

# 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**

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### In Attendance

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| Mark Saracino        | Tony Campione       | Verena Garofalo      | Sandra Guerra       | Felice Petraglia    |
| 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 | Ida                 | Mr. Peter Tsatoumas |
| Lisa Saracino        |                     |                      |                     |                     |

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### Welcome

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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

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### Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

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- 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.

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### Principal's Report

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#### 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.

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## Vice Principal's Report

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- 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

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## Teachers' Update

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- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> year McGill student that will be with HM from October to December

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### Daycare Update

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- 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

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### Central Parents Committee Update

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- No updates

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### Home & School Update

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

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### Treasurer's Update

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### Next Meeting Date(s)

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

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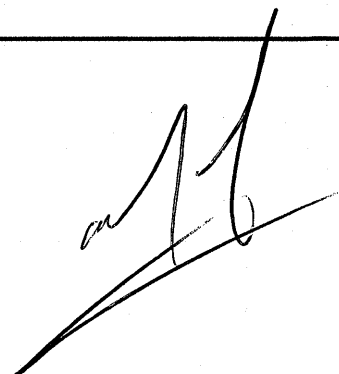
- Printing of school forms
  - In an effort to go green, we ask that parents print their own forms. If a parent does not have access to a printer, the school will provide the printed material.
- GM meeting minutes
  - Once the school board approves the meeting minutes, they will be posted to HM's website.

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### Adjournment

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



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## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

*Tuesday, November 16, 2021 | Meeting called to order by Mark Saracino*  
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| Mark Saracino       | Tony Campione       | Verena Garofalo      | Robert Panetta      | Lisa Ida             |
| Jennifer Uniat      | Ms. Marotta         | Nancy Cantini        | Arianna Holowka     | Ms. Christina Voggas |
| Ms. Daniela Buttino | Mr. Andrew Martinez | Mme Annie Cadieux    | Ms. Graniero        | Mario Pietrangelo    |
| Merika Ramundo      | Aileen Montesclaros | Stefania Iannantuoni | Mr. Peter Tsatoumas | Lisa Saracino        |
| Nancy Rebelo        | Catia Z             |                      |                     |                      |

### 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.

### 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

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## Vice Principal's Report

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### 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

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## Teachers' Update

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- 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

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## Daycare Update

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- 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

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- 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

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## Home & School Update

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- 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.

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## Treasurer's Update

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## Next Meeting Date(s)

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

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## Varia

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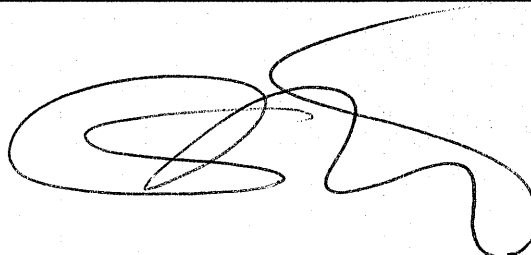
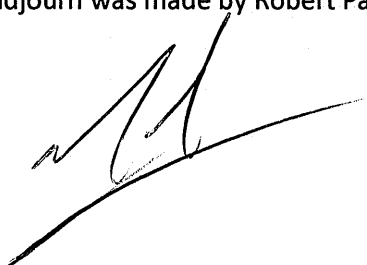
- Children are encouraged to take a breath break during gym class when they need one
  - They also go outside when possible for gym and Health class
- Idea of a monthly calendar that lists the upcoming school activities (e.g. fundraisers, special dress down days etc.) so that parents and guardians can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

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## Adjournment

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



# Minutes

## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

November 2021 | *Email Approval*

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### Governing Board Approval

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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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# Minutes

## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

November 24, 2021 | *Email Approval*

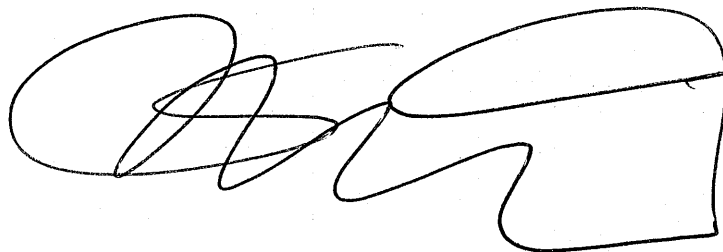
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### Governing Board Approval

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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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# Minutes

## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 | Meeting called to order by Mark Saracino

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### In Attendance

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| Mark Saracino       | Tony Campione     | Verena Garofalo | Robert Panetta      | Angelo Irrera        |
| Lisa Ida            | Jennifer Uniat    | Nancy Cantini   | Ms. Marotta         | Ms. Christina Voggas |
| Mr. Andrew Martinez | Mme Annie Cadieux | Ms. Graniero    | Mr. Peter Tsatoumas | Ms. Stephania        |

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### Welcome

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

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### Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

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- 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

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

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#### 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

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- 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

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#### Daycare Update

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- No update

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#### Central Parents Committee Update

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- No update

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#### Home & School Update

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- 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.

