

Marymount Academy International

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Marymount Academy International Governing Board

Meeting 1 – October 22nd, 2024

In Attendance: James Fequet, Amanda Foster, Sophie Antippa, Stephanie Kyle, Katherine Korakakis, Mark Venema, Ellie Israel, Stacey Blumer, Ahmed Altalibi, Matheo Moran, Jihyo Lee

In Absentia: Naomi Ballardelle, Peter Arnold, Jayson Stiell, Simeon Pompey

1. Welcome

- Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm in person.
- Introductions of new members and returning members of governing board 2023-2024.

2. Approval of Agenda – Agenda moved by Katherine Korakakis and seconded by Stacey Blumer.

3. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes – Meeting from June 27th moved by Katherine Korakakis and seconded by Stephanie Kyle

4. 2024-2025 Governing Board Elections

4.1 Chairperson – Sophie Antippa

4.2 Treasurer – Stephanie Kyle

4.3 Secretaries – Stacey Blumer & Ahmed Altalibi

4.4 Community Representatives

- TBD

- Simeon Pompey returning as member of GB.

- Other members from community will be considered.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

- None (previous meeting was the last one for the academic year).

6. Question Period

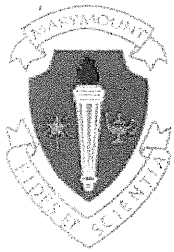
6.1 Open question by Matheo Moran: What is the role of students present on Governing Board?

6.1.1 Various experiences shared by new and returning members.

7. Reports

7.1 Principals' Report

- Current student population registered at Marymount: 460 (compared to 464 previous year).
 - 12 International students currently on the books, awaiting confirmation.
 - 60 students left the school in August and September. (approx.)
- Open house was held on September 25th.



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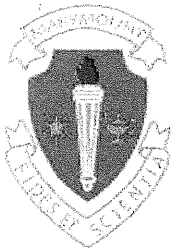
- Members of Marymount staff attended elementary schools in the community to promote the high school on the annual "Roadshow".
- 250 guests attended the Marymount open house.
- 35 active applications received so far as a result.
- IB Coordinator recruitment process underway. Candidate expected to be selected shortly.
- New school librarian: Expected to be transferred from another school to Marymount.
- New school secretary: **Mariska Vervuurt**
- New and returning tutors have been hired by the school:
 - 2 FSL tutors: **Ms. Kadeshq** and **Ms. Emilie**
 - 1 ESL tutor: **Ms. Takahashi**
 - 1 math/science tutor: **Mr. Justin Kafaro Cuffaro**
 - Returning math tutor: **Ms. Rania Itani**

7.2 Teachers' Report

- Week of October 15th, students in Secondary 3, 4, and 5 attended an overnight trip in Stratford, Ontario.
- School-wide Terry Fox marathon occurred on September 27th. Fundraiser yielded just under \$1800 from donors.
- Career Fair for students in Secondary 5 on October 23rd.
- Student Council elections: - Winning Party: **Team ELEVATE**
 - President: **Matheo Moran**
 - Vice-President: **Jihyo Lee**

7.3 Commissioners' Report

- **Ellie Israel** retiring as Commissioner.
- Seeking to get Marymount's Steel Pan to play at St. Monica's Church Fundraiser.
- Looking into possibility of continuing Graduation Prom Dress program.
- Front entrance snow removal should not be put near the handrails as it can make climbing the stairs difficult.
- Unhoused persons on the corner of Decarie and Cote-St-Luc become problematic when they obstruct route and it forces students to go around them into the street, potentially endangering some.
 - Some of the people in question have migrated from the downtown area, so SPVM workers have experienced past encounters.
 - Governing Board will write a letter to the city outlining the issue (motion to write a letter was approved in May 2024).
 - SPVM makes regular rounds to ensure safety of students and the public.



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7.4 Regional Delegates' Report

- Announcement of new representatives:
 - PC Chair: **Jason Trudeau**
 - Elementary Commissioner: **Merika Ramundo**
 - Special Needs Commissioner: **Julie Kristof**
 - High School Commissioner: **Jessica Houde**
 - At-Large Commissioner: **Jennifer Rutt**
 - Vice-Chair PC: **Katherine Korakakis**
 - Executive Committee Member: **Jessica Sabatini**
 - Executive Committee Member: **Joseph Rosciano**
 - Executive Committee Member: **Steven Merling**

7.5 Community Representatives' Report

- None
- Currently seeking local community professional to join alongside members.

7.6 Students' Report

- Students planning to organize 3 vs. 3 Basketball Tournament (All-in).
- Students organizing Art Event Competition.
- Students organizing dress-down day.

7.7 Professionals' Report

- None (New IB Coordinator expected to be hired shortly).

8. New Business

8.1 Approval of Governing Board Meeting Dates and Locations of upcoming meetings – J. Fequet

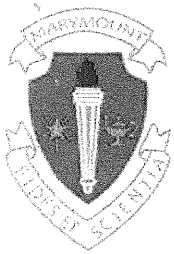
- Moved by Katherine Korakakis and seconded by Stacey Blumer.
- All in favour.

8.2 Approval of motion to approve local daytime outings for the 2024-2025 school year – J. Fequet

- Moved by Katherine Korakakis and seconded by Ahmed Altalibi.
- Motion carried with **one opposing**.
- Overnight outings still need approval from Governing Board.

8.3 Review – Governing Board Internal Rules of Operation

- Members encouraged to consult EPCA Quebec for guidelines on how Governing Board entities are meant to operate.
- Members will consult Governing Board Code of Conduct & Internal Rules of Operation document.



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9. Date of Next Meeting:

- November 19th, 2024 in-person.

Adjournment – 8:58 PM - Moved by Katherine Korakakis and seconded by Stacey Blumer


Chairperson


Principal