

**Riverview Elementary School
Governing Board Meeting #6
Tuesday February 16, 2021**

Attendance

Ariana Winn (Parent and Chair)
Linda Dalterio (Parent and Parent Committee Representative)
Sara Levis (Parent and Parent Committee Alternate Representative)
Katlyn Hurley (Parent substitute)
Michelle Hermelin (Steiner) (Teacher)
Simone Viger (Community Representative)
Lucia Coretti (Principal)
Helene Biniaris (Teacher)
Darly Polony (Guest Speaker)
Dimitri Panayotidis (Teacher substitute)
Melissa Ann Bourcier (Daycare)

Regrets

Julius Archer (Parent)
Alexandra McDonald (Teacher)
Tracey Brenie (Parent)
Megan Ladd (Teacher)
Sterling Downey (Community Representative)
Lori Morrison (Commissioner)

Public

May Ibrahim (Parent substitute)

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Ariana Winn (Chair)

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement (by Ariana Winn)
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Agenda was slightly modified to accommodate guest speaker today (Darley joined at 6:11pm)
 - b. Motion to modify agenda: Ariana Winn
 - c. Motion to Approve: Helene Biniaris
 - d. Second: Dimitri Panayotidis
 - e. Motion Carried
3. Approval of the minutes of the January 26th, 2020 GB meeting
 - a. Update Debbie Dixon's name to full name: Deborah.
 - b. Motion to approve minutes from January meeting: Michele Steiner

- c. Second: Helene Biniaris
- d. Motion carried

4. Business Arising

a. Internal Rules Update:

- i. Comment from Simone: There are a lot of legal references in the document. Response from Ariana: This is a template that the board has provided, so these references have been taken as they are without modification. Ariana is offering to share the template received from the Board, or have it added as an Appendix to the document.
- ii. Comment regarding Share the Warmth: this organization is no longer active so we are not sure why it is referenced on page 4.
- iii. Request to review the document together as a Board and then finalize it at the next Board meeting. Internal Rules documents are normally adopted in November, but it is the first time Riverview has produced an Internal Rules document.

b. Budget Consultation

- i. This was launched by the School Board in January. Question by Ariana: Are there differences between the document that was submitted last year and what we plan to submit this year? This is the School Board Budget (not the school budget). Do we have any feedback to provide to the SC? Linda: requested to share the document that was submitted to the Board last year so that we can see if any priorities have changed.
- ii. Important item to highlight in this year's response: maintaining the small classroom sizes, which have gone up as a result of the school's drop from a Level 9 to a Level 8 (Ecole Montrealaise socio-economic index).
- iii. Response due March 31, 2021.

5. Special Presentation: Table de Concertation Jeunesse Verdun (TCJV) - Darley Polony

a. Welcome to our special guest, Darley Polony, youth programme coordinator at Dawson Boys and Girls Club.

Darley: TCJV is a huge committee that brings together many organizations, school officials, city and community representatives, to support the mobilization of all resources available to young people. Darley is speaking in relation to the 6-17 age group. After many years, TCJV is updating and changing our action plan, and it is important to have the input of the English Speaking population (as teachers, parents, and engaged leaders).

We have created a resource that speaks to the needs of the children of Verdun, this will be presented in April. How can Riverview help: by letting us know what challenges this age group

are regularly facing. What would you like this organization to know and to bring forward? If you are interested in sharing your feedback or if you have questions, or want to participate in the presentation, Darley will share her email in the meeting chat. If possible to provide questions by mid-March to be addressed at the presentation in April. The actual Plan d'Action is targeted for completion for next fall, so we have a year to gather all the input.

Question from Linda about the Shoveling/Snow Removal programme: Darley's response - this is a partnership with Beurling Academy, this snow removal programme helps 42 houses, and involves 30 youth who are part of the leadership programme at Dawson, to help the community.

Simone: this programme was covered by CTV news, the link on the Beurling/Dawson FB page.

Question from Sara: are there other projects in Verdun similar to this? Darley's response - We rely on suggestions or recommendations, it makes it easier to make a selection when we hear the input from the parents, teachers and leaders in the English speaking community.

Comment by Ariana: The English community is lacking resources – such as tutoring and youth programmes. Encouraging everyone to provide Darley with feedback and suggestions.

Simone: This a call to participate. So whether it is the TCJV or the CDSV, they need to hear from the English community.

Question from Ms. Coretti: are principals from other schools involved? Darley's response: trying to engage some but the administrations are very busy due to the current situation. Ms. Coretti's concern is related to the lack of tutoring, as children have fallen behind because online learning was not mandatory last year, and so many children are still trying to catch-up. If Ms. Coretti is interested in participating, the meeting frequency is one meeting every two months. It is possible to attend just one meeting to voice your concerns, so that they can be documented.

