

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.



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Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

- The agenda was approved by Veronica Graniero and seconded by Verena Garofalo.
- The minutes of the October 5, 2021 meeting will be circulated and approved at the next GM meeting in December.

Principal's Report

Mario Pietrangelo announced that there will be a pilot after-school program organized by Laurier MacDonald students:

- Secondary 3-5 students will mentor students in grades 5-6 – focus on sports

Educational Project Report

- As we are in a pandemic year, the report is quite light and is the same for all EMSB schools
 - ❖ **MOTION** to approve the report called by Robert Panetta and seconded by Lisa Ida

Italian PELO classes

- Due to the ongoing pandemic and to ensure student safety, proposal to postpone Italian PELO classes until next school year
 - ❖ **MOTION** to approve the postponement called by Robert Panetta and seconded by Mme Annie

Rapid testing in schools

- A detailed PPT was sent to the HM community
- Training has been provided to the HM volunteers

School registration

- Online registration will be available as of January 24, 2022

Vice Principal's Report

Open house

- The Virtual Open House was held on November 15
- HM receive positive feedback
- The video is currently available on social media, as well as the EMSB website
- About 60 people attended the LIVE virtual tour
- HM will host a second open house in January, hopefully during the day

Field trips

- Jan 14, 2022 – Cirque de Verdun – Gr 111 & 112
- Jan 28, 2022 – Cirque de Verdun – Gr 121 & 122
- Feb 22, 2022 – Park Nature de la Pointe-aux-Prairies Sports d'hiver– Gr 313
- Feb 23, 2022 – Park Nature de la Pointe-aux-Prairies Sports d'hiver – Gr 311 & 312
- May 31, 2022 – Intermiel – Gr 111, 112, 121 & 122
 - ❖ **MOTION** to approve the field trips called by Peter Tsatoumas and seconded by Tony Campione

Teachers' Update

- Mme Annie
 - Grade 3 - Exploring options for field trip and starting the oral presentations
 - Kindergarten just finished their Halloween activities and are focusing on the days of the week and the months
 - Grade 5 is working on their bread project/recording and their honey will soon be ready for sale
 - Grade 6 is focusing on Remembrance Day
- Ms. Veronica
 - Cycles 1 and 3 have finished recording for the CBC Challenge and the deadline to submit is November 23
 - Winners will be announced in December
- Mr. Stephania
 - Discussed yoga and pet therapy for the SEEDS students
 - Holiday activities will include baking and arts & crafts
- Mr. Peter and Mr. Andrew
 - Next Level Hocket program was well received by the HM community
 - Lunch activities with grades 5 and 6 – many students are participating in the volleyball activity
 - Grade 6 Ski Week
 - The usual activity/location is cancelled due to COVID-19 and replaced by Bout en Train winter camp
 - This camp provides many different activities for the students
 - OPTION 1: 1 day activity with dinner included (February 24)
 - OPTION 2: 4 days/3 nights activity (February 21-24)
 - The prices will vary, and transportation will have to be sourced and secured
 - ❖ **MOTION** to approve the both options called by Robert Panetta and seconded by Lisa Ida

Daycare Update

- Montreal Childrens' Hospital Fundraiser will take place every Monday for the 3 weeks in December
 - Email will be sent to HM community the week of November 22 with information
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Central Parents Committee Update

- CPC will donate money and flowers to the family of the child (Jannai Dopwell-Bailey) who was murdered at Coronation School.
- Motion passed regarding having multiple formats (twice) to form a Governing board, some schools are having problems getting parents to join for various reasons (unaware), this rule will need to be changed by the Commissioners.
- High-School Vaccination/Mask Mandate removal.
 - CPC asking what the vaccination rate is per high school, EMSB will check.
- Rules about conduct
- Next CPC meeting is scheduled for December 2

Home & School Update

- To date, H&S has 61 members
- Halloween:
 - Sponsored the pumpkin decorating competition and scavenger hunt
- Book Fair:
 - Will be on November 17 for the students only
 - Parents are encouraged to shop online until November 24
- Cookie Dough fundraiser has been successful to date
- H&M is looking into options for this years' Pancake Breakfast

Graduation Committee

- ❖ **MOTION** to approve the Grade 6 raffle, tickets will be on sale until December 6, called by Verena Garofalo and seconded by Robert Panetta.

