

**Riverview Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting #3
Tuesday November 17, 2020**

MINUTES

Attendance

Ariana Winn (Parent and Chair)
Linda Dalterio (Parent and Parent Committee Representative)
Sara Levis (Parent and Parent Committee Alternate Representative)
Tracey Brenie (Parent)
Dimitri Panayotidis (Teacher - substitute)
Michelle Steiner (Teacher)
Megan Ladd (Teacher)
Melissa Ann Bourcier (Daycare)
Simone Viger (Community Representative)
Lucia Coretti (Principal)
Julius Archer (Parent)
Helene Biniaris (Teacher)
Sterling Downey (Community Representative)
Lori Morrison (Commissioner)

Public

Katlyn Hurley (Parent substitute)
Rasha Moustapha (Secretary and Parent substitute)
Jillian Marion (Parent substitute)
May Ibrahim (Secretary and Parent substitute)

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Ariana Winn (Chair)

1. Welcome
 - a. Chair: Welcome Commissioner Lori Morrison
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve the agenda: Linda Dalterio
 - b. 2nd: Megan Ladd
 - c. Motion carried
3. Approval of the minutes of the October 20th, 2020 GB meeting
 - a. Tabled to next meeting
4. Business Arising

- a. Draft of internal rules being drafted. First meeting held on October 26th.
To be presented at next GB meeting in December

5. Public Question Period:

- a. Chair received a question from a member of the public via email on the topic of ventilators and air filters:
 - i. *Following the recent announcement by the LBPSB on the topic of ventilation and air filters in schools, will Riverview be receiving an upgrade? If so, when will they be received?*
 - ii. Response: Due to the major renovations that the school underwent recently, Riverview has a brand new fresh air system; all ducts have been cleaned; all new filters; air is regularly circulated throughout the day. The air intake system is good for 5 years, at which point the filters will need to be changed. Windows need to be open, but this will be managed as best as possible by the teachers once the temperatures drop.
- b. Chair received a question from a member of the public via email on the topic of school fees:
 - i. *What are the fees paid by other schools in the province?*
 - ii. Response: Fees are dependent on the school programs and curriculum; We are conscious that we live in a community that might be more disenfranchised than other areas. We cannot compare ourselves to all other schools across the province, but we can compare ourselves to other English schools in the LBPSB. All fees are approved and are for consumables, (such as printing). There is a maximum that can be charged to the families, and it is based on a formula provided by the ministry of education.
 - iii. All questions from this parent relating to school fees should be directed to the secretary general directly going forward.
- c. Question raised by member of the public (GB parent substitute) during the meeting in relation to policy on masks for parents:

- i. *What is the policy for wearing masks for parents at drop-off/pick-up?*
- ii. Response: there is no policy because they are outside. The school has strongly advised parents to wear masks but the school cannot enforce it, but parents should be respecting the 2M distancing. Ms. Coretti will send out another memo strongly encouraging the wearing of masks at pick-up/drop-off and reminding them to maintain social distancing (2m).

6. Reports:

- a. Principal Coretti
 - i. Regional Ped days: teachers have to be prepared for possible shutdown and online learning.
 - ii. Report on file
- b. Teacher
 - i. Report on file
- c. Support Staff
 - i. N/A
- d. Daycare
 - i. N/A
- e. Community Learning Center (CLC)
 - i. Outdoor gardening activity went well (during promotional video)
 - ii. Lunch time activities starting next week until the holidays, they vary by homeroom.
- f. Parent Participation Organization (PPO)
 - i. Report on new fundraising initiatives on file
- g. Grad (PPO Sub-Committee)
 - i. Principal: Grad Committee has just 2 parents so far. Two emails sent out for parents to join/participate.
 - ii. Idea for holiday baskets to raffle off: holiday cheer basket/ holiday treats basket / holiday spa basket. GB approval needed for this fundraising. Items will be kept at school and then quarantine then

as needed. Some students can be asked to help put the basket together, plus raffle tickets can be purchased online. Raffle will be done a few days before the holiday break.

iii. All money raised from December pizza night will go to the grads.

h. Commissioner

i. The board purchased 420 ventilators to distribute to 17 schools. Verdun elementary is the only school in this ward which will receive one.

ii. School elections back on: December 20 – everyone should vote for Council Chairperson.

i. Board Sector Parents' Committee (PC).

i. First official meeting for PC on Nov.5th – 100 people in attendance; 40/47 schools were represented (average is usually 20 or 30 schools).

ii. Report on file

iii. Environment Awareness Survey – tabled to next meeting in December.

j. Board Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC)

i. Workshops open for parents are not always communicated to the principals, this can be communicated to parents in the weekly newsletter.

k. Community Representative

i. Lori Morrison is donating 75% of her salary to her schools as an emergency fund accessible to the principals.

ii. May have contacts in the apparel industry for grad sweatshirts.

l. Governing Board Chair:

i. Report on file

7. New Business:

a. Daycare:

i. will be closed on Dec.4th PED day; staff need to be recertified in first aid.

- ii. Registration for Ped days: deadlines are now strict; no late-registrations possible, as ped-days have to be planned with class-bubbles which complicates the task.
- iii. If the daycare ends up with low registration for a ped-day (less than 10), it may have to close. This has not yet happened, yet it could.
- iv. Staff may be deployed to another location in the event of a ped-day with low registration.

b. Approval of New PED DAYS:

- a. 3 new ped-days to be added to calendar: 2 board-wide (Jan 25, Feb 8), 1 local.
- b. Local ped-day proposed: Friday December 11th (pending staff council approval) or Monday December 7 (initially voted on by staff council)
- c. Motion to approve either December 7th or December 11th as a local ped-day – Linda Dalterio
- d. Second: Dimitri Panayotidis
- e. Motion carried

8. Field Trips - N/A

9. Fundraising

- a. Grad committee holiday baskets fundraiser
 - a. Motion to approve baskets fundraiser for Grads – Linda Dalterio
 - b. Second: Julius Archer
 - c. All in favour

10. Varia:

- a. Motion to add Land Acknowledgement to all future GB meetings as follows - Linda Dalterio
 - i. “In order to show our deep respect for the land on which our event takes place today, we would like to acknowledge that Riverview Elementary School is located on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka People. Riverview Elementary School Governing Board honours, recognizes and respects the

Kanien'keha:ka People as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today and recognizes that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. We also acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to informing ourselves about this truth in order to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.”

b. Second - MeganLadd

c. All in favour

11. Next meeting Date:

a. Tuesday, December 15th at 6pm - online, via Zoom

12. Adjournment at 7:31 pm – Ariana Winn