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March 25th, 2025

Governing Board Meeting # 6

1. Welcome

1.1. Introductions

Absences: A. Arnold, A. Altalibi, S. Pompey, J. Stiell, C. Craig

Present: S. Antippa, M. Moran, D. Lee, J. Fequet, N. Balardelle, S. Kyle, A. Foster, K. Korakakis, M. Venema

Start 7:15PM

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 K. Korakakis requested we add to Business Arising...Letter to the EMSB

Moved by S. Blumer and seconded by S. Antippa, unanimously carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

February 25th 2025

Moved by K. Korakakis and seconded by N. Balardelle.

4. Business Arising from Minutes

- 4.1 Follow up on GB letter to the EMSB

K. Korakakis: 7.5.3 GB will deploy resources to work collaboratively with Marymount Academy to promote our school.

J. Fequet: It must be voting members that write the letter.

K. Korakakis: How can we do it?

J. Fequet: Generate an email.

K. Korakakis: Or someone can take initiative to write a letter.

S. Antippa: Proposes that 2 parents and 2 members from the school have a discussion. Will write a draft. Then share it with GB.

K. Korakakis: We are already at the end of March, we are trying to do stuff for the school in the short term.

S. Antippa: Two parts, 2 parent and 2 staff meet and produce a letter. Then share with GB by email. Does anyone want to volunteer right now: K. Korakakis, M. Venema (two parents). Two staff will be arranged by the end of the week.

5. Question Period – N/A

6. Reports

6.1. Students' Report

M. Moran: Art Competition – Top 3 winners announced, artwork will be displayed.

Proposal of a dress down for prom in April.

S. Antippa: Fundraiser for prom but open to grade 7 to 11?

J. Fequet: 'Requesting' a dress down



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J. Lee: Camp Lift discussion about risks that surround him. Perhaps promote that our school have resources available to them, such as psychotherapists. Class visits helps students know what is available at school.

M. Venema: Risk workshop?

J. Lee: Risk surrounding drugs and alcohol consumption.

6.2. Principal's Report

J. Fequet: 2025-2025 Up 12 students and 12 more on the waiting list. Resource Secondary 1 and 2. Promotional flyer send to all elementary school in west end.

Student for a day is still in the works, 3rd or 4th week of April.

Academic Clinics: emails home have gone out. Instead of going home on Wednesdays at 1pm, students are getting lunch and in tutorials from 2-3pm. Emphasis on secondary 3 and 4. After school tutoring for secondary 3 and 4 – Math, Science, History, French.

K. Korakakis: Asked how parents will know?

J. Fequet: Explained that parents were sent direct emails. Another email will be sent to parents if students do not show after second meeting.

Staff update, Ms. Eggimann is on leave until the end of the year. Maria Morais will be replacing her 3 days per week.

Grad trip registration has started 53 spots opened and filled up in 4 days (Toronto and Niagara Falls)

Graduation: 6th June 2025, planning in the works including the awards.

Secondary 5 brunch in the works end of May/beginning of June.

Wish out graduates the best of luck on their CEGEP applications.

6.3. Teachers' Report

3/26/2025 – Science Fair

4/8/2025 – International Day (Dress to represent culture and share food)

S. Blumer added the date of Tuesday, April 8, 2025 while she finalized the minutes for this meeting.

6.4. Professional's Report

D. Lee: Bread and Beyond, 31 students from Sec 3 to 5 made 580 sandwiches.

Sec 5 IB students have submitted their IB Projects

IB project showcase Period 4 on April 17.

In the next few weeks, secondary 4 students will be prepped for Managebac platform.

Secondary 1 to 4 IB students can track hours on Managebac moving forward.

Community Service Hours should be documented by May 9, 2025.

S. Antippa: How many hours for grade 8?

D. Lee: 10 hours

6.5. Regional Delegate's Report

K. Korakakis: Educational Project complete but one part still not complete (guiding principles)

Requesting a GB email (because some schools have and others do not) which has turned into a contentious issue.

School reports have troubles with bike paths, especially elementary schools.

