between Terry Fox and Sun Youth.

Pizza fundraiser: about 5000\$ Grade 6th: almost 2990\$

6. New Business

6.1 2023-2024 Provisional Budget - For Approval

Tabled to the next meeting – we are waiting for two grants from the Ministries

6.2 PPO Items - For Approval

Nothing to approve

6.3 Daycare/PED Day Activities - For Approval

Nothing to approve

6.4 School Field Trips - For Approval

Nothing to approve

6.5 Vice Chair position rescind and election

Veronica rescinds the vice chair position and proposed Tenisha.

Veronica motioned, Evita seconded, all in favor

Congratulations Tenisha and thank you Veronica for holding the position until now!

<u>6.6 School calendar updates – Mme Lusignan – For Approval</u>

A strike that will affect the school has been approved for November 21st, 22nd, 23rd. A Ped Day was scheduled for the 22nd to allow the Parent Teachers Interviews (PTI) to take place. Prioritizing children's needs, particularly as it relates to the approval of their Individualized Educational Plans, the Teacher council has proposed to move the Ped Day to November 20th and hold the PTI on that day.

Change approved. Motion by Olivia, seconded by Veronica, all in favor

A motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes was suggested by Yannick, seconded by Veronica, all in favor.

6.6 Educational Project Consultation Process – For Discussion

Mme Lusignan presented on the upcoming Educational Project Consultation Process. This is an exciting moment to review children's performance and feedback and plan responsive education and school life strategies. As part of the consultation process, the GB will be reviewing the plan and strategies and the whole school community will be engaged through a survey in December followed by a round table in January.

7. Public Question Period

No question

8. Varia No varia

9. Recap Action Items and Next Meeting Date/Time

The following actions have been agreed:

- Internal rules: additions discussed in the meeting to be added through an asynchronous process Yannick will share the link. If the link doesn't work, GB members can send their input by email
- Ped day inclusivity: survey question on affordability to be added to educational project survey and GB members can suggest language to Mme Lusignan to advertise the financial support process
- Social media analysis: creation of a special committee Tenisha, Evita, Olivia, Fernando, Veronica that will report progress at the next meeting

Next meeting will be on December 12th.

10. Meeting Adjourned

Motion by Fernando, seconded by Evita, all in favor

Bancroft Governing Board Meeting Agenda Minutes January 16, 2024, 6:30 PM EST

Meeting Details

Format + Location:

Online.

Members in attendance:

Myrianne Lusignan (Principal), Luc Loiselle (Teacher), Fernando Kucher (Teacher), Yannick Riopel (Chair, EMSB Parent Committee Delegate), Veronica Reis (Vice Chair), Melissa Le Doussal (Secretary), Olivia Lecoufle (Treasurer, Secretary), Tenisha Irvin (EMSB Parent Committee Alternate), Evita Macmillan (Secretary), Rubens Ernest

Sending their regrets:

Josie Sabelli (Teacher), Charles Martin (Teacher), Vanessa Krystal Giancioppi (Daycare), Ian Mackenzie (Support Staff)

Governing Board Alternate: N/A **Community Representative:** TBD

Meeting notes

1. Welcome

Members of the GB were welcomed by the chair.

2. Adoption of Today's Agenda

Agenda adopted. Motioned by Veronica, seconded by Olivia, all in favor.

3. Adoption of November Meeting Minutes

Minutes adopted. Motioned by Evita, seconded by Olivia, all in favor.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Updated Rules of Internal Management

Olivia added points that were discussed and agreed upon, during previous meeting:

1g. "For such topics, the board can decide to create an ad-hoc group that will facilitate reflection and discussion in between board meetings. This adhoc group will have to report back to the board the outcomes of its discussions.

1h. "Asynchronous processes (such as editing an online shared document) can be set up to further collaboration and discussion in between meetings.

Regarding the agenda, added "pre-read material can be shared in advance."

Rules of Internal management adopted. Motioned by Tenisha, seconded by Evita, all in favor.

4.2 Update on field trips and activities approved by email

Field trips that were approved with an online vote in December.

January 12, Grade 5, Fieldtrip to Exporail, at cost of 25\$
January 12, Grade 6, field trip to Universite of Montreal, at cost of 23\$
January 16, field trip to Chateau Ramezay, free

5. November Reports

5.1 Chairperson Report

Nothing to report.

5.2 Principal's Report

Mme Lusignan thanked the parents for their collaboration, patience and support during the strike.

Buses still on strike with the EMSB issuing a message regarding compensation for the parents.

5.3 Teachers Report

Nothing to report.

5.4 GB Treasury

45\$ spent for babysitting services to attend the last GB meeting in person.

