

Meeting started at: 7:30pm

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: “To accept the agenda as presented with the addition of point 7.1 – PPO Report and point 8 *a* under Varia - Website”

Moved by: Mr. Rebelo

Seconded: Ms. Clarabut

Vote: adopted unanimously

2. Correspondence

- a) EMSB parents are invited to a workshop entitled “Helping your Child with Organizational and Study Skills” facilitated by Carolyn Melmed on October 23rd. It was suggested by Mr. Savoca that we put this on our website.
- b) In conformity with section 395 of the Education Act, the official dates of the executive committee and monthly board meetings were received. They normally take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month.
- c) In conformity with section 395 of the Education Act, delegations of certain functions and powers to Principals and Vice-Principals were indicated. Principals were given the approval to sign contracts for renovations up to 10,000\$ and Vice-principals up to 1000\$.
- d) A research project in education was conducted by Group PLURI-UQUAM. Governing board members of schools are encouraged to answer a questionnaire regarding the challenges of achieving academic goals. The questionnaire can be found at www.unites.uquam.ca/pluri
- e) There will be a Marketing Strategies workshop on November 6th at Carlyle School. More information will be forwarded to the schools.

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 19, 2007 meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes with a change under New Business point g – should read “Motion to approve the Go Program”

Moved by: Mr. Montanaro

Seconded: Mr. Rebelo

Vote: approved unanimously

4. Business Arising from the Minutes of September 19, 2007

There was no business arising from the Minutes of September 19, 2007

5. New Business

a) Uniform Survey/Contract

Mr. Quinn explained that as a result of numerous discussions a survey was sent out to parents in order to get their opinion about the uniform. The survey simply asked general questions with regards to satisfaction. A comments section was also included. The results indicated a 70% favorable response. The main concern that parents commented on was the comfort level of the pants. Mr. Quinn asked that everyone keep in mind that this was last year’s school group and that this year there has been an improvement in the style and comfort of the pants. A brief discussion took place concerning the uniform and renewal of the contract.

Motion: To renew the contract and mandate Mr. Reda to gather information regarding other potential suppliers.

Moved By: Ms. Genovezos

Seconded: Mr. Rebelo

Vote: 15 members in favor

0 members against

1 abstention

Motion adopted

b) Marketing Committee

It was suggested that we set up a marketing committee in order to promote the school.

Mr. Quinn proposed a structure for the committee: 2 non-staff governing board

members, 1 PPO member, 3 staff members, 1 student, 1 administrator, and the principal. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Mr. Rebelo would recruit the student members, Ms. Salvatore a PPO member, and Mr. Quinn will recruit an administrator and the staff members. Mr. Diaz, Mr. Harmat, and Mr. Bellan volunteered to take part in this committee.

Motion: To set up a marketing committee with the proposed structure and composition.

Moved by: Mr. Reda

Seconded: Mr. Rebelo

Vote: adopted unanimously

c) Placement Test Fees

Mr. Quinn spoke about the placement test fee of 30\$ for those students interested in following the FLM Program, Enriched Math and/or Enriched English.

Motion: To charge 30\$ for placement test fees

Moved by: Mr. Reda

Seconded: Ms. Clarabut

Vote: approved unanimously

d) Terry Fox Activities

Mr. Quinn spoke about the various Terry Fox activities that the school would like to hold for the current school year. The activities will include: The Walk-a-thon, Penny War, Greaser Day for Terry, Bake Sales, Sale of raffle tickets, Terry Fox T-Shirts, Freezie Fridays, Band-Aid Concert, Coffee House, Recipe Cook Book, and Pledge Sheets.

Motion: To support the continuation of the Terry Fox Activities as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Rebelo

Seconded: Ms. Clarabut

Vote: approved unanimously

e) Secondary I & II Classe Neige

Mr. Quinn spoke about the upcoming organization of a class trip for the Secondary I & II students at the end of January, beginning of February to Mt. Sutton. The estimated cost per student is \$250. An additional 50\$ will be charged for those needing rental equipment.

Motion: To approve the Classe Neige trip as presented

Moved by: Mr. Rebelo

Seconded: Mr. Reda

Vote: approved unanimously

f) Halloween Activities:

Mr. Quinn spoke about the dress up/down day to fund donations for charity. The cost of this activity is 2\$ per student.

Motion: To allow for the collection of 2\$ to support charity

Moved by: Mr. Reda

Seconded: Mr. Harmat

Vote: approved unanimously

6. Report from the Principal

i) Academics:

- The school held its annual Orientation Evening on September 20th 2007 and there was a positive response from the parents.
- The end of the term is October 27th and the marks are due on November 4th. Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on November 14-15th. Invitations will be sent out via the students and will be posted on the website. The report cards will be mailed to the parents who do not attend.
- Exam week will be January 14-18. There is a possibility of LES/ELA exams in December.

ii) Co-Curricular Activities:

- Literacy Week is November 5-9th. We will have a book fair, murals, coffee house on November 22nd and plays. On November 6th the Secondary I

students will be presented a play by Geordie Productions titled “All the World”. On November 7-8th the Secondary IV & V students will be presented a play by Walkway Productions titled “To the Green Fields Beyond”.

- ELA – Secondary V students will be going to the Holocaust Museum on November 20th.
- Overnight trips are progressing well so far.

iii) Extra-Curricular Activities:

- Numerous activities are taking place in the school.
- The Student Council Elections were announced on October 15th. Mr. Quinn mentioned that it was an excellent campaign and voter turnout. The elected members are:

Level 1: Alessio Speranza

Level 2: Cinzia Abbate

Level 3: Amanda Mantzioros

Level 4: Marcus Ford

Secretary: Stephanie Rivest

Treasurer: Francesco Gisondi

Vice-President: Alexia Velasquez

President: Joey Gendron

7. Report from the Delegate

The delegate report was accepted as read.

7.1. PPO

Ms. Salvatore reminded everyone that the comedy night is Friday October 19, 2007. Ms. Salvatore also mentioned that the next PPO meeting will be on October 23rd at 7:30pm.

8. Varia

a) Website: Mr. Karpontinis explained that the website committee is still adding content to the site. They have added rotating images and eventually will be adding tutorial times.

9. Public Question Period

A parent, who has a son in Secondary I expressed concern about the incident that occurred on October 17th. She is concerned about the safety of the students. Mr. Quinn explained that the situation happened outside the school at the park and it was being taken care of.

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 10:02pm.

Moved by: Ms. Clarabut

Seconded: Mr. Reda

Vote: Adopted unanimously

Terrence Quinn
Principal

Santi Savoca
Chairperson