EPCA

March 31 – Bullying 7PM

April 2 – Body Image and Self-Esteem

April 23 – Study Skills



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April 28 – Digital Literacy

April 22 – Survey results on the well-being of families (over 11 000 parents responded)

6.6. Community Representatives Report – N/A

6.7 Commissioner's Report – C. Craig was not present but sent a report by email on 3/25/2025

I hope all is well. With the announced federal election, I will not be able to join tonight but wanted to ensure that I passed along some key information as well as my Commissioners Report.

First off, I want to thank Simeon Pompey for including me in this BHM presentation at Marymount on Feb 27th. It was amazing to be part of such an enriching presentation with the Sec 1&2's.

In early March, I attended the National Summit on Antisemitism in Ottawa, alongside an EMSB teacher from Westmount High. The Summit was a space that brought together elected officials from all levels of government to speak about the rise in antisemitism and how to implement [IHRA](#) policies in institutions. At the last EMSB Board Meeting, I submitted the IHRA documents to the administration for consideration.

I have been recruited to sit on the Steering Committee, planning the QESBA Spring Conference 2026, which will be hosted by EMSB. These meetings will begin taking place after the 2025 Spring Conference, held this year in Saint-Sauveur.

On March 18th, we passed the new EMSB budget for the upcoming fiscal year, an activity that is normally done in June. As most of you are aware, the CAQ government cut \$200 million in education, which resulted in \$2.6 million being cut from EMSB. Thanks to the fiscal responsibility and prudence of the admin and board over the past years, we were able to complete these cuts without touching any services to students. EMSB was able to cut \$1 million in salaries, by not filling vacant positions at the board. The rest of the \$1.6 million came from administrative cuts. Those wishing to go more in depth about what was cut, are invited to watch Chair, Joe Ortona explain this here, at our last meeting : <https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/about/governance/webcast>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am sorry to miss tonight's meeting, wishing everyone the best.

K. Korakakis replied to the email "Can you provide us with examples of these cuts that don't touch any services to students?"

In the morning of 3/26/2025 C. Craig replied "For sure! So as I mentioned the vacant positions not being filled, saved us \$1 million. Then we have \$200k saved in Hydro, due to milder winters actually. Other savings included cuts to office supplies, office equipment and our renovation budget.

School budgets can be found in "Fund 5," where no cuts were made."

7. New Business

7.1. Selection Criteria for Principal (Consultation) – Deadline flexible. Tabled.



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7.2. Budget Building Process (Consultation) – Deadline April 4.

Budget priorities:

1. J. Fequet recommends – Complete phase 2 renovations follow up so that the renovations are done well and timely.
2. J. Fequet recommends – Maintain and expand services for special needs students (higher ratio are special needs so we need the resources to meet their needs) Adequate staffing (teachers, CCWs)
3. J. Fequet recommends – Funds for capital project requests (example remove rock stairs and install proper seating for the students – metal bleachers)
4. Investigate and resolve the ongoing problem of drainage.
- 5.

K. Korakakis: Does the 3rd priority also include snow and ice since this year seemed particularly icy.

J. Fequet: That is part of the school board budget, but we can add it. Maybe 'Investigate and resolve the ongoing problem of drainage.'

K. Korakakis: Is it only for coded students? JF: It would cover both.

S. Kyle: Is it only staffing or materials as well? JF: Mainly staffing.

S. Antippa: Enrichment for gifted children, can some of the resources be used to encourage our gifted students? JF: Our mission is to make sure students are safe and can get a high school diploma. We do have high science and math in secondary 4 and 5. Math competitions are offered for enrichment. Furthermore, our IB program also offers enrichment. We are not lacking in opportunities for enrichment.

Guiding principles:

1. J. Fequet recommends – Staffing based on the weight of our population instead of raw numbers. (470 students in the school, but weight is 650)
2. J. Fequet recommends – Operation and capital budgets be rolled over from year to year. Most of caretaking budget was rolled over.
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Moved by K. Korakakis and seconded by S. Antippa, unanimously carried.

Proposed Change to meeting # 7 (April 29th?)

J. Fequet: April 22, 28, or 29 for Town Hall

K. Korakakis: Only available 29

S. Antippa: April 29 at 7PM? Present today should be available.

Moved by S. Blumer and seconded by M. Venema



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7.3. Varia:

Date of Next Meeting: April 29, 2025 in person at Marymount

Adjournment: 9:06PM motion to adjourn by S. Antippa, and seconded by M. Venema

S. Antippa

Chairperson

J. Fequet

Principal