

Governing Board Minutes
Mountainview Elementary School
Virtual Meeting

January 21st, 2021

Present: Irene Agosto (Principal) Sharon McCulloch (daycare tech)
Carine Bergeron (teacher) Amanda Collins (support staff)
Peggy O'Neill (teacher) Kim Clarke (secretary/support staff)
Lannie Richard (parent) Lisa Rankin (teacher)
Sophie Lanthier (teacher; Treasurer) Cynthia Ronci (parent)
Kyle Snell (parent; Chairperson) Mark Richer (parent)
Andrea Larivière (parent, H&S Chairperson)
Patricia Joannis (parent)
Kim Allen (public/visitor)

Absent: Nicola Delnero (parent)

1.0 Call to order

- The meeting began at 7:08 pm.

2.0 Additions to the agenda

- 8.1 Agape
- 8.2 Carnival
- 8.3 A.B.A.V.
- 8.4 Kiss & Drop
- 8.5 Masks

3.0 Approval of the agenda

- Moved by Ms. Joannis and seconded Ms. Ronci to adopt the agenda with additions; carried (unanimous)

4.0 Approval of minutes from the December 17th, 2020 meeting

- Moved to approve minutes of December 17th 2020 as presented by Ms. Joannis, seconded by Ms. Richards; carried (unanimous)

5.0 Recognition of Visitors/Question period

No questions

6.0 Reports

6.1 Principal

Report was sent out by email.

Re-registration will take place on Mosaic starting January 25th 2021. New registrations will also start on same date. Due to covid the school cannot have an open house but Ms. Larivière very kindly prepared a video presenting our school to new families.

The renovations have been reorganized and whole first floor will be done this summer and the second floor will be updated in the summer of 2022. The annexe will have two more bathrooms added so that each kinderland classroom will have its own. The first floor classrooms will be completely renovated. Ms. Ronci asked if they are still planning on replacing all the windows. Ms. Agosto says this is still up in the air we will have to wait and see she is also unsure of whether or not the upstairs lockers will be done.

Ms. Lanthier wanted to know if the electrical outlets will be fixed as they have extension cords running in classroom and this is not safe. Ms. Agosto stated that she has called the electrician but they will need to break the walls but that they will be looking at this when they are adding circuits.

The report cards were pushed to February 5th 2021.

Mindfulness will be starting on February 1st 2021 for grades 3-6. For the younger students Pre-K through grade 2 there will be Kind Kids.

Ms. Ronci questioned having guests in the school. As per Ms. Agosto special guests are allowed. They must wear masks and stay 6 feet away from students like the teachers.

Ms. Joannis wanted to know if there were any numbers for the book fair yet. Ms. Agosto will get them and report back to us.

6.2 Parent Delegate

Nothing to report.

6.3 Daycare

Nothing to report.

6.4 Home & School

Nothing to report.

6.5 Treasurer's report

The secretary has been paid for 3 meetings, balance is \$425.00

7.0 New Business

7.1 Subject Time Allocation

A copy of the time allocation by subject was emailed to all.

Ms. Agosto shared the plan on screen.

Ms. Agosto mentioned that nothing has changed. The last change removed 30 minutes from science as well as 30 minutes from social studies to give an extra hour to math.

Ms. Joanisse asked if anything good has come from the extra math. As per Ms. Agosto as well as Ms. O'Neill it is too early to tell. Due to covid closing schools last year and the Minister cancelling exams there really is no way to evaluate whether the changes have proven successful. Next year after a full year of school as well as Ministry evaluations we should see how much difference the changes have made. As per Ms. O'Neill grade 5 has so much to cover that it is beneficial to have the extra time and not have to cram it in.

RESOLUTION #10 2020-2021

Motion to approve Time Allocation plan 2021-2022 by Mr. Richer, seconded by Ms. McCulloch, passed unanimous.

7.2 Budget Consultation

Having had time to review the documents, we filled in the budget consultation survey together.

7.3 Enrollment Criteria Consultation

Documents were reviewed and there were no questions.

8.0 Varia

8.1 Collections Agape

Each year the kindergarten students do something for the 100 days of school, such as bringing in donations of can goods etc. Since this will not be possible with covid the teachers would like to get donations for Agape. Ms. O'Neill mentioned that accepting these donations electronically would be easier. After discussions, Ms. Larivière suggested that the Home & School could handle the e-transfers from the families that wish to participate.

RESOLUTION #11 2020-2021

Motion to approve Kindergarten 100 days of school requesting donations to Agape by Ms. Joanisse, seconded by Ms. Richards passed unanimous.

8.2 Carnival

Ms. Rankin advised that the teachers would like to have the winter carnival again. The activities would take place within the class bubbles. There would be special days such as crazy hair etc.

Ms. Ronci wanted to know if all grades would be involved. Ms. Rankin answered that these activities would be scheduled for the whole school.

8.3 A.B.A.V

At our meeting in December there were questions on the A.B.A.V template being used by Mountainview's A.B.A.V committee and to what extent could it be adjusted. Ms. Agosto has confirmed that the A.B.A.V template should be used as presented and that all schools, not already using it, will be moved to this template.

8.4 Kiss & Drop

Ms. Ronci mentioned that although we are doing a great job, the snow and ice now presents new dangers. She is wondering if we could block off the parking lot so that nobody can drive through during our drop off period. Ms. Richards asked for input from those who are doing it in the morning. Ms. Clarke mentioned that it is true that with the snow and ice we have had it is more dangerous. The parents are walking the children through the parking lot and with the stop and go of cars and cars backing out of spots it can be problematic. She mentioned however that she is unsure of the logistics of being able to close the parking lot as there are teachers that arrive during the drive through time and they need to park. Ms. Bergeron made a point that it is only a ten minute period. Ms. Agosto stated that she would like to take it to the teachers for their input. Ms. Richards asked why we could not make a governing board decision on this. Ms. Agosto suggested that she would like to look at the situation and out of respect she would like to bring it to the teacher's council. To be discussed further next month.

8.5 Masks

Ms. Ronci asked for confirmation that the students in grade 5&6 must wear masks in class and that all students from 1-6 must wear masks in public areas of the school. She said that there are still students forgetting. Ms. Agosto agreed it does happen but it is not the same children repeatedly and we just need to keep reminding them. Ms. Bergeron mentioned that the 5 & 6 groups are amazing! They are champions and the only time the teachers may have to furnish is when they get dirty. Ms. O'Neill mentioned that her grade ones have the masks on a rope so that they can pull up and down, less loss and not as dirty. Ms. Ronci also mentioned that there are still teachers forgetting masks and/or goggles. Ms. Agosto will keep reminding.

9.0 Question Period

No questions.

10.0 Date of next meeting

Next meeting February 18th, 2021.

11.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

