

**Riverview Elementary School  
Governing Board Meeting #7  
Tuesday March 16, 2021**

Attendance

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

Regrets

Alexandra McDonald (Teacher)  
Dimitri Panayotidis

Public

Jillian Marion (Parent substitute)  
Tracey Brenie (Parent Representative - joined late due to a schedule conflict)

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM by Ariana Winn (Chair)

1. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement (by Ariana Winn)
2. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion to Approve: Michelle Steiner
  - b. Second: Julius Archer
  - c. Motion Carried
3. Approval of the minutes of the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 GB meeting
  - a. Item 4b) i) modified to remove incorrect deadline
  - b. Item 4b) ii) updated with correction
  - c. Item 5a) typo corrected
  - d. Motion to approve minutes from February 16th meeting: Linda Dalterio
  - e. Second: Helene Biniaris
  - f. Motion carried

#### 4. Business Arising

##### a. Internal Rules of Management document:

- i. Final version of document presented by Ariana Winn with links embedded as had previously been requested.
- ii. Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Riverview GB Internal Rules of Management: Julius Archer.
- iii. Second: Helene Biniaris

##### b. Budget Consultation

- i. Working draft of Riverview's response to the LBPSB Budget Consultation document presented by Ariana Winn.
- ii. Modifications were recommended and noted to Questions 2 and 3.
- iii. Ariana Winn requested clarification from Lori Morrison with respect to Question 4, to establish whether our answer to this question should be Riverview-specific, or whether it concerns all LBPSB schools in general. Lori Morrison to provide a response in the coming days.
- iv. A final draft of Riverview's response will be sent to all GB members to review ahead of the March 31 deadline for submission.

#### 5. Public Question Period

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

#### 7. Reports

##### a. Principal

- i. Report on file; the following points were highlighted:
  - a. CO2 air levels well below the acceptable limit in the school, which confirms very good air quality.
  - b. No outdoor Grad ceremony, even drive-by will be possible as regulations have tightened with respect to concerns about the highly contagious variants of COVID-19. More to follow as the government announcements come.
  - c. Acceptance and Awareness Week is scheduled for April 26-30, which will include a Pink Shirt day, but will go beyond anti-bullying; and celebrate diversity and inclusion, while raising awareness at the same time.

##### b. Teacher

- i. No report on file.

- ii. Question from Linda Dalterio about : May 31 as a potential teacher strike date, and whether there was any more information that could be shared with GB. Answer from Megan Ladd: teachers are still in negotiation, and while there may end up being a strike, it is not the result that is hoped for. A strike would be a last-resort move, and it would be in favour of education. Linda followed up her question with a comment that as PC rep, the feedback from parents is that they stand with the teachers on this issue.

c. Support Staff

- i. N/A

d. Daycare

- i. Report on file.
- ii. Question from Julius Archer about: recent confusion re: Ped-day dates. Melissa Bourcier responded with clarification that April 2 (Good Friday) and April 5 (Easter Monday) are holidays, and the school is closed. April 6 is a local Ped-day, and there is no daycare service provided. Ms. Coretti confirmed that incorrect information about April 6 had gone out, and that further communication will be forthcoming to confirm to the parent community the fact that daycare is closed on Tuesday April 6th.

e. Community Learning Center (CLC)

- i. No report on file.
- ii. Question from Ariana Winn about whether Simone Viger's replacement has been found. Response from Ms. Coretti is that the selection process is not yet finalized, and that once a candidate has been selected, she will let GB know. In the meantime, Simone (on maternity leave as of March 15, 2021) is working with Ms. Coretti to ensure continuity until her replacement is found. She will also ensure that her replacement is well-supported during the transition.

f. Parent Participation Organization (PPO)

- i. No report on file.
- ii. Ariana Winn invited Katlyn Hurley to address GB about the recent In-Dey-Go cookie dough campaign.
  - a. Katlyn explained that the initial goal was far-surpassed, with a current total of 419 tubs sold, yielding a fundraising profit of over \$3000.00. Given the success they have just had, the PPO plans to run this campaign again next year.
- iii. Ariana Winn provided a recap of current PPO initiatives:
  - a. Staff Appreciation Week - breakfast and decorated cookies provided

- b. Looking into whether the PPO could get the city of Verdun to provide a weatherproof notice-board to install either at pick-up/drop-off zone, or by the Daycare door. Sterling Downey said that to his knowledge, the city does not have anything like this, but to send him an email and he would verify.
- c. Providing funding for the Mightier program, as well as the Grade 6 gardening project.
- d. Upcoming Colibri fundraising initiative to be announced soon (taking place in April).

g. Grad (PPO Sub-Committee)

- i. No report on file.
- ii. Ariana Winn asked Ms. Coretti if there was an update from the Grad committee. Ms. Coretti responded that the grade 6 students have received their hoodies, and that at this point, due to tighter restrictions, no grad ceremony will be possible.

h. Commissioner

- i. Report on file.
- ii. Commissioner Lori Morrison stated that the Council of Commissioners' next meeting is coming up on Monday March 22nd, and that more information will be in her report for next month's GB meeting.

i. Board Sector Parents' Committee (PC)

- i. No report on file.
- ii. Linda Dalterio talked about discussions at their most recent meeting, and mentioned that she had shared the link to the EPCA survey with our GB Chair, Ariana Winn, and PPO Chair to be shared through the PPO and our personal network of parents.

j. Board Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC)

- i. Latest Meeting Summary Report (MSR) on file.

k. Community Representatives

- i. No report on file.
- ii. Sterling Downey announced that the current mayor of Verdun has announced that he is not seeking re-election in the fall, so there will be a new mayor after November 7, 2021. He suggested the GB could write a letter to M. Parenteau to thank him for supporting Riverview over the 8 years he has been in office.

- iii. The recent news that a Bonisoir will be opening at the North-East corner of Godin and Bannantyne came as a surprise to the city of Verdun, as the zoning permit requires that fresh-produce be sold. Sterling confirmed that many had hoped to see a fresh-produce market or store open in the space, given the presence of numerous established convenience stores in the area. There are to be bike racks near the Bonisoir, which if installed in the street, rather than on the sidewalk, may reduce a couple of parking spots next to the building on Godin. Riverview can make suggestions for the location of these bike racks.
- iv. The city is reviewing recent changes they made to the parking signs in the area of the school, at the request of Ms. Coretti. A dedicated parking area for the 4th school bus is also being considered along Bannantyne, between Brown and Godin.
- v. Per recent GB discussions about possible solutions to the traffic issues around pick-up/drop-off, Sterling provided a link for residents of the east side of Godin between Bannantyne and Monteith, and the west side of Brown between Bannantyne and Beurling to request that the city install concrete barriers to close off alley access to Godin, across from the school yard.  
<https://montreal.ca/programmes/limiter-lacces-une-ruelle-verdun#:~:text=La%20fermeture%20partielle%20de%20la,riverains%20de%20verdir%20l'espace>

#### I. Governing Board Chair

- i. No report on file.

#### 8. New Business

- a. N/A

#### 9. Field trips

- a. N/A

#### 10. Fundraising

- a. N/A

#### 11. Varia

- a. Sara Levis asked about when GB would review the Principal's Selection Criteria. Linda Dalterio will look for information about this topic, as it has not been discussed in the years from 2018-2019 until present.

#### 12. Correspondence

- a. N/A

13. Next meeting date

a. Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm – online, via Zoom

14. Adjournment at 7:38 pm - Ariana Winn