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#### Treasurer's Update

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#### Next Meeting Date(s)

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

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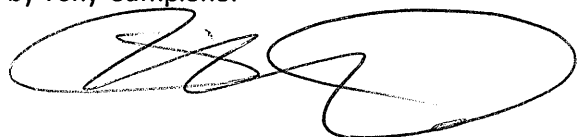
- With winter upon us, is it possible for parents to donate bags of salt for the yard? Is there room at HM to store these bags?

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#### Adjournment

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



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## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 | Virtual meeting call to order by Mark Saracino

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| Mark Saracino       | Tony Campione        | Verena Garofalo     | Robert Panetta    | Angelo Irrera    |
| Lisa Ida            | Jennifer Uniat       | Arianna Holowka     | Nancy Cantini     | Mary Scicchitano |
| Ms. Marotta         | Ms. Christina Voggas | Mr. Andrew Martinez | Mme Annie Cadieux | Ms. Graniero     |
| Mr. Peter Tsatoumas | Mario Pietrangelo    |                     |                   |                  |

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### Welcome

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Mark Saracino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and thanked all parents and teachers for their participation on the GB.

Commissioner Maria Pietrangelo shared that the Peer Sport Program will begin after March Break

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### Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

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- The agenda was approved by Ms. Veronica Graniero, seconded by Tony Campione.
- The minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting were approved by Peter Tsatoumas, seconded by Jennifer Uniat.

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### Principal's Report

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- 2021-2022 Budget
  - ❖ MOTION to approve the budget called by Verena Garofalo, seconded by Jennifer Uniat.

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### Vice Principal's Report

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#### Field trips

- Grades 1 and 2: Field trips have been postponed due to the restrictions
- Pre-K and K: Field trip will be June 3, 2022
  - ❖ MOTION to approve this field trip called by Mme Annie Cadieux, seconded by Jennifer Uniat.

#### Budget Building Process 2022-2023

- ❖ MOTION to approve the process called by Tony Campione, seconded by Lisa Ida

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### Teachers' Update

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- Mme Annie
  - Kindergarten students are busy working on crafts for Valentine's Day
  - Grade 1 students are learning about the five senses
  - Grade 3 are working on a theatre project
  - Cycle 3 students enjoyed
- Ms. Veronica
  - Students are learning about different composer and exploring new instruments.

- Mr. Peter and Mr. Andrew
  - There is a family in the HM Community that is facing difficult times
    - ❖ MOTION to approve the “Dress Down Day” fundraiser called by Tony Campione, seconded by Robert Panetta.
  - Jungle Sport
    - The February activities have been cancelled and they are working on securing other activities

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### Daycare Update

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- No update

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### Central Parents Committee Update

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- Discussion included:
  - Land Acknowledgment regarding the Aboriginal Indians and the unmarked graves of children.
  - Specific Project/Special Status of EMSB Schools and approvals such as FACE, Access, Royal Vale, Royal West and Vincent Massey. This is part of Section 240 of the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ), as a school board may determine the criteria for the enrollment of the students in schools with a Specific Project for those schools. This was agreed by all the parents.
  - Parent Conference: Committee was announced and is asking all schools if anyone would like to assist or sponsor their company at this event.
  - Governing Board Action Plan: current CPC and GB members to assist schools to promote the GB actions as some schools do not have any parents.
  - Motion added to remove the current Chair and Vice-Chair for sending the letter to the EMSB Director General and Commissioner Chairpersons without the Go-Ahead of the CPC members via a secret ballot. Vote was cast; however, the CPC Chair will keep their position.

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### Home & School Update

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- Book Fair:
  - \$2,507.85 profit
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser
  - As one flavour was no longer available, a refund was provided; therefore, the new profit totals are:  
Grade 6: \$2,445.56 and Pre-K-Grade 5: \$3,828.84
- Pancake Breakfast was scheduled for December 22 but had to be cancelled due to the closure of schools. Looking into a new date in February.
- Next H&S meeting is February 2 and they will discuss Teacher Appreciation Week.

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### Treasurer's Update

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- No update

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### Next Meeting Date(s)

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- Tuesday, March 8, 2022, virtual meeting at 6 p.m.

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### Varia

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- Robotics/Programming
  - Explore the idea/possibility to offer this as an after-school activity or as part of the Science Curriculum
- Mosaik Portal

- All student absences must be recorded by parents/guardians through the Mosaik Portal
- Teacher also use this portal for reports

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## Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Panetta, seconded by Verena Garofalo.

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## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 | Meeting called to order by Mark Saracino

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| Jennifer Uniat      | Nancy Cantini        | Maria Pinsky        | Arianna Holowka | Merika Ramundo |
| Ms. Marotta         | Ms. Christina Voggas | Mr. Andrew Martinez | Mme Elisa       | Ms. Graniero   |
| Mr. Peter Tsatoumas | Ms. Daniella         |                     |                 |                |

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### Welcome

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Mark Saracino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and thanked all parents and teachers for their participation on the GB.

