



# École Mountainview School

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## GB Agenda – January 29, 2025 – 6:30 pm VIRTUAL/TEAMS

### 1. Recognition of Quorum at 6:33pm

Designated secretary: Jessica Ford

Virginia Roe	Parent	<b>Present</b>
Cindy Jetté	Parent	<b>Absent</b>
Jessica Ford	Parent	<b>Present</b>
Jennifer Pepin	Parent	<b>Present</b>
Patricia St-Aubin	Parent	<b>Present</b>
Karine Praglowski	Parent replacement	<b>Absent</b>
Kassandra Roy	Parent replacement	<b>Absent</b>
Johanne Bergeron	Teacher	<b>Present</b>
Nadia Bahous	Teacher	<b>Present</b>
Virginie Dell’Aniello	Teacher	<b>Present</b>
Nadine Lévesque	Daycare staff	<b>Present</b>
Donna Cully	Staff	<b>Absent</b>
Sandra Fréchette	Principal (non-voting)	<b>Present</b>
Michael Sitruk	CLC (non-voting)	<b>Present</b>

### 2. Additions to the Agenda

None added.

### 3. Adoption of the Agenda

Motioned by: Nadia Bahous

Seconded by: Virginie Dell’Aniello

### 4. Public question period (10 min)

N/A

### 5. GB Administrative Items

5.1. Approval of minutes

Motioned by: Jennifer Pepin

Seconded by: Nadia Bahous

### 6. Correspondence

N/A

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### 7. Reports

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## 7.1. GB Chairperson report

It has been a busy time of year at the school, many activities going on. Taking advantage of the measures to promote activities in the school. Making up for the loss of activities during the pandemic. All the hard work that goes into these activities has been appreciated. The activities after school and during ped days have also been greatly appreciated.

## 7.2. Parent Committee Representative

The committee met on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Most of the budget will be spent on bursaries for students, as well as workshops. Any ideas for workshops are welcome. Karen Delage presented on a program to help pre-teens/teens transition to high school. Mountainview and two other schools are part of this pilot project. This is one of a few projects that are being developed for students.

## 7.3. P.P.O. Chairperson

PPO met on Monday. They went through some of the recent activities that had been organized. School fees had an optional payment towards PPO. From that fund, 4,818\$ has been received. There are plans for this money. Anytime PPO wants to use these funds, GB needs to approve. PPO is requesting 500\$ for staff appreciation week (the week of February 10<sup>th</sup>). An email will go out to parents requesting involvement in the planned activities. Some discussion occurred around purpose of the funds.

All in favour of using 500\$ for teacher appreciation week.

Motioned by: Jennifer Pepin  
Seconded by Patricia St-Aubin

Money raised at fundraisers so far:  
Bo Sapin - 274\$  
Col à moi - 200\$ (an on-going fundraiser)  
Movie night - 400\$

Pancake breakfast cost 50.02\$, and will be requested to be reimbursed.

Valentine's Day PPO is planning to provide hot chocolate for students.

Reading week is in March and Fitness week is in May. Possibly a family picnic will occur in June.

## 7.4. Principal Report

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Parent conference is next week (February 6<sup>th</sup>). Registrations are looking good (60 adults so far, and 20 kids to be babysat). A big event for Riverside. Some parents will attend from Cedar Street and William Latter schools as well.

## 7.5. CLC Report

Michael joined later in the meeting and provided report:  
Basketball started on the Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. 12 students registered. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> CLSC meeting took place and the team discussed how to keep families engaged. A cooking activity took place on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> with "Cornes d'abondance." Both kindergarten classes participated and made energy balls. Virtual Python coding club started on the Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 49 registered from Riverside School board. This is done through McGill's "Let's Talk Science" program.

## 7.6. Daycare Report

Nadine confirmed that next Monday is ceramic café at school. Valentine's day is the ped day after that. March 10<sup>th</sup> ped day will be at the Ninja Factory.

Motioned by: Nadia Bahous

Seconded by: Jessica Ford

All in favour of Ninja Factory for the March 10<sup>th</sup> ped day.