Treasurer's Update

- No update

Next Meeting Date(s)

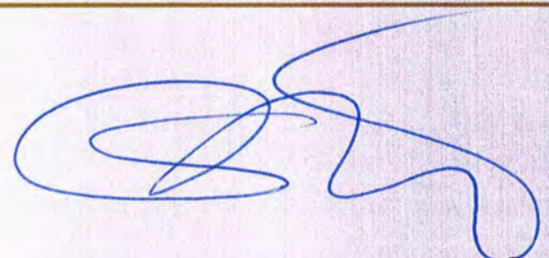
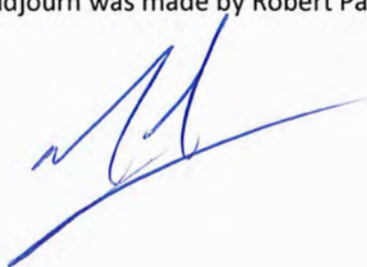
- Tuesday, December 14, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. (in-person at HM)

Varia

- Children are encouraged to take a breath break during gym class when they need one
 - They also go outside when possible for gym and Health class
- Idea of a monthly calendar that lists the upcoming school activities (e.g. fundraisers, special dress down days etc.) so that parents and guardians can plan ahead
 - The idea will be discussed with staff
- Suggestion of holding a jean day to raise funds for a special cause

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Panneta, seconded by Lisa Ida.



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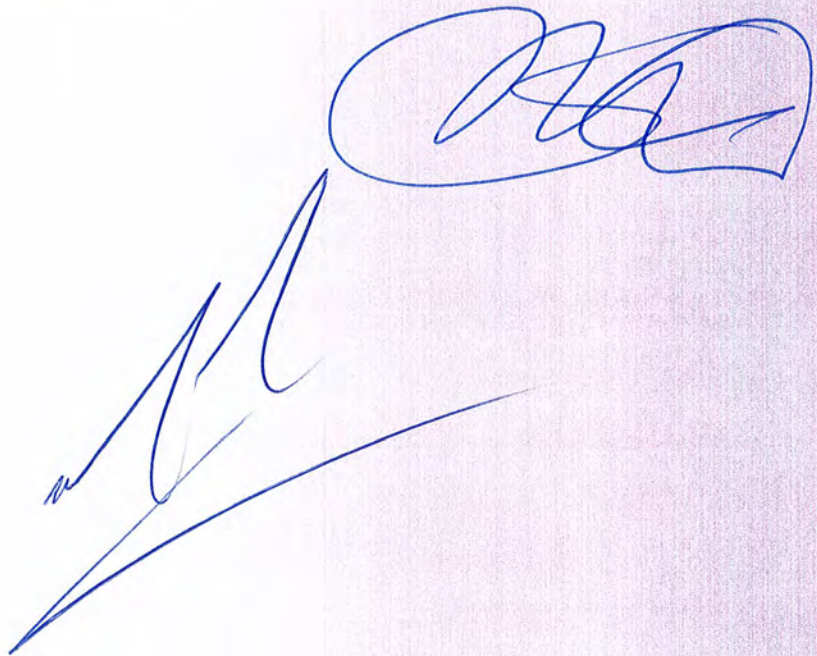
Honoré Mercier Governing Board

November 2021 | *Email Approval*

Governing Board Approval

Following the Governing Board meeting on October 5, 2021, we received one (1) motion to approve:

