

École Montrose School Council

Annual General Meeting 2021/22

22 SEPTEMBER 2021 / 6:30 PM / Zoom

ATTENDEES

Corry Harper(Vice-Chair), Allison Hill(Secretary), Maxine Herbert, Joanne Peters, Myriam Brien, Jill McCord, Heidi George, Katie Belec, Andrea Couture(Principal), Lynne Goosney(Vice-Principal), Johanne Kemp(Teacher Liaison), Joan Nellis(Trustee)

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - 6:33 PM by Corry
2. Welcome & Introductions; Quorum verified
3. Review & Approval of Agenda
 - a. MOTION to approve agenda - Maxine; Seconded - Joanne
4. Review & Approval of 2020/21 AGM Minutes
 - a. MOTION to approve - Maxine; Seconded - Myriam
5. Annual Report - Attached
 - a. MOTION to approve 2021/21 Annual Report - Maxine; Seconded - Joanne
6. Standing Items
 - a. Trustee's Report
 - i. Enrollment up by approximately 1% (8K students) in GPPSD
 - ii. Discussions ongoing around potential boundary changes
 - iii. Curriculum Working Group
 1. Advocating for K to 6 to not proceed and draft revisited & potentially changed
 2. GOA currently working on 7 to 12 curriculum - board advocating for experts to be involved
 - iv. September 30th has been approved as a non-instructional day for National Truth and Reconciliation Day. Two calendars being developed for next year ~ one with NTRD and one without, will be shared for feedback

- v. Board with Catholic division to discuss optimizing resources between the 2 (ie bussing)
- b. Principal's Report
 - i. Orange shirt day will be observed on Sept 29th; students will learn about NTRD throughout the week
 - ii. Intervention Project - Grades 1 to 3
 - 1. Will help address learning gaps resulting from interruptions in schooling during the COVID- 19 pandemic
 - 2. Students who are most likely to benefit from this intervention (based on literacy & numeracy screens) will work with EA's in targeted, small group sessions over 16 weeks
 - iii. COVID-19: as soon as school has 10% absenteeism, CDC investigates; schools above threshold considered to be in outbreak status

QUESTION: Who sets policies - school, board, or government?

 - Government sets policy; Board responsible for implementation based on what is or isn't possible
 - iv. School Plan
 - 1. Currently in Yr 1 of 3 Year plan
 - a. Part 1: Social & Emotional Learning - where are kids at & how to increase their skills in this area; support physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing of staff
 - b. Part 2: Preparing students for high school with increased focus on second language learning; are we setting expectations high enough for students to achieve success
 - c. Part 3: NUmeracy - Finding the most effective way of teaching basic facts & strategies
 - d. Further updates to be shared throughout the year

QUESTIONS:

How is success measured?

 - Test scores, parent surveys, internal assessment

Who evaluates strategies?

 - School team, Central Office
 - Plan is adjusted throughout the 3 years based on needs identified in stakeholder's feedback

7. Review & Amendment of Operating Procedures

- a. Amendment for meetings & voting to occur virtually
- b. MOTION to approve amendment in 7a - Joanne; Seconded - Maxine

8. Elections

- a. MOTION to dissolve previous Executive - Maxine; Seconded - Heidi
- b. MOTION to acclaim Corry Harper as Chair - Jill; Seconded - Maxine
- c. MOTION to acclaim Heidi George as Vice-Chair - Allison; Seconded - Maxine
- d. MOTION to acclaim Allison Hill as Secretary - Joanne; Seconded - Maxine

9. New Business

- a. School Plan - covered in Principal's Report
- b. School re-entry - students adapting well to this year's process
- c. Hot Lunches - will resume starting in October with smaller volunteer contingent
- d. School Council Priorities - request input from people & school staff on what they'd like to see us support this year (ie. activities & fun family days that are within current restrictions)

10. Meeting Dates

- a. Continue with third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- b. Will remain virtual for the time being; Zoom link to be provided to attendees upon request

11. Meeting Adjourned - 7:44 pm