

Minutes of the third (3rd) meeting of the 2020-2021 ROSEMERE HIGH School Governing Board held on Thursday, November 26, 2020 via ZOOM at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Julie Courtemanche, Julie Durand, Vicki Fraser, Sophie Lanthier, Marie-Soleil Lecompte, Jossie Tortorici, Natasha Varano, Parents; Melissa Chang, Suzanne Charbonneau, Kelly Daly, Sean Evans, Jennifer Leduc, Andrea Venditti, Teachers; Sara Mattiget, Non-teaching Professional Representative; Madison Hungerbuhler, Winston Varela-Paquette, Student Representative; Anne McMullon, Community Representative

Alternate parents: Angie Ladas

Also present were: Karen Lorenz, Emily Robinson, Shannon Rudolph, Administration; Olivia Landry, Commissioner; Victoria Stamper, PPO Representative

Regrets: Kristin Crowdis, Brenda Price

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

1. Agenda – Additions and approval

GB20201126-01 Julie Courtemanche MOVED THAT the agenda be approved.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of the Minutes of October 29, 2020

GB20201126-02 Suzanne Charbonneau MOVED THAT the minutes of October 29, 2020 be approved as presented.

This motion was CARRIED on the following division:

For: 14

Abstain: 2

3. Question Period

Parents concerned about the ventilation system in the school.

- The principal responded that the staff brought up the same question at the beginning of the school year. The system has been inspected. RHS has a mechanical ventilation system set to 100% fresh air. When it gets really cold it goes to a lower percentage system still replacing air with fresh air. Merv-13 filters are added as an extra layer of protection. She has also asked that the ventilation system run 24/7 rather than turning it off at night and will remain this way until the pandemic is over. The board is working on installing CO2 detectors to monitor the CO2 levels.

4. Business Arising

5. New Business

5.1 Anti-bullying, anti-violence (ABAV) Plan 2020

Emailed to members.

- Almost identical to previous years plan.
- The *Our School* survey was done results are mostly data is from previous years as it could not be done in the spring due to the shutdown. It was recently sent to students to do on their own time at home with a 25% completion rate. Graphs may not be as accurate as they could be because of the low response rate and they are not in school 100%.

GB20201126-03 Vicki Fraser MOVED THAT the 2020-2021 ABAV plan be approved.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Different Software/Platform used by teachers to communicate information

- In response to a question from Julie Courtemanche, the Sec-3-4-5 students who are in school 50% and online 50% been given instruction on how to use the platforms properly. Teachers choose between zoom, google meets, Mozaik or teams and if anyone needs help they are given it.
- Madison Hungerbuhler responded that teachers use so many different platforms that it is confusing to students. Winston Varela-Paquette went on to say that students feel bombarded because of so many different platforms. It is hard to balance them all.

- The principal mentioned that as a staff this has been discussed. In a perfect world everyone would be on one platform. The teachers have the right to choose the platform they want to teach their class. At RHS they are piloting the Mozaik portal as more and more teachers are using this regularly. As the years progress it will be used more but it is not a video streaming platform so you will still need to learn a video streaming one.
- The teachers present mentioned that they are trying to use only one format and keep it organized for students. The principal will pass on this feedback to teachers.
- Vicki Fraser suggested that when they are allowed to do extra-curricular, perhaps they could offer a workshop on online learning and how to organize themselves. Guidance could definitely work with students on this. A webinar could be set up for students when the time permits after Christmas break. It could be recorded and accessible by video on the school's website. Sara will add it to the agenda for the next students services meeting.

6. Reports

6.1 Students

- The principal explained the process on who to contact if you receive a positive results on the weekend – students or their parents should contact the principal or vice principal by email. She went on to ask if students are home quarantining are their siblings expected to go to school. When someone is positive their immediate contacts are isolated – that is the class bubble. The sibling, the second layer is not isolated unless they show symptoms or the sibling tests positive for covid.
- She went on to explain the process if a student tests positive and they take the bus. Students who take the bus are supposed to have a set seating plan. They are supposed to sit in the same seat every day and not move around. When a student is diagnosed positive the students who are two rows in front, two rows behind and three seats beside are asked to remain home to quarantine for two weeks. When santé publique contacts students who according to the bus plan are seated close, they are sometimes told that they have been moving around and changing seats, which they are not supposed to do. If that happens santé publique sends out a letter telling the students on the bus they are not sure if they have been in contact with a positive person and do not know if they are at risk so they should go to school unless they have symptoms. Schools are asking the transportation department to follow up with the bus companies to ensure students remain the same seat all the time.
- All decisions on who quarantines are made by santé publique, not the principal.

6.2 PPO

- Reviewed treasurer report – received a donation from a parent.
- Library makeover project was discussed in a subcommittee meeting. Met with the librarian to get her input.
- Will be having a Christmas sweet treat day similar to Halloween. Would like to sell chocolate bars December 15-16 – the same way it was done at Halloween. \$3 per chocolate. Could make up to 50% profit per bar. These bars were chosen because PPO is trying to choose a wide selection of bars and they are all the same price point. Come in a carrier box and easy to walk around. The ease of using this company is why they chose them. Need 1000 bars by December 15.

GB20201126-04 Angie Ladas MOVED THAT the PPO chocolate bar fundraiser on December 15-16 with bars sold at \$3 each be approved.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

- Would like to purchase games and cards for classrooms.
- A request was made for chargers in classrooms so students are able to charge their devices in classrooms. PPO is considering asking the staff if there is something they can help them out with in their classroom, for example the USB charger.
- Looking at selling La Diperie ice cream to students.
- Would like to do pre-Christmas Sweet legs fundraiser. This can be done online and be picked up at school.

GB20201126-05 Vicki Fraser MOVED THAT the Sweet legs fundraiser be approved.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

- Many special events are taking place in the school.

6.3 Chairperson

No report this month

6.4 Principal

Upcoming Events and Activities

- November 27 – Pedagogical Day (NEW)
- December 3 – Parent-Teacher Interviews (Zoom or Telephone)
- December 4 – Pedagogical Day
- December 17 & 18 – All students at home – online classes
- January 4 – Pedagogical Day
- January 5 to 8 - All students at home – online classes

Virtual Open House

Open House was held virtually this year on Tuesday, November 24th. [A video](#) was presented and over 150 families joined a Zoom meeting for a Q&A session.

COVID Update

As of November 20, RHS has 5 active COVID cases. The homerooms are all isolated at home and receiving online instruction as per the regular school schedule.

The Secondary 3, 4 and 5 classes are all in a hybrid model while we are in the red zone.

Lockers

We have decided not to distribute locker assignments for now. The distribution raised major concerns about increased student presence in the hallways and increased contact between groups. We will continue to evaluate the situation with Teacher Council.

Varia

- A new calendar with 3 additional ped days – November 27, January 29, February 26 – has been sent to parents.
- Open house went very well – over 150 people attended virtually.
- For now, there will be no locker distribution as cannot figure out how to do this and keep student presence down.

6.5 Non-Teaching Professional

Nothing this month.

6.6 Teachers

- ECAs are not allowed because of red zone.
- Possible solutions for remed. Teachers are trying different things.
- Thank you to the teachers giving support to students.

6.7 Support Staff

Nothing to report.

6.8 Parents Committee

Emailed to members.

7. Varia

8. Adjournment

GB20201126-06 Andrea Venditti MOVED THAT the meeting be closed at 8:15 pm.

Carried UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes approved _____, 2020

Principal _____ Chairperson _____