

# Minutes

## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

*Monday, January 18, 2021 | Meeting called to order by Mark Saracino*  
**VIRTUAL GB Meeting due to COVID-19 and in accordance to government guidelines**

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### In Attendance

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Tony Campione	Merika Ramundo	Laura Viglione	Ms. Marotta	Mario Pietrangelo
Mme. Gaetane	Mr. Peter	Angelo Irrera	Robert Panetta	Jennifer Uniat
Sandra Guerra	Tania Colaneri	Maria Pinsky	Ms. Elisa Infusini	Joanne Lacroce
Ms. Angela Di Lella	Ms. Daniela Buttino	Joey Fazzari	Felice Petraglia	Sonia Ranellucci
Verena Garofalo	Ms. Graniero	Arianna Holowka	Mark Saracino	Sabrina Dykes
Jonathan Cardillo				

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### Welcome

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Mark Saracino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A special welcome to Mr. Mario Pietrangelo, School Commissioner, and HM's Spiritual Animator, Mr. Vince Lacroce.

Mr Lacroce introduced a new project:

- Mindfulness and Wellness Program will start January 19, 2021
- A new HM Room (Heart & Mind)
  - A place for students to step away and decompress
  - A place where students can refocus and meditate – have their own space when they need it

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### Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

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- The agenda was approved by Sandra Guerra and seconded by Robert Panetta.
- The minutes of the previous meeting, as well as for the two email votes, were approved by Tony Campione and seconded by Robert Panetta.

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### Principal's Report

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- Educational Plan
  - Under the current circumstances and since there have been no exams or enough data collected, the educational plan will not be modified, and it will stay the same as the previous one.
- Back-to-School (Post holiday break)
  - The students are adapting will to the new mask guidelines
  - In PE skills are not high intensity therefore, wearing the mask is not bothersome
- PED Day, January 22, 2021
  - The EMSB has planned workshops for teachers focused on online learning
- Air Purifiers
  - Thank you to Mr. Mario Pietrangelo for advocating for the air purifiers
  - HM has received and installed air purifiers for all classrooms, except for a few classrooms, that were not deemed necessary as they had good ventilation.
  - However, teachers are still encouraged to open the classroom windows in order to circulate the air

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## Vice Principal's Report

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- Virtual Open House
  - Wednesday, January 20, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (Q&A session)
  - Advertised on the EMSB and the HM websites
  - Registration is by appointment (sibling registration is January 25 and new registration is February 1)
- Budget Building Process
  - ❖ **MOTION to approve the focus items for the budget by Robert Panetta, seconded by Felice Petraglia**

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## Teachers' Update

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- Ms. Veronica (Music):
  - This year's Christmas concert went very well, and a special thank you to everyone that helped!
  - Students are now learning about various composers
- Mme Elisa (Grade 1):
  - Thanked H&S for the cookies and hot chocolate for the students before the holidays
  - Thanked Mr. Lacroce for his involvement with the various activities
  - Students have all adjusted week to the return to school post-holidays

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## Daycare Update

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- Continuing to work hard to ensure that the students are safe
- Continuing to keep the windows in the classrooms open and bring the students outside as much as possible
- If/when daycare closes for quarantine – a credit will be given
- The Cookie Sale raised \$1750 for the Montreal Children's Hospital

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## Central Parents Committee Update

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- Parents Conference will be on April 18, more information to come
- School enrollment:
  - High enrollment in the western part of the island
  - Low enrollment in the eastern part on the island
    - A task force has been created in order to draw most registrants to the EMSB
- Virtual learned
  - There will be a letter sent to the Commissioner and Director asking that guidelines be implemented regarding how many hours per day are needed for virtual learning

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## Home & School Update

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- Christmas activity
  - Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Pancakes with Santa event was cancelled
  - This year the students received cookies and hot chocolate in their classroom
  - Thank you to Ms. Daniella and staff for support
- Graduation Committee
  - Thank you to Gallo Nero for their donation of a pasta lunch for the Grade 6 students on December 16, 2020
  - Thank you to the parents for the donation of branded HM Grad water bottles

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## Treasurer's Update

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— No changes or updates to share.

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#### Next Meeting Date(s)

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— Virtual meeting on Monday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m.

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- Hand sanitizers?
  - Parents can send in creams or their own hand sanitizers for students that have sensitive skin or who are experiencing breakouts due to the hand sanitizers used in school. However, this should be addressed with the homeroom teacher.
- How will students catch up with the missed work this year?
  - There are many online programs available that can help
  - Parents are encouraged to contact the teachers to see if extra resources are available
- Two-week grade extension?
  - Schools were given an extra two weeks to finalize the grades for Term 1 and distribution of Report Cards is now on February 5, 2021
  - More information will be provided via email

#### Additional discussion:

- ❖ **MOTION to approve and submit the criteria for selection or appointment of a Principal by Mark Saracino and seconded by Angelo Irrera.**

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#### Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn by Robert Panetta at 7:30 p.m. and seconded by Verena Garofalo.