5.5 Commissioner Reports

Mr Cannavino was not present at this meeting.

5.6 EMSB Parents Committee Reports

- 1. December 7th there was a presentation on AI
- 2. News on English certification of eligibility
- 3. Parent's conference needing parent volunteers
- 4. Concern on how certain schools poll parents for educational plan
- 5.EPCA to help parents on different topics
- 6. EPCA to poll the parent community on the effects of the pandemic and strike on students.
- 7. Presentation from Mike Cohen on how to market our schools on social media

5.7 PPO Update

Bookfair fundraiser: 6600\$

Veronica mentions that breakfast in December was a success. Thanks given to volunteers.

Second semester after school activities started.

5.8 Social media committee report

Nothing to report.

6. New Business

6.1 2023-2024 Provisional Budget

Provisional budget was presented by Mme Lusignan and signed by Mr. Riopel.

6.2 PPO Items - For Approval

PPO requested 2500 for Carnival week.

Motioned by Olivia, seconded by Tenisha, all approved.

6.3 Daycare/PED Day Activities

January 29th- Reptizoo – at cost of 25\$ (activity had already been approved in November)

6.4 School Field Trips

Fieldtrips were presented.

Date:	Grade	Trip or school activity	Trip: destination	Entrance Fee /student	Bus Services Total	Grant Used to sponsor entrance or bus	Budget Used to sponsor part of cost	Paid by school via grant	Trip Cost charged to students: Bus Cost:	Council Approved	GB Approved	Date of permission going home:	Deadline to return
Feb. 16	lunch basket team	trip	Basketball Tournament						na	January 16	January 16		
Feb. 13	4	activity	Archeophone	at school		grant		yes	na	January 16	January 16		
Feb 29	4	trip	biodome & planetarium			grant			\$25.00	January 16	January 16		
Feb 26-29	Schoolwide	activity	Winter Camival			PPO activities & food treats			na	January 16	January 16		
March 15	Schoolwide	trip	Cabane a Sucre	17.00\$	10.00\$	PPO - bus			17.00\$	January 16	January 16		
March week 28	Schoolwide	Activity	Reading week						na	January 16	January 16		
March	Grade 6	Activity	self defense			grant			na	January 16	January 16		

Motioned by Mr. Fernando, seconded by Veronica, all in favor.

PPO offers to pay transportation 10\$/ student for the Cabane a sucre field trip.

Motioned by Luc, seconded by Evita, all in favor.

6.5 Educational project Consultation Process

Parents will be sent a poll last week of January.

Invitation to "roundtable" On February 8th to discuss.

<u>6.6 Selection criteria for the appointment of a principal – For adoption</u> Mme Lusignan leaves the room.

Selection criteria for the appointment of a principal approved.

Motioned by Tenisha, seconded by Melissa, all in agreement.

7. Public Question Period

Tenisha asked what is planned for Black History Month. The spiritual animator will be organizing activities.

8. Varia

No varia

9. Recap Action Items and Next Meeting Date/Time

Next meeting Jan.30, 2024 @ 6.30PM ET

10. Meeting Adjourned

Bancroft Governing Board Meeting Agenda Minutes January 30th 2024; 6:30 PM ET

Meeting Details:

Format + Location : Online

Members in attendance:

<u>Governing Board Parents</u>: Yannick Riopel (Chair, EMSB Parent Committee Delegate), Veronica Reis, Melissa Le Doussal (Secretary), Olivia Lecoufle (Treasurer, Secretary), Tenisha Irvin (Vice-Chair, EMSB Parent Committee Alternate), Evita Macmillan (Secretary)

<u>Bancroft Staff</u>: Myrianne Lusignan (Principal), Josie Sabelli (Teacher), Luc Loiselle (Teacher), Charles Martin (Teacher), Fernando Kucher (Teacher), Ian Mackenzie (Support Staff)

Sending their regrets: Vanessa Krystal Giancioppi (Daycare), Rubens Ernest

<u>Governing Board Alternate</u>: N/A <u>Community Representative</u>: TBD

Agenda:

1. Adoption of Today's Agenda

Agenda adopted. Motioned by Fernando, seconded by Luc, all in favor.

Addition: Daycare Handbook 2023-2024 added under Business Arising

2. Adoption of November Meeting Minutes

Minutes adopted. Motioned by Fernando, seconded by Evita, all in favor.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Daycare Handbook 2023-2024 added under Business Arising => motioned by Luc and seconded by Olivia

Survey = more than 40 answers. Mrs Lusignan is satisfied about the participation. The survey was closed at 6:00 pm tonight so the results will be presented at the next GB. They received constructive and positive feedback.

