



Minutes of St. Paul Governing Board Meeting  
October 14, 2020 Via Zoom

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

**Parents:** Michelina Capozzi, Tiziana Cirigliano, Mike Panichella, Leanna Camarra, Anne-Marie Scolack  
**Staff:** Karine Duval, David Bergin, Sharon Larrissey, Gianna Labbiento  
**Support Staff:** Manon Lacoste  
**Administration:** Lisa Verrall (Principal) & Tara Venieris (Vice Principal)  
**Community Representative:** Helen Morrison  
**Recording Secretary:** Gloria Piperissa  
**Absent:** Melissa Cambareri

**1.0 Opening:**

Lisa Verrall called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**G.B. 14-10-20-01**

**2.0 Adoption of Agenda:**

Tiziana Cirigliano motioned to accept the agenda; Sharon Larrissey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B. 14-10-20-02**

All in favor

**3.0 Election of Secretary:**

Gloria Piperissa was nominated to continue as recording Secretary. Gianna Labbiento motioned to elect Gloria Piperissa as recording Secretary; Sharon Larrissey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B. 14-10-20-03**

All in Favor

**4.0 Election of Chairperson:**

Michelina Capozzi accepted the nomination Mike Panichella

**G.B. 14-10-20-04**

All in Favor

**5.0 Election of Vice-Chairperson:**

Melissa Cambareri indicated to Mrs. Verrall that she was interested in the role of Vice-Chairperson. motioned to elect Melissa Cambareri as Vice-Chairperson; Mike Panichella 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B. 14-10-20-05**

All in Favor

**6.0 Adoption of Minutes:**

Tiziana Cirigliano motioned to adopt the June minutes, Karine Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B. 14-10-20-06**

In favor = 8

Abstaining = 3

**7.0 Business Arising: None**

**8.0 Question Period: None**

**9.0 Reports:**

a) **Chairperson:** Nothing to report

**b) Principal: Principal's Report to Governing Board**

· We had a very smooth start to the school year, all things considered. The children are being very compliant with the new parameters and rules and everyone is keeping safe at school. We have restricted access to the water fountains, so they can only be used to fill the bottles.

· Each student was provided with coloured pinnies in order to distinguish between homeroom groups in the yard. Further, all cycle 3 students were given a safety lanyard for their mask. Lanyards were also given upon request to other levels. Thank you to PPO for funding these safety purchases.

· We have no active Covid-19 cases in our school at this time. The one case we had was isolated and no community spread was detected.

· Pick up and drop off are finally running smoothly and everyone is being very compliant with the distancing rules, despite the fact that it is a longer process than in the past.

· The MEES announced changes to the reporting periods for this school year. There will only be two report cards, with parent meetings scheduled at the mid-point of each term. The first term report will be issued towards the end of January and the second will be sent in June. Our first parent meeting evening will take place on November 19, as planned.

· The basketball court has not been forgotten. We have had some challenges with the company contracted to do the installation, but it will be done before the winter.

**c) PPO:** Nothing to report, meeting is next week.

**d) Parent Committee:**

The first meeting was held for elections. There was no time for discussions. Adam Gordon was elected as Chairperson and Tara Anderson was elected as Vice-Chairperson. Mrs. Absolone was happy how things are working in the schools.

**e) Daycare:**

We have 75 regular users and 54 sporadic users this year. We have split the daycare up in the two buildings. K4, K5, Grade 1 & 2 are in the main building. Grades 3-6 are in the Annex building. There is a drastic decline in daycare registration this year because many parents are working from home. Homeroom students are to stay in their bubble unless they are wearing a mask. We strongly recommend that students wear masks so they can interact with each other.

**10.0 New Business:**

**a) Internal Rules and Procedures:**

See Annex 1. Rules and procedures were read. Alternates can attend and vote at GB meetings. A list of Alternates will be sent out to all members so they can reach out to them to replace them. Mike Panichella motioned to accept the rules and procedures and Tiziana Cirigliano 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**b) 2020-2021 Meeting Dates:**

**Governing Board**

General Assembly September 10

October 14

November 11

\*December 9 (if needed)

January 13

February 10

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

Mike Panichella motioned to accept the meeting dates; Sharon Larrissey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B. 14-10-20-11**

All in favor

**c) E-Votes:**

Vote 1: August 24, 2020

I am requesting an adjustment to the Subject-Time Allocation for grades 3-6. This would reduce ELA by 60 minutes and add these 60 minutes to Math. This would balance each of them at 360 minutes/week. This will help with the recuperation of lost time in mathematics from the spring closure. When it comes time to plan for 2021-2022, we will revisit this discussion and see if we maintain this change or revert to the old allocation.

Vote 2: August 24, 2020

I am requesting funds (a maximum of \$5000) from PPO for safety-related equipment for the back to school period. I would like to purchase coloured pinnies (\$5-\$7 each) for each child as well as lanyards (to which students will attach masks, if worn, at a cost of about \$1.50 each). Each homeroom (per grade) would have a different colour. This will help us to ensure that students from different homerooms maintain the mandatory 1m distance from each other. PPO has funds carried forward from last year (about \$14000). Since there was no field day and we cannot host a corn roast, I feel that these funds would be well appreciated to take this extra step for our students' safety.

12 In Favor

**G.B. 14-10-20-12**

**d) E-Vote: August 31, 2020**

I am seeking approval to close the daycare on September 25th. Due to the closure in the spring, our educators were unable to have their First Aid training. They need an 8h day, during the work week to do this.

**G.B. 14-10-20-13**

10 in Favor    2 Abstentions

**e) Deeds of Establishment:**

All information is correct. See Annex 2. Mike Panichella approved the deeds of establishment and David Bergin 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B. 14-10-20-14**

All in favor

**f) Terry Fox Run:**

For the Terry Fox run, we are proposing Time Slots for each grade level to walk/ run in the field. Students will wear their pinnies and each class will have a chance to participate. It will run over the course of a few days. It will be mentioned in the parent newsletter. Sharon Larrissey motioned and Karine Duval 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B 14-10-20-15**

**All in Favor**

Grade six teachers would like to take the students walking in the neighbourhood for Terry Fox. Parents must sign a permission form. David Bergin motioned and Gianna Labbiento 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B. 14-10-20-16**

**All in Favor**

**g) Halloween:**

Thursday October 29 we are planning to hold, in class, Covid Free activities. We would like to purchase pumpkins for decorating. It will be a day Zero so that Homeroom teachers can spend the day with their students. We are asking for funds to purchase Pumpkins and decorations (Max \$1200.00) We would like to purchase individually wrapped chips and nut-free chocolates (covered by the measure given to schools to help feed the children). Karine Duval motioned and Sharon Larrissey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**G.B. 14-10-20-17**

**All in Favor**

**8.0 Varia:** None

**9.0 Question Period:** None

**10.0 Round Table (In Camera):** None

**11.0 Adjournment:**

Leanna Camarra motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm; Sharon Larrissey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

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Chairperson  
Michelina Capozzi

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Recording Secretary  
Gloria Piperissa