1. **Sent via email to all GB members on October 30, 2021: H&S Cookie Dough Fundraiser**
 - Approval for the H&S Cookie Dough Fundraiser passed unanimously on November 3, 2021

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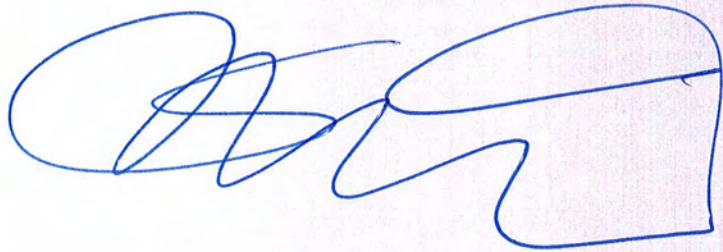

Honoré Mercier Governing Board

November 24, 2021 | *Email Approval*

Governing Board Approval

Following the Governing Board meeting on November 16, 2021, we received one (1) motion to approve:

1. Sent via email to all GB members on November 23, 2021: St-Brendan's Fundraiser
— Approval passed unanimously on November 24, 2021

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Mr. Andrew Martinez	Mme Annie Cadieux	Ms. Graniero	Mr. Peter Tsatoumas	Ms. Stephania

Welcome

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Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

- The agenda was approved by Tony Campione and seconded by Robert Panetta.
 - The minutes of the October 5, 2021 and November 16, 2021 meetings were approved by Robert Panetta and seconded by Angelo Irrera.
 - The email votes, St. Brendan's fundraiser and Cookie Dough fundraiser, were approved by Tony Campione and seconded by Peter Tsatoumas.
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Principal's Report

- Sexual Education Plan
 - ❖ MOTION to approve the plan called by Tony Campione, seconded by Verena Garofalo
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Vice Principal's Report

Field trips

- April 11 - Pre-K- Kidream
 - June 15 -Grade 3 - Cepsum
 - ❖ MOTION to approve the field trips called by Tony Campione, seconded by Verena Garofalo
 - St. Brendan's Fundraiser raised over \$1000
 - Holidays activities are planned for the students December 20-21-22.
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Teachers' Update

- Mme Annie
 - Kindergarten students are busy working on holiday decorations
 - Grade 1 students recently caught the Elf in their class
 - Grade 2 students are writing about Christmas
 - Grade 3 are honing their storytelling skills with Robert Munsch books
 - Grade 6 students have planned a gift exchange
- Ms. Veronica
 - CBC Challenge: Cycle 1 has made it to the TOP 10!
 - December 17, students will be recording their songs for the Holiday Concert

- A link will be sent to parents and guardians on December 22.
- Mr. Stephania
 - Students are very excited for the holidays!
- Mr. Peter and Mr. Andrew
 - Volleyball unit (Grades 3-6) is wrapping up
 - Lunch time activities are also coming to an end
 - New year lunch activity will be Basketball
 - Initiative with LMAC students
 - PDC, Dante and HM are working on a sports (possibly basketball and/or volleyball) program with LMAC students
 - This is for Grades 5 and 6 and will be an after school program
 - The games will be played at LMAC and the practices will be held at the home school with coaches and LMAC students.
 - Next Level Hockey Update
 - Positive feedback
 - Jungle Sport is coming back in February
 - 4-day schedule for all grades

Daycare Update

- No update

Central Parents Committee Update

- No update

Home & School Update

- Book Fair:
 - Successful event this year
 - Profits have not yet been tallied
- Cookie Dough fundraiser raised \$4000 for Pre-K – Grade 5 and \$2560 for Grade 6
- Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for December 22.

Treasurer's Update

- No update

Next Meeting Date(s)

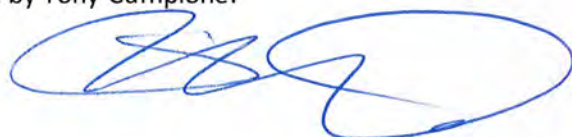
- Tuesday, February 1, 2022, virtual meeting at 6 p.m.