February 08th table ronde (2 hours meeting max) = parents are invited to participate

- Update on field trips and activities approved by e-mail
- Educational Project Consultation Process Presentation
- ❖ Educational Project Round table topics selection For Discussion

4. January Reports

- Chairperson Report (5 minutes) : nothing to report
- Principal's Report (8 minutes)

We received the directives from the ministry (MEES) for the « Plan de rattrapage » = extra tutoring

- EMSB also received budgets to do boardwide initiatives
- Budget every school have been given money for extra tutoring Tutorial before or after school and/or lunchtime
- For now, first step: to know the teachers / staff members available
- Priority Students in need who are not receiving resources services already

June exams for Grade 6 = Ministry exams May-June 2024

- Grade 6: counts 10 % of FINAL SUBJECT MARK (instead of 20 %) ELA Math EMSB standard
 Exams FSL
- Grade 6 FSL : counts 10 % Term 3 subject mark

Calendar will be adapted

- No changes to school calendars.
- Bus Strike nothing new
- 23-24 Budget Building Priorities Consultation
 - o It will be an item on our March agenda. Docs will be forwarded to you beforehand
- School news: Open house January 20 successful: 30 families came
- Registration 2024-2025
 - O Starting this week with Solaf for Kindergarten
 - o Siblings week Jan 29
 - News Feb 5-9
 - O On MOZAIK Parent App
 - NEW as of our return March break ** App Attendance ***
 - Re-registration more than 70 % already registered via Mozaik but some trouble for some parents with Mozaik it was not working
 - o Term 2 report card : February 29th
- Parent teacher interviews Feb 29
 - Online upon teacher request only
 - Teachers coordinated their own booking
- Secretary: Miss Dana is replaced by Jason
- MDT Meetings (Multi-Disciplinary Team Meetings) Starting Week Feb 19: transition to the next grade for the K4-K5-G1 first

- School team of teachers administration resource teachers school's professionals to discuss progress and needs of students.
- How to best support them and if need be create /* revise IEP / resource services
- IEP Meetings with parents/ revision March
 - O Special thank you to PPO for the second session for ASA, Movie Pop Corn
 - New Subcommittee of parents for Grade 6 Fundraiser : Thank you to participating parents
 - O Thank you to our team of teachers for offering on going lunch clubs
 - Thank you daycare team organizing ped day activities
- Situation Ped Day 29 JAN = 8 parents with no room to take the kids try to see what happened = investigation = they received in fact some coupons stuck in the safe = Adjustments procedure
 - Teachers Report (5 minutes)

Mrs Josie - Movie Day = children have a lot of fun

Success for Grade 3 = field trip to Chateau Ramezay

Mr Luc = Cycle 2 and 3 = Organization skills, workshops to work together

- GB Treasury (5 minutes) : nothing to report
- Commissioner Reports (5 minutes) : nothing to report
- ❖ EMSB Parents Committee Reports (5 minutes) : nothing to report
- ❖ PPO Update (5 minutes)

Grade 6 - Movie trio = 840 \$ for their fundraiser

Yearbook for Grade 6 - taking pictures and sending to the teachers

❖ Social media committee report (5 minutes) : nothing to report

5. New Business

- PPO Items For Approval : nothing to approve
- ❖ Daycare/PED Day Activities For Approval : : nothing to approve
- School Field Trips For Approval

Grade 6 - Field trip Le petit Bonheur - à valider

Motioned by Olivia - seconded by Evita

Goal - to charge at low as possible

- Educational Project School Objectives For Discussion
- What is the school's greatest success? Please explain.
- Looking at the last Annual Reports and the last Educational Project, what challenges and or issues remain to be addressed?

(Maths, English, French)

 What new programs, activities, facilities, projects, courses etc., would you like to see introduced at the school?

- = Shared document
- 1. Parent engagement in the school
- 2. What are topics that they feel is missing (enjeux peace, climate, etc)
- 3. Safe school

What do they like or not like about the way their child's teacher is communicating with them? Importance of teaching internet safety (healthy, safe internet habits, how to manage personal information etc)

How do they feel about their kids learning French?

- School Yard renovation / Roof For Discussion/Update
- ❖ Mind artwork school façade For Discussion/Update

Project with an artist, they were supposed to be removed by rain/elements Washing of the front + facade will be done in the spring

6. Public Question Period

Guidelines = priorities

- **7.** Varia = nothing
- 8. Recap Action Items and Next Meeting Date/Time
 - ❖ Proposed date and time for the next meeting: Feb. 20, 2024 @ 6:30 PM ET

Vote for the next meeting : online

9. Meeting Adjourned at 08:36 pm