

MARYMOUNT ACADEMY



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Marymount Academy International Governing Board MEETING MINUTES

Meeting 3 - Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Governing Board – Meeting #3

In attendance: James Fequet, Caroline Hogan, Stephanie Kyle, Simeon Pompey, Stacey Blumer, Ahmed Altalibi, Amanda Foster, Naomi Balardelle, Sunny Kweon, Emilia Aguirre, Faran Lawrence, Catherine Korakakis

In absentia: Stéphane Bécoulet, Mara Iacobo, Ramin Khodaie, Ellie Israel, Jayson Stiell

Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- Introductions as required
- 2. Approval of Agenda: moved by Korakakis, and seconded by Balardelle
- 3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes: moved by Blumer, and seconded by Hogan
- November 14, 2023: Edit: 6 Principal's Report: 20 022\$ (approx. 20 000\$)
- Students go first when it comes to reports.
- Naomi's last name is Balardelle
- 4. Business Arising from Minutes
- 4.1 Educational Project Update Postponed until January due to strike days and snow/power outage, Ministry is giving reprieve until end of Feb. Meeting already scheduled for Jan 9. Korakakis: How many parents completed the survey and how will students be sampled?: 76 parents and Leadership 25-30 students (across all levels).
- 5. Question Period: N/A
- 6. Reports
- 6.1 Student Representatives' Report: Movie day, Klaus in the library after school (hopefully/max 55 people). Student council met today and we were discussing what could be proposed in the new year after school. For example, pink shirt day. Since we are both in leadership, we can work together to foster additional school spirit.

Fequet: Ask for a 2\$ donation instead of forcing the students to pay for a dress down day. Amelia is shy to discuss her experience at the Voices of Olympia. Amelia: To work with the community to empower women through sports. Pompey: Added he could help with some suggestions.



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- 6.2 Principals' Report: Staffing changes, one of our secretaries is on leave. Also, Mr. Khodaie is also on leave. Both are undetermined. Will plan accordingly after the holidays. Korakakis: With IB coordinator on leave does that put the program in peril? Fequet: No, the job will be posted after the holidays if he does not return. 44 kids confirmed and registered for grade 7 in 2023-2024. Student tutoring will get off the ground in the new year when senior students will tutor grade 5 and 6 kids This is good advertisement for the school. Exam days (Thursday, January, 2024 through Monday, January 29, 2023) will become regular school days. Online tutorial sessions will also begin for secondary 4 and 5 students in French for out of province students, so far 43 students are registered. The Ministry tightened up on exemptions. A 10 000\$ grant for capital equipment for physical education will be used for a multi-sport scoreboard.
- 6.3 Teachers' Report: Strike day, career fair for sec 5s, Macbeth (Shakespeare Canada), select music students went to ballet, sold 73 grad hoodies. Uptick in motivation since parent-teacher interviews.
- 6.4 Professional's Report: N/A6.5 Commissioners' Report: N/A
- Regional Delegates' Report: Korakakis: EPC internal rules, discussion for english eligibility cannot be taken away from you unless you have (but never apply for) eligibility but choose to send kids to french school, then it will be all but impossible...apply for it anyways. How to use AI in schools, an excellent workshop. Education Project a lot of schools did not complete the Educational Project correctly. Marymount has done it well. Parent portal will be up and running.
- 6.7 Community Representatives' Report: Pompey: A lot of community organizations have received funding for drop-in programs, to get them off their devices and into the community centers. Project with Comité Jeunesse received funding from the federal government to foster better relationships between youth and the police.

7. New Business

7.1 Approval – Motion to approve Anti-Bullying Anti-Violence Plan 2023-2024 (see attached document) Tabled to the next meeting. Korakakis asked is there a plan for de-escalation? Fequet not specifically in the plan, in terms of training teachers. Fequet: in a conflict scenario or CPI training (but very costly). Will be delayed so that we can delve deeper. Stephanie Kyle, how do we report without being considered a snitch? Behaviour technician is giving workshops and part of the discussion is to counteract that very idea.

#4 Korakakis asked about Anti-semitism? Fequet said the document mentions a visit to the Holocaust Museum but since it's a dynamic PDF not all information is shown on the print out.

7.2 Approval – Motion to approve Updated Budget Forecast 2023-2024: Budgets to be completed every year and comes in diff funds 3 (parent \$/See page 5), fund 6 (Mesure fund from the ministry), fund 5 (per capita from Board). See attached budget forecast. All 3 floors will have a mobile lab. Fund 6 (page 3 and 4) - Ministry allocates money to the school and how it is to be spent (not on capital goods) on workshops, field trips, hired tutors etc. Approve: moved by Balardelle, and seconded by Pompey



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- 7.3 Information Selection Criteria for Principal See attachment and work on it in January leading up to next meeting. What we want to see from our school leader, to reflect our student body. Due in February.
- 7.4 Discussion Teacher's Strike and Catch-up Plan Already addressed based on strike-action and how to prepare students for exams.
- 7.5 Varia: N/A
- 8. Date of Next Meeting
- January 16, 2024 or 23 or 30 (Dependent on strike announcement…hopefully decided on by January 9 or 10).

Adjournment approved by Korakakis, and seconded by Balardelle 9:09pm Zoom meetings at 6:30 (JAN/FEB/MAR)