

**Minutes of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) meeting of the 2020-2021 ROSEMERE HIGH School Governing Board held on Thursday, October 29, 2020 via ZOOM at 7:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Julie Courtemanche, Kristin Crowdis, Julie Durand, Vicki Fraser, Sophie Lanthier, Marie-Soleil Lecompte, Jossie Tortorici, Natasha Varano, Parents; Melissa Chang, Suzanne Charbonneau, Sean Evans, Jennifer Leduc, Andrea Venditti, Teachers; Sara Mattiget, Non-teaching Professional Representative; Brenda Price, Support Staff Representative; Madison Hungerbuhler, Student Representative

**Alternate parents:**

**Also present were:** Karen Lorenz, Emily Robinson, Shannon Rudolph, Administration; Anne McMullon, Commissioner

**Regrets:** Winston Varela-Paquette, Kelly Daly

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The Principal called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Agenda – Additions and approval**

**GB20201030-01** Kristin Crowdis MOVED THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Approval of the Minutes of September 30, 2020**

**GB20201030-02** Kelly Daly MOVED THAT the minutes of September 30, 2020 be approved as presented.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: 15

Abstain: 2

**3. Question Period**

No questions.

**4. Business Arising**

**4.1 Cancellation of Europe Trip**

The Europe trip schedule for March has been cancelled due to COVID. Parents would have had to give more money again in November and it is highly unlikely that anyone will travel during March break. Parents were met with rep from EF tours and everyone should get the bulk of their money back, if they had insurance

**5. New Business**

**5.1 Temporary procedure with regard to GB meetings**

Madison Hungerbuhler is back as a student rep.

Sec 4 student Winston Varela-Paquette will also be a representative. He will be at the next meeting.

Both students were selected as right now there is no student council.

The temporary procedure was sent to members. It is a suggestion of the school board to adopt this procedure in order to be transparent and allow public to attend meeting should they ask. This procedure outlines how they can attend a meeting.

**GB20201030-03** Vicki Fraser MOVED that the temporary procedure in regards to public attending GB meetings be approved as presented.

Carried

**5.2 2019-20 Year end financial report**

As emailed to members and explained by the principal.

- We ended in a surplus.
- Supervision fees are in a negative balance because parents were refunded for the period school was closed, but employees were still paid. There were also a lot of unpaid school fees.
- Most of the unspent measures are because of the closure due to COVID.

In response to question from Natasha Varano, the measure money not spent was for the period from March to June.

### 5.3 Supervision needs

- Kristin Crowdis has received some concerns from parents about supervision needs. With regards to the lower circle and the activities happening in the classroom and the need is it possible to have increased supervision. Ms. Lorenz responded that this is a topic of constant conversation. As winter approaches there was some changes made to supervision because half of the seniors are out on any given day so some employees were pulled to supplement in other places. As the weather gets colder and less students go out, supervisors' areas will be moved.
- Teachers' workloads cannot be changed to increase supervision but they have been moved into different areas.
- They are debating to hire more supervisors for lunchtime but this is sometimes a negative because if the students don't know you it is more difficult until a relationship is built.

### 5.4 Educational Project report

As emailed to members and explained by the principal. There is no data to report from last year.

**GB20201030-04** Andrea Venditti MOVED THAT the Educational Project report be approved as presented.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. Reports

### 6.1 Students

- In response to a question from Madison, while we are in the red zone we cannot hold extracurricular activities of any kind, even virtually or even in the same bubble. Therefore, for now there is no student council.
- In a follow-up question, the tutoring program cannot take place because they cannot have students from different bubbles together.
- Vicki Fraser commented that the Ministry has made it clear that schools are to make every effort to get students back to where they need to be education wise. Right now, students who are struggling cannot get the remediation that they got in the past, no tutoring from peers and can't develop a passion for going to school because there are no sports. Everything that is supposed to be the best thing, schools are not allowed to provide. Why are they not allowing some kind of zoom tutoring? Ms. Lorenz likes this idea and will talk to her Rec Tech to see if they can get something going for tutoring.

### 6.2 PPO

- Thankful to the staff members who helped out with the Halloween candy sale. It was an amazing fundraiser. Got all candy free from Maxi in Rosemere.
- Would like PPO to do something that makes RHS a better place so focus is on library.
- Other fundraisers such as online catalogues are being considered.
- Looking at doing candy sale at Christmas, valentines and Easter.
- Possibly working on Christmas baskets where students will be doing the collecting. Andrea Venditti suggested that students start an initiative where they can collect food to bring to a local food bank all year long. Ms. Lorenz responded that the RHS families in need and Moisson Laurentides benefit every year.
- PPO is trying to do what they can to help support the students and staff at RHS.
- Subcommittee meetings will be held – there is a large group of motivated people who are helping out this year.

### 6.3 Chairperson

No report this month

### 6.4 Principal

#### Upcoming Events and Activities

#### October 30 – Pedagogical Day

November 11 – Remembrance Day (in-class video to be presented in each class)

#### Virtual Open House

Open House will be held virtually this year on Thursday, November 19th. A promotional video will be presented and parents will be invited to submit questions ahead of time or via the chat function. The Open House will be for students new to RHS in the 2020-2021 school year.

### COVID Update

As of October 26, RHS has 4 active COVID cases. The homerooms are all isolated at home and receiving online instruction as per the regular school schedule. The Secondary 4 and 5 classes all did a hybrid model for the entire month. We loaned approximately 40 laptops to students who did not have the required equipment for distance education. All classes were visited by administration to review the rules and explain the reasoning behind them.

### Lockers

We are still uncertain about the allocation of lockers as we know that this will increase the student presence in the halls. Teacher Council is reviewing the pros and cons and will make a recommendation next month.

### Our School Survey

We could not do the survey in 2019, so all students will be asked to complete the survey at home within the next few weeks. The survey gives us important data regarding important topics such as sense of belonging, anxiety, drug and alcohol use, etc. It also provides the information that helps design our Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan.

## 6.5 Non-Teaching Professional

## 6.6 Teachers

- There is a teacher who is going to try doing ZOOM re-med with students during the day in the building. She will give feedback on how it went at the next TC.
- Andrea has done a lot of ZOOM re-med with kids at home and it has worked well.
- Clean challenge has started by the Rec Tech to encourage students to keep their classes clean.
- Pam Tennant and Suzanne Charbonneau are organizing grad hoodies- doing it through e-mail. Hopefully they will get their hoodies by Christmas.

## 6.7 Support Staff

## 6.8 Parents Committee

As emailed to members.

## 7. Varia

In response to a question from Jossie, there has been no news on whether secondary 3-4-5 parents will receive refunds for lunchtime supervision because of the one day in school and one day from home model that is taking place.

### E-votes

Fundraising for The Children's Wish Foundation – Make a Wish Foundation to replace the Community Breakfast and Merry Fest fundraiser which is cancelled this year:

1. Citrus sale. This sale is usually done for NY trip and Grad fundraising. As this fundraising is not taking place this year, teachers Ms. Charbonneau and Ms. Tennant have agreed for RHS to use the Citrus sale for CWF fundraising for this year only.
2. Pizza Sale – 2 lunchtimes:
  - a. Thursday, November 19 (D6) – Group B in school
  - b. Wednesday, December 9 (D1) – Group A in school (if hybrid calendar is continued)

**GB20201104** – It was MOVED THAT the above-mentioned fundraisers be approved as presented.

Carried

## 8. Question Period

## 9 Adjournment

**GB20201030-04** Andrea Venditti MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 8:02 pm.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

Principal \_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_