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**GOVERNING BOARD**  
Oct 7., 2021 at 6:30 pm. As GSS - ZOOM meeting  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Present**

Valerie Forde	Principal
Lianne Poirier	Parent / Support Staff
Marlon Kustec	Parent / Support Staff
Daniella Galarce	Parent
Sabri Fava	Parent
Shuchi Verma	Parent
Nathalie Boisclair	Teacher
Natalie DonFrancesco	Parent
Debra Taylor	Teacher
Ahsan Haque	GB Chair
Ingrid D'Andrade	Daycare
Lindsay Morgan	Community Member
Julie Humphrey	Teacher
Christine Higginbottom	Teacher
Kim Rey	Teacher

**Regrets**

Sarah Di Milo	Teacher
Louise Castonguay	Parent

**(1) CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:35

**(2) Quorum** reached.

**(3) WELCOMING PRESENTATION OF MEMBERS**

- a) Election of Vice Chair
  - Motion to elect Sabri Fava
  - Seconded by Julie Humphrey
- b) Election of Secretary
  - Motion to elect Shuchi

- Seconded by Ingrid
- c) Election of Treasurer
  - Tabled -Motion to move this decision to the next meeting
- d) Adoption of Internal Rules of Operation
  - Val requested to alter the meeting start time from 6:15pm to 6:30pm to provide sufficient time for Ingrid to attend the meeting
  - Approved by \_\_\_\_\_
  - Seconded by Kimberly R.
- e) Conflict of Interest Form
  - Every individual
- f) Schedule of Meetings for 2021-2022
  - Motion to the first Thursday of every month except for Jan 13 and Mar 10, No meeting in Dec'2021 and Feb'2022
  - Nov 4, 2021
  - Jan 13, 2022
  - Mar 10, 2022
  - Apr 7, 2022
  - May 5, 2022
  - Jun 2, 2022
  - Proposed by Sabi, seconded by Lianne
- g) Calendar of Topics

**(4) Adoption of the Agenda 07 Oct, 2021.**

- Unanimous

**(5) Approval of the Minutes from 17 Jun, 2021;**

- Motioned by Debbie
- Seconded by Natalie
- Unanimous

**(6) REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

**a) PPO Representative:** Ahsan.

- has not had any meetings yet until possibly next month. Ahsan had suggested that if we had a list of parents, we can start a separate thread to see if there are those who are interested in joining. Val will send out an email to those interested. Ahsan has offered to volunteer to get things started and organized.

**b) Daycare Representative:** Ingrid.

- Daycare has been going very well. Have been maintaining grouping levels, overall, a calmer environment. This year, there are 79 regulars, 97 total, 62 with 8 sporadic last year.
- Have asked Dynamics to come to the school. Ingrid has put out feelers to pay for extra-curricular activities to the parents. Ingrid sent out a survey to the parents on paying for

activities and the parents (30) would be engaged, Oct 14 at a \$30 fee, there are 41 children joining.

- For additional ped-days, they may not be paid. Oct 15th is an autumn theme, free of charge for the parents.
- The daycare also offers mandatory time for homework. If the students don't have homework, they use the time to do a quiet activity like reading or crossword puzzles.

**c) Teacher Representatives:** Debra

- Terry Fox run (final tally at the end of the month)
- a fire drill
- Reconciliation Day was successful where children wore orange shirts. Sabri commented on how she was impressed and commended that GS invited people to speak on the day to build awareness. She thanked the school. Ahsan also said his child had a very positive response and questions, that people took the time to discuss the importance of the reconciliation. Natalie also expressed that the Creeds were impressed. Val also reiterated that this is not just a one-day event, that this will be a regular remembrance throughout the school year with the library reflecting diversity.

**d) Principal's Report:**

- Val says things are "evolving", that it is much calmer this year. We are vigilant at maintaining a safe environment, maintaining healthy habits, distancing, reducing touch.
- Rapid test screening- Val has received a directive from Public Health to screen children who develop Covid-19 symptoms during the school day. Approximately 180 responses, 178 are yes. The protocol is a self-assessment -the office will contact the parent if the rapid test is indicated. Ahsan has suggested that GS provide a protocol as to what they are consenting to the parents and Val says there was a document already sent to the parents and on the RSB website.
- Teachers are to be removed from 2x 20 minutes recess duties to do encadrement (provide support to students). Student supervisors will be hired to replace the teachers.
- Each group has their own Lunchroom/ outside.
- Hot lunch provider is being explored. Narrowed it down to one company. All monies are managed through the third party.
- Pilot project with Transport Department, a mobile app which is currently being tested (MTransport) where the child scans when they get on and off the bus to give parents more assurances regarding their children.
- MSO are offering Red Riding Hood virtually to the students .
- Educational Project Report: Increase in the language proficiency with the school in English and French.
- Kindergarten playground will be replaced. We have purchased the equipment (*ABC Recreation Inc.* for the K playground funded by GB; will be installed in the spring.
- Thanks to Natalie D., we applied for grants (ex. Toyota Canada). Unfortunately, the proposals were not approved. We applied to the MEQ for the Embellishment de cour grant and we were approved for a \$30k grant with contributions for the GB for a mini-soccer field that will use Astro-turf. Mrs. Forde will be sending a request to the Director General for Request to Tender as the quote is coming in more than \$50k

**e) Parent Committee Delegate:** None.

**(7) Old Business**

- a) None

## **(8) New Business**

- a) Designation of Authority to Principal re: Trips & Fundraising, if necessary  
**RESOLUTION 2021-2022-01**

- Val is requesting authority to decide on trips and fundraising
- Motioned by Sabri Fava
- Seconded by Shuchi Verma

- b) Mesures

- **Mesures from the MEQ** Additional funding for specific requirements that is beyond the school's annual Operating budget which requires reporting on how you used the funds
- We want to support families who may need assistance for lunches / snacks
- Bring families together to support learning
- Support with speech and learning disabilities, Val has hired resources
- Hired support staff – Attendant/ Technician -Significant number of children with special needs.
- Val is working on opening the library
- Funds for cultural outings. We have been given flexibility to invite organizations to the school instead of taking buses and going out
- No motion required at this time

- c) License for half and half

- The school Board has informed us that schools have permission to host a half and half. It is a lottery, you may buy a strip of tickets and the person with the winning ticket would get half of the amount raised for the event, the other half goes to activities that benefit the school

- d) PPO Activities for the year

- Motioned by Ahsan to move to next meeting after the PPO has met.

- e) PPO Expenditures

- Motioned by Ahsan to move to the next meeting.

## **(9) Public question Period:**

- Natalie spoke about trying to make a green space for the children, which requires monies to be used for the updating of the school yard.

## **(10) Correspondence:**

- Donation of \$40 St-Joseph Nazareth Church which will be donated monthly.
- Family who donated a check for \$75 to the children

- Greenfield Park organization called “All for the Children” for student activities
- Summer renovations are almost complete

**(11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Governing Board- 4 Nov 2021

**(12) Adjournment:** At 8:20pm

- Motioned by Ingrid
- Seconded by Debra

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**Ahsan Haque (Chair Person)**

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**Valerie Forde (Principal)**