## 7.7. Teacher Report

Grade 6 had the second part of a workshop about "what is fake news" and AI. The kids were engaged and involved. Coming up there will be a workshop with Arc-en-ciel to help transition students to high school.

Kindergarten had the "Corne d'abondance" activity. They made energy balls and learned about the different food groups. They will return again later in the year.

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## 8. Business arising (from December minutes)

- Lockdown Procedures (new videos from SQ received)

Sandra received the videos from SQ last week. They are for staff only. The police officer will come and meet with the staff to guide them and answer questions. This will occur on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

- School Deficit

The situation has not changed since the last meeting. In February there will be a budget revision, so they can see if there are any updates.

Virginia was wondering if some of the deficit could be pushed over three years instead of two. Sandra will discuss government cutbacks in item 9.10 (below) that may affect this. A decision regarding this will occur at the end of this school year.

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- Gym Rental to City

The gym rental has been going well. There are new procedures in place, Brigitte has positioned mats differently. The users of the space take a video of the space at the end of the events. Mountainview has access to the rink and pool for free more easily now. We will be hosting the summer camps this summer. We will be charging for this. They may have a government measure at the school board level to help the city with that. Question from Nadia: can the money we are charging be used towards the deficit? Sandra replied that if we get a bit of a cut, it could go towards the deficit.

- Model of Delivery

There has been a discussion for about year regarding a two vs. one model of delivery at the school (regarding languages). Sandra did some research with the school board. The outcomes would create a big change. She is still not sure if moving ahead with this or not. There will be some teachers retiring in the next couple of years, so she is wondering if it is worth putting the plan on hold until there will be a large shift in staff. Perhaps small changes could be made each year as staffing changes. Subject time allocation could be modified. A model of half the year in one language and the other half in the other is not the ideal model for our student population, as they do better with stability and consistency of teachers. Aiming for ease in both languages, but not sure which model best achieves this. Since it is complicated and there are many factors to consider, the school may take small steps in making changes. There will be no changes for the next school year.

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## 9. New Business

### 9.1. SSIAA Events February to June

GB needs to accept all the dates of sporting events occurring during the rest of the school year.

They are as follows:

Basketball - Feb. 6/7

Cosom Hockey - March 13/14

Volleyball - April 8/9

Soccer - May 15/16

Track and Field - June 9 (rain day June 13<sup>th</sup>)

Motioned by: Patricia St-Aubin

Seconded by: Jennifer Pepin

All in favour of proposed calendar.

### 9.2. School Calendar Consultation

It was noted that it is important to have the March break align with the local French school board's March break.

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It was also noted that it is helpful to have a ped day on November 1<sup>st</sup>, as well as a ped day following each longer school break.

## 9.3. Desirable Criteria for Selection of a Principal

No suggestions. The current document seems very thorough.

## 9.4. PPO- Approval of Pancake Breakfast Expenses (\$50.02) taken from PPO budget

The PPO spent 50.02\$ for the pancake breakfast and would like approval to take this money from the PPO fund.

Motioned proposed by: Patricia St-Aubin

Seconded by: Jessica Ford

All in favour.

## 9.5. Outdoor Classroom- Approval last payment to architect (\$781.83) from SDF

This is not an additional expense. This amount is just the final bill to pay the architect for her last work on the outdoor classroom.

There was a question regarding having a “guarantee” on the newly planted trees. Sandra replied that they are guaranteed, but the architect is still going to request a grant for the vegetation.

Motioned by Patricia St-Aubin

Seconded by Jennifer Pepin

## 9.6. SSEF Funds Available

South Shore Educational Foundation has funds being held for our school.

Current amount in fund:

1,032.44\$ (general), 600\$ (technology), Library (96,10\$), 1,520.00\$ (for outdoor classroom), 500.00\$ (for graduation).

This amount does not disappear year after year.

## 9.7. SSEF Student Activity Reimbursement (\$190.00)

Planning to use this amount to fund one family to participate in the basketball activity. This would come from the general fund from the SSEF. Parent and student recipient remain anonymous in this process.