Varia

- With winter upon us, is it possible for parents to donate bags of salt for the yard? Is there room at HM to store these bags?

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Veronica Graniero, seconded by Tony Campione.



Agenda and minutes from March 8, 2022 meeting are approved
Robert, Jennifer

Motion to approve minutes from March 8 2022, amendments for online approvals, and current agenda:
-Peter, Angelo. Unanimous approval

Vice Principle's report

-May 10, Nat'l denim day, donations go to Cure Foundation for Cancer.

-May 10, Gr 1/2 are going to Amusement Action Direct

-Gr 4 Science Center, June 8

-Camps des Broullais, June 20/21 Gr. 6/5

-Halo Race Grade 3+4 May 12, Gr. 5-6 May 13

Motion to approve: Angelo, Jennifer. Passes unanimously

May 6 is the Regional science fair which will be virtual. We have 2 groups representing HM from Grade 6.

Principle's Report

-Thanks to the phys ed team at HM working closely with the St. Leonard schools, and especially Laurier MacDonald for the leadership and mentoring program that commissioner Pietrangelo brought forward. The program is likely to be applied to other boroughs as well.

-Next month we will inaugurate a Grade 6 project looking at the lives of the first Italian immigrants to Montreal. The project is a virtual museum where the students have put together a set of questions they have asked their grandparents in a short film to talk through their experience. It is trilingual (English, French and Italian). Madame Isabelle and Andrea are leading

-Enrolment: projected for next year is considerably lower. 322 students so the resource is cut from 1.8 to 1.4, and cutting a class. Looking at this closely. Other school in St. Leonard have also seen decreased enrolment

Question from Tony Campione: What did the marketing consultant actually do for HM? As the only marketing we see is really parent-driven, but nothing from the ESMB or the marketing committee. A:

Answer: We highlighted the amazing projects that were done at the school. Our competition is the private schools because they are becoming more affordable. Also want to try to get those people who moved to Laval or RDP and make it worthwhile to come to St. Leonard

Question from Tony Campione: Can we have fundraising from Home and School to ensure we have the budget for extracurriculars?

Answer: The issue is less about money, but to actually find someone who is competent and capable in that particular field. It's becoming critical even to find substitutes.

-Proposal: instead of hiring a marketing committee, or asking parents to shoot a video, assign it as homework to the kids. Will be brought up at the next staff meeting

Johnny Piazza from Le Doral

-Green initiative: removal of the water bottle beverage from the package from 2022 school year unless GB decides they do need it at a \$0.25 fee. This helps keep the prices at the same level

-Starting in December 2021 they have been more active on FaceBook and Instagram (LeDoral Catering), including a picture of each meal posted prior to 3pm. This is an effort to stay transparent and open with the schools so parents can see what will be delivered to the school. This has had a positive impact, including DMs from parents.

-2022/23 price is guaranteed at \$6.50. 2020 was the big onetime price increase of \$1. Removal of the water bottle should help with the prices

Vote on the price: With water price is \$6.75, without \$6.50

Question from Tony Campione:: What happens when a kid forgets water?

Answer: We give them something, we have plenty of water

Question from Tony Campione:: Do we have any children who are malnourished? (This came up at CPC)

Answer: We are very fortunate in that we are able to take care of any who may be with extra lunches. There are usually 2 or 3 meals provided. Extra snacks are collected and placed in a bowl to be taken as first-come-first-serve. There is really nobody suffering hunger or malnourished at the school.

Vote on two items: Do we keep the contract with le Doral, and do we select the price with water (+\$0.25), or without at the current price.

Motion: Veronica, Tony. Motion to keep le Doral at the current price with water bottles removed passes unanimously

CPC Report:

-Land Acknowledgment (files will be sent as email with these minutes)

-Presentation of “AlloProf.qc.ca” by Lisa Lorenzetti

Educational Services for Students for help on subjects.

