

Minutes of the fifth (5th) meeting of the 2020-2021 ROSEMERE HIGH School Governing Board held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 via ZOOM at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Angie Ladas, Julie Courtemanche, Kristin Crowdis, Vicki Fraser, Sophie Lanthier, Marie-Soleil Lecompte, Jossie Tortorici, Parents; Melissa Chang, Suzanne Charbonneau, Kelly Daly, Sean Evans, Jennifer Leduc, Andrea Venditti, Teachers; Brenda Price, Support Staff Representative; Madison Hungerbuhler, Student Representative; Anne McMullon, Community Representative

Alternate parents:

Also present were: Karen Lorenz, Emily Robinson, Shannon Rudolph, Administration; Olivia Landry, Adam Gordon, Commissioners; Natasha Varano, parent

Regrets: Julie Durand, Sara Mattiget, Winston Varela-Paquette

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. Agenda – Additions and approval

GB20210225-01 Andrea Venditti MOVED THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of the Minutes of January 21, 2021

GB20210225-02 Kristin Crowdis MOVED THAT the minutes of January 21, 2021 be approved.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

3. Question Period

What is the reasoning behind the RHS Gym dress code?

As the question was asked by Julie Durand she asked that it be tabled until the next meeting.

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

5.1 Criteria for the selection of a principal

The members went into a breakout room and discussed it.

The letter will be written the same as last years.

GB20210225-03 Jossie Tortorici MOVED THAT the criteria for the selection of a principal be approved as discussed.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Budget Update

As emailed and explained to members.

- The unpaid school fees make it seem that the school operation budget is in deficit but it is not.
- In response to a comment from Vicki Fraser, anything the students are charged for that they do not receive during the year they are refunded for.
- Bathrooms will be renovated so although the capital budget has a large balance in it; it will be spent.
- In response to a question from Marie-Soleil Lecompte, even though the Sec. 3-4-5 are only in school 50% of the time, the supervision amount remains the same, because they still need the personnel in every day.
- The government measure money was explained to members. Looking at different ways to spend it all but due to COVID some of it may not be spent.
- In response to a question from Julie Courtemanche, the cultural outings could be used for teachers to attend a virtual tour or cultural activity online but they have to be on the list and it is a very specific list.
- Inspiring schools can be used for virtual field trips but right now there just is not the time to plan.

Student agendas

These have been a discussion for a while at TC and they are perhaps looking at the concept of not ordering them anymore as a lot of students do not use them. If agendas were ordered for all students it would be about 1300 but realistically only about 400 students or less actually want and use them. As they reduce the number ordered it becomes much more expensive. They are

considering asking students to pre-order them by April for next school year. The administration has checked with other schools outside of our board and they have stopped buying them and if students want one they buy their own. The members entered into discussion. If the decision is made to purchase agendas by choice, the students will not be penalized if they do not use them. The agenda is not consistently used by teachers and students, even in the younger grades. It was suggested to give students and parents the option of whether or not they purchase them but advising that they will likely be more expensive.

6. Reports

6.1 Students

Nothing to report.

6.2 PPO

- Valentines candy sale went well. Thank you to staff who helped in the distribution.
- Staff appreciation went very well. The parents and the community helped out a lot so they came in under budget.
- The library committee received good feedback from the librarian. PPO did not get the Caisse Desjardins grant. Once a more solid project plan is made Ms. Lorenz will work with MR.
- RHS Hoodies sale went well.
- PPO us looking at ideas of how to recognize, encourage and celebrate students.

GB20210225-04 Vicki Fraser MOVED THAT \$1,200 of PPO funds be used to encourage students.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

- Easter fundraiser will be brought up at the next meeting
- Regular classes will be continuing until June 23
- Mother's Day raffle –sell raffle tickets for a prize of a Tupperware kit - \$2 per ticket

GB20210225-05 Vicki Fraser MOVED THAT the Mother's Day raffle be approved.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Principal

Upcoming Events and Activities

- February 26 – Pedagogical Day, Summit on Student Engagement, Deadline for Course Selection
- March 1 to 5 – Spring Break
- March 11 & 12 – Stay Driven, Black History Month presentations in all classes with Duane Gibson
- March 16 & 17 – Grad Ring selection for Secondary 5

COVID Update

- As of February 23, RHS has 0 active COVID cases.
- The Secondary 3, 4 and 5 classes continue to be in a hybrid model while we are in the red zone.

Tutoring – Ministry Measure

- The Ministry has allocated additional funds to provide tutoring for at-risk students. We have offered tutoring to 77 students in Secondary 2, 3, and 4 to start after Spring Break. The tutors are all current RHS employees. We might also add additional hours using CEGEP or University students.
- In addition, peer tutoring began before the holidays with Secondary 4 and 5 students tutoring Cycle 1 students.

Lunch Supervision

- Some classes struggle to maintain order during lunchtime, particularly in Cycle 1. As a result, we have hired 6 lunch supervisors to be stationed in individual classrooms during lunchtime. Having an adult presence in the room will surely help the students have a more pleasant lunch experience.

PPO Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

- The PPO treated the RHS teachers and staff to a wonderful week of special treats and prizes. Multiple staff members have asked me to pass on their appreciation. Thank you!

6.4 Non-Teaching Professional

Nothing to report.

6.5 Teachers

- Staff very much appreciated the PPO little surprises they received all week.
- Valentines day had the pink/red initiative by students and staff.
- Last of the government's extra 3 day ped days is tomorrow and teachers will have online learning workshops.
- Black history month presentations will be held after the break. Many have already done some in ethics class.
- Students attended a virtual presentation by Laurent Tardif during Hooked on School Days week.
- Discussed with administration to do some sort of grad breakfast later in May.

6.6 Support Staff

Nothing to report.

6.7 Parents Committee

Emailed to members.

7. Varia

8. Adjournment

GB20210225-06 Kristin Crowdis MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 8:23 pm.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2021

Principal _____ Chairperson _____