These funds can be used for other families who may need it for different reasons. It could also be used for grocery gift cards as well. There are also other mesures for kids who need meals or snacks. Michael also gets snacks from a source in Montreal for kids who need them at school and at daycare.

Motioned by: Nadia Bahous

Seconded by: Virginie Dell’Aniello

All in favour.

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## 9.8. Parent Conference Feb 6

Already mentioned in principal report. Happening soon, an exciting event. Sandra is wondering if we should collect feedback from parents post conference. This is something that will be looked into.

## 9.9. Moozoom Parent Access

This a program that Mountainview paid for last year. The license lasts for a year and a half. It is for preventing conflicts among students, decreasing anxiety, increasing sense of safety, etc., by going through the activities/movie lessons. There are different movies that have been selected on different themes. Students watch the movies and then reflect on the best way to act in different scenarios. There is an account for teachers. Parents will receive a code to login and access certain activities and see what the children has been learning, with the intent to lead to richer discussions between parent and child.

“Hors-piste” is another program being piloted this year for the social-emotional development of the students. It is another tool to reduce anxiety in particular, and manage emotions. This is in conjunction with CSSS. This program is to begin in the coming weeks.

## 9.10. Government Cutbacks

Riverside school board needs to pay back funds to the government. All funds are frozen and schools are asked to not go over budget. Services for students are going to be impacted. For instance, there are no more funds for students with codes/special needs to receive extra support. Next year, the government is looking at a more global approach of needs of schools across the province and will allocate funding accordingly.

## 9.11. Field Trips and Special Activities

“Arrière Scène” in Beloeil for cycle 2 (Mme. Johanne, M. David, Ms. Huffenbach and Miss Isabella), the 13<sup>th</sup> of March in the afternoon. Cost will be 23\$ per student for the bus and for the theatre. It will be fully covered by the mesure “sortie scolaire culturelle.” Therefore, the entire cost will be covered.

Motioned by: Patricia St-Aubin

Seconded by Nadia Bahous

All in favour.

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will visit parc Michel-Chartrand in Longueuil for sledding. March 21<sup>st</sup> in the morning. 15\$ charged to parent to cover the bus transit. No mesures for this. 1,640\$ is for the bus. The students are doing this instead of a ski outing.

Motioned by: Patricia St-Aubin

Seconded by: Nadia Bahous

2<sup>nd</sup> cycle (Ms. Huffenbach, Ms. Valérie, Mme. Lefebvre) to go kayaking with the Otterburn Park Canoe Club on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will walk over and take a bus back. 12\$ cost to parents, which goes to the canoe club. No cost for the bus. No mesures to cover this.

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Motioned by: Patricia St-Aubin  
Seconded by: Nadia Bahous

June 18<sup>th</sup> (Mme. Johanne, M. David, and Miss Isabella). Same time, place, and cost.  
Motioned by: Jennifer Pepin  
Seconded by: Nadia Bahous  
All in favour for both Canoe Club outings.

Kindergarten graduation will be June 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 to 11:25am. It will not be a regular school day.  
Motioned by: Patricia St-Aubin  
Seconded by: Nadine Lévesque

## 9.12. Fundraisers

Grade 6 fundraising for graduation. Sandra has contacted North Hatley company with maple products for this fundraiser.  
Motioned by: Patricia St-Aubin  
Seconded by: Nadia Bahous

## 9.13. E-Vote Results

Ski outing was pre-approved as an e-vote.  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> for cycle 2 going to Bromont. Cycle 3 is going on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. 25\$ being charged to parents.  
Ski and snowboarding with lessons, plus gear rental included. This has been partly covered by mesures. The ski outings empty the "On bouge à l'école" fund. This is a full day trip.  
Each day the bus costs 1,800\$.

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## 10. Varia

None mentioned.

## 11. Closing: Meeting concluded at 8:09pm

\*\* Next meeting \_March 19<sup>th</sup>, on Teams\*\*

Motion to close by: Nadia Bahous  
Seconded by: Jessica Ford  
All in favor, unanimous

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