English Section to be setup in the future.

-EMSB Virtual Parent Conference Workshop

New Date change to Sunday May 29 2022. Please log in to EMSBParents.ca to register,

Topics:

Understanding Gender Identity

“We don’t talk about Brunnoe” : tips and tricks for developing spelling skills

What’s on the Menu (Nutrition)

Parenting Your Child & Adolescent with Screen Addiction

Virtual Library Resources: Reading for Fun & Reading for Research

Ready, Set, Start! – Understanding My Pre-Schooler

Storytelling Through Photography.

L’aventure du français en famille!

SPRING INTO SUMMER MEALS (AEVS)

DEAL – A Different Way of Learning

The What, Who, Why & How of Giftedness

Helping Children with Reading Difficulties

Understanding Behavior & Attachment (PreK to grade 3)

Assistive Technology to Support Literacy

LEARN – Online Tutoring

Last year’s Podcast: Listen to a Podcast from last year’s Parent Conference here:

<https://soundcloud.com/englishmtlpodcasts/emsb-podcast-2021-parent-conference>

Process for “Criteria for Selection of a Principal”

This is what we had already discussed in our previous meeting.

Beautification Grants

April 21, 2021: I, Tony Campione Sent email to Brigida Sellato, asking how to proceed as HM school yard has issues with the asphalt.

April 22, 2022: She responded advising the Administration should contact the MR or Sector Director.

Anti-Racism Subcommittee Permanent Subcommittee

Attached Message

Sexual Misconduct Prevention Sub-Committee

Attached Message

EPCA Report

Warning the current state of Bill 96 poses a major threat to the English Community at the EMSB.

Rally/Demonstration set for April 14.

Next Meeting

May 5, 2022.

-Beautification project: Asphalt needs to be done, but probably won't be considered “beautifying”

Teachers

-Madame Annie: Maternelle planter des tomates Jounree de la terre. 2e – surprise for moms; 3e theatre d'ombre, progressing well; 4e – maquettes d'un collone francais; 5e – livraison des papillions belle dame, en 2 semaines ; maternelle – Regine peinturer des bateau, alphabet, math, logic etc; 1e – 2 projets dans steam fabrique des traineaux en neige; arts and crafts for easter; Arts plastiques – impressionisme, Paul Cezanne, cubisme.

-Veronica Gr. 3 also did Cubism and Impressionism; Gr. 4 Picasso; Gr. 5 Micro:Bit tech project, transferring code to music; Gr.4 – starting the Maki-Maki project, with electric circuits musically linked (Banana piano); Concert prep starting for the whole school

-Phys Ed: Mr. Peter: Manipulation pre K-2; Gr 6- manipulation applied to bball, teaching how to play a proper game; Gr. 3-6 started HALO practice with jog outside. (3-4 = 1k, 5-6 = 2k). Lots of kids signed up for run on Mt Royal. Lunchtime bball program concluded, very happy with the turnout. Program with LMAC is going very well. Very impressed with the LMAC students who come to help, 2 are former students. They coach drills, teach strategy, and the kids enjoy it all around. And thanks to Ms. Veronica for her help in his program. Also sending out energy cubes May 3. Students will come home with a booklet to encourage the kids to be active. Exercise adds squares. Arranged in the month of May a sportsmobile will come to the school. 2 days, activities for pre-K to 6. More info on energy cubes and Sports Mobile to come.

Daycare report (Daniella)

-Process for registering for next year via Mosaic. Already reached the same numbers as 2022.

Treasurer's report (Angelo)

-No change

Home and School (Mary)

-No changes to report. Pancake day was awesome. Next meeting should be the 1st week of May.

Next meeting:

-May 19, 2022 6:00 pm, Teams

Motion to adjourn

-Veronica, Jennifer