6. Public Question Period

- a. No questions received ahead of time, none from the public in attendance.

7. Reports

a. Principal

- i. Report was shared at 5pm - Ms. Coretti will walk us through the report as most may not have had the chance to review it.
- ii. The weighting of the terms has changed, notification has not yet been sent to the parents, Ms. Coretti will send it out with the next communication. Term 1 is now 35% and Term 2 is 65%.
- iii. Additional funds for tutoring – academic and social-economic support will start soon.
- iv. Winter fun activities the week of Feb 22-26.

- v. “Tell Them From Me Survey” – to capture what children are going through during these times. Will be reported on in the annual report for next year.

b. Teacher

- i. Question by Linda about CAMI- Ms. Coretti’s response: CAMI is a license purchased for Grade 3 – allows students to edit PDF documents. We have 150 licenses. Allows the student to correct their work without changing the response after the teacher has reviewed it.
- ii. Question from Sara re: parent teacher interview in April – are they for everyone? Ms. Coretti confirms that yes they are for everyone.

c. Support Staff

- i. N/A

d. Daycare

- i. N/A

e. Community Learning Center (CLC)

- i. Focus has not changed much – fewer registrations but nothing significant.
- ii. Question from Ariana RE donations – are you getting enough to cover the costs? Response: Donations cover about 2/3 of the costs. They take into account the dynamics of the group. We reach out to other special projects or grants to cover the missing 1/3. Currently there are two animators per group to help with the transitions. Activities are mostly integrated in the daycare lunch program.

f. Parent Participation Organization (PPO)

- i. Report not received.
- ii. Cookie dough tubs starting soon.

g. Grad (PPO Sub-Committee)

- i. Ms. Coretti – We now have two members in the committee, the hoodie order was placed today, TCBY is running well, and two grants were applied for the TCBY and PJ day sale. This should allow us to get an additional \$600 for the grads. A ceremony will be planned for the grads outside at Beurling.

h. Commissioner

- i. Nothing has come up since the last meeting. Summary from last meeting is on the drive.
- ii. Question from Linda about the Blank Canvas – Simone’s response: Frank Caracello (Ms. Michelle works with him) is the art consultant at the board for educational services. He

started a podcast – provides insights from different staff and students at the board. Link is on the school board FB and website.

i. Board Sector Parents' Committee (PC)

- i. Last meeting was very long – the committee has started and all is underway. There was the development of an alert system, which will help trace and keep records of tracing. The Assistant Director General informed us that there were zero cases reported on Feb.11, also we are down to fewer than 30 active cases across our School Board. Board website information will be reviewed to ensure all is updated and easily accessible.
- ii. March break – essential daycare services will be available - so far we don't anticipate that spring break will be postponed as it has been in Ontario.
- iii. Some principals have been reassigned – the school calendar will be revised soon.
- iv. Equity and Inclusivity Task Force – still looking for testimonials to achieve their mandate. Parents are encouraged to tell other parents, to inform them about what is happening in our schools.
- v. During the last meeting - Break up into smaller parent groups - mainly discussing black history month and discrimination in our schools. We need to continue to celebrate ethnicity. It is a touchy subject but people need to educate themselves and have open conversations about these topics.
- vi. Webinar: Tuesday March 9th "Supernormal" – through SNAC. Ms. Coretti will share with the community.

j. Board Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC)

- i. N/A

k. Community Representatives

- i. N/A

l. Governing Board Chair

- i. N/A

8. New Business

a. Service Contracts approvals:

- i. First is for francisation for \$3,000. An educator will start right after March break, and this will be done during class time.
- ii. The second is a \$5000 grant for academic and socio-economic support. Ms. Coretti is requesting a blanket approval as no one has been identified yet.

- ii. Motion to approve: Linda Dalterio
- iii. Second: Katlyn Hurley
- iv. Motion carried

b. Daycare PED Day Registration Forms

- i. Mel: There are only four PED days left until the end of the year. Asking GB approval to send a letter before March break asking for registration for the remaining 4 PED days.

Question from Linda: Will parents be able to still register 5 days in advance? Mel will be able to reach out to the parents who did not register, but this will facilitate the planning to have the request to register sent out earlier.

- ii. Motion to approve: Melissa Ann Bourcier
- iii. Second: Sara
- iv. Motion carried

9. Field trips

- a. N/A

10. Fundraising

- a. N/A

11. Varia

- a. N/A

12. Correspondence

- a. N/A

13. Next meeting date

- a. Tuesday, March 16th at 6:00pm – online, via Zoom

14. Adjournment at 7:38 pm - Ariana Winn