

Minutes

Honoré Mercier Governing Board

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 | Meeting called to order by Mark Saracino
VIRTUAL GB Meeting due to COVID-19 and in accordance with government guidelines

In Attendance

Mark Saracino	Tony Campione	Verena Garofalo	Felice Petraglia	Lisa Ida
Robert Panetta	Angelo Irrera	Jennifer Uniat	Ms. Marotta	Nancy Cantini
Ms. Christina Voggas	Ms. Daniela Buttino	Mr. Andrew Martinez	Mme Annie Cadieux	Ms. Graniero
Mme. Gaetane	Mario Pietrangelo	Merika Ramundo	Aileen Montesclaros	Maria S.
Sabrina Dykes	Enzo Caprio	Stefania Iannantuoni	Mr. Peter Tsatoumas	Lisa Saracino

Welcome

Mark Saracino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and thanks all parents and teachers for their participation on the GB.

The teachers in attendance and on the GB introduced themselves: Mr. Peter, Mme Annie, Ms. Veronica, Ms. Stefania, Ms. Daniela, Ms. Voggas and Ms. Marotta.

As per the meeting on Thursday, September 17 – the election of parent representatives to fill open spots – the following are this year's parent representatives:

- **CHAIR:** Mark Saracino
- **TREASURER:** Angelo Irrera
- **CPC DELEGATE:** Tony Campione
- **CPC ALTERNATE & SECRETARY:** Verena Garofalo
- **GB MEMBER:** Robert Panneta
- **GB MEMBER:** Jennifer Uniat
- **GB MEMBER:** Lisa Ida
- **ALTERNATE GB REP:** Arianna Holowka
- **COMMUNITY REP:** To be determined

Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

- The agenda was approved by Robert Panneta and seconded by Verena Garofalo.
- The minutes of the June 14, 2021 meeting was approved by Robert Panneta and seconded by Ms. Veronica Graniero.

Principal's Report

COVID-19 Protocols:

- Public Sante has been slow in responding to school cases
 - Once HM flags the positive case to Public Sante, it can take 5-7 days before Public Sante provides directives to the school. Administration is aware that this delay causes frustration, but they must continue to follow the current guideline.

- The only classes that will close without Public Sante directives are Pre-K and K, as these students are not obligated to wear masks in class.
- Rapid COVID-19 testing
 - Rapid-testing kits should be received at HM before the end of October
 - Test will be performed of students that show symptoms – only if the waver has been signed, and the parent will still be called and advised before the test is administered
 - There is a designated area in the school for testing and the volunteers have been trained on how to properly administer the test
 - Even though HM has the rapid tests, it is important that students do not attend school if they are showing symptoms.
 - These are not PCR tests, and are therefore only 65%-75% accurate, therefore, if the rapid test is positive, the student will have to have a second test done at a testing center for confirmation.
 - Test results will be disclosed to Public Sante via a form, weekly
 - Additional information, including protocols for various scenarios, will be sent to HM Community via email in the coming weeks.
- Next Level Hockey with Michael Buonincontri
 - Offer an exclusive hockey development and learn-to-skate program to HM students
 - Only school in the east end to offer this partnership
 - Tony C, Verena, Mr. Peter, Mr. Andrew, Ms. Christina and Ms. Marotta will meet with Michael to refine offering and then share with HM community.

Vice Principal's Report

- Field trips are now allowed, and teachers have started looking at places that have COVID-19 protocols in place.
- Toy Drive
 - Parent suggestion for a toy drive for the Montreal Children's Hospital
 - ❖ MOTION to approve the toy drive, Robert Panetta, seconded by Tony Campione

Teachers' Update

- Mme Annie
 - Good start to the year.
 - Pre-K is focusing on apples
 - K, Grade 1 and 2 on French
 - Grade 3 has been introduced to new subjects
 - Cycle 3 is doing an Orange T-Shirt Project
 - Grade 5 has started their Bees project
- Ms. Veronica
 - Working on a song for the CBC Challenge
- Mr. Peter
 - The grant from last year was used to repair the lines in the school yard over the summer, Mr. Peter and Mr. Andrew supported this.
 - Welcome Day was a success
 - Lots of activities for all students (art, danse, magician, etc)
 - A second Welcome Day was organized for the students who were in isolation
 - Another grant was used to purchase snowshoes for grades 5 and 6
 - Each class now has restocked play equipment (soccer balls, basketballs, jump ropes, etc)
 - Welcome to the 3rd year McGill student that will be with HM from October to December

Daycare Update

- Experiencing difficulties with last year's credit, but the issue is being resolved
- Fundraiser
 - Sell cookies to benefit the Montreal Children's Hospital
 - Cookies are from La Frenaie
 - ❖ Motion to approve the Daycare Fundraiser by Tony Campione, seconded by Jennifer Uniat
- Daycare booklet
 - ❖ Motion to approve the booklet by Robert Panetta, seconded by Verena Garofalo

Central Parents Committee Update

- No updates

Home & School Update

- Welcome day, H&S provided popsicles, as well as sponsored the corn roast
- To date, H&S has 50 members

Treasurer's Update

- No update

Next Meeting Date(s)

- Tuesday, November 16, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (Virtual meeting)

Varia

- Printing of school forms
 - In an effort to go green, we ask that parents print their own forms. If a parent does not have access to a printer, the school will provide the printed material.
- GM meeting minutes
 - Once the school board approves the meeting minutes, they will be posted to HM's website.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Panetta, seconded by Jennifer Uniat.