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### Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

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- The agenda was approved by Angelo Irrera, seconded by Jennifer Uniat
- The minutes of the December 2021 meeting were approved by Angelo Irrera, seconded by Verena Garofalo

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### Principal's Report

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- Currently in enrollment and registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

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### Vice Principal's Report

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#### Field trips

- March 30: Biodome and Insectarium
- April 29: Ottawa day trip – an educational guided tour of the Capital, Parliament, Rideau Canal, Canadian Army Museum, etc
  - ❖ **MOTION** to approve the field trips called by Ms. Veronica, seconded by Verena Garofalo

#### School activities

- March 17: Mini Science Fair – about 20 students from Grades 5 and 6 will participate
- April 4: Cabane a Sucre at school – will include a petting zoo and lunch for all students

Thank you to Home & School for the Pancake Breakfast on February 25, 2022!

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### Teachers' Update

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- Mme Elisa
  - Grade 6 students are working on their STEAM project
  - Grade 6 – Transition to high school sessions for students and parents
- Ms. Veronica
  - Grade 4 – Music coding over a duration of five class sessions
- Mr. Peter and Mr. Andrew
  - Lunch time basketball activity will start March 22 & 23 with Grades 5 and 6

- Peer Initiative with LMAC students (After school)
  - Grade 6 has started, and Grade 5 will start soon
- Winter Carnival for all cycles went well
- Fundraiser for HM family was well received by the HM Community

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## Daycare Update

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- Registrations and distribution of tax slips

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## Central Parents Committee Update

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- Moment of Silence was observed for the victims of the Quebec Mosque shooting (5 years ago)
- Internal Rules Modification (held by e-vote):
  - The major item was that PC members can join the Executive meeting as observers only and can ask questions only at the allotted times. Alternates are NOT allowed to speak during a CPC meeting unless the Delegate is absent.
  - Complaints of any staff will not be addressed to the EMSBCPC, but directed to the principal, sector director, commissioner, parent commissioner or through the EMSB complaints procedure. EMSBPC Delegates and Alternates represent all parents in the system and bring their concerns forward.
- PARENT CONFERENCE- ACTION PLAN: May 22, 2022
- ACCESS Membership: List of parents have been approved for the sub-committee.
- SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO STUDENTS:
  - The criteria for said award is established as: a student who has shown leadership, volunteerism, and citizenship during the school year or that the student has overcome personal adversity during the school year.
  - The student will be chosen by the principal and Parent Delegate or alternate will present the award, \$50 for Elementary and \$100 for High School.
- LITERACY PRIZE TO STUDENTS:
  - Literacy is at the cornerstone of learning and forms the basis of understanding of all other subjects taught in the public education system.
  - The Parents' Committee routinely identifies literacy as a top funding priority for EMSB parents during the annual Budget Building process. The student will be chosen by the principal and Parent Delegate or alternate will present the award.
- NEW COVID REPORTING FOR PARENTS: Reporting will be conducted via Mozaik and if anyone has problems to please contact their school principal.
- INCIDENT AT ST. LAURENT SCHOOL:
  - The members discussed how the Administration could reinforce the process about reporting an incident of assault. Following a discussion, a sub-committee was formed to propose ideas and come up with action items. It could also be prudent to reiterate what the limits are in physical education class with regards to physical contact, consent, and privacy. One communication for elementary and one for high school would be appropriate. More details will follow.
- PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT: Topics included
  - Masks for employees and students
  - Loss of revenue and loss of international students at the Adult level
  - Shortage of teachers
  - Council attended a workshop on governance
  - Virtual celebration for registration week under the theme Diversity and Inclusion
  - Committee on diversity and inclusion was established
  - Financial statements were deposited.

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## Home & School Update

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- Teacher Appreciation Week was a success.
- Pancake Breakfast was provided by Vincent's and went well.

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### Treasurer's Update

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- No update

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### Next Meeting Date(s)

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- Thursday, April 21, 2022, virtual meeting at 6 p.m.

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### Varia

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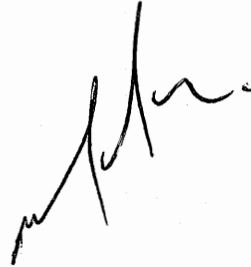
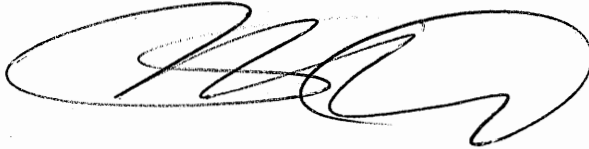
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### Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Daniella, seconded by Jennifer Uniat





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## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

March and April 2022 | *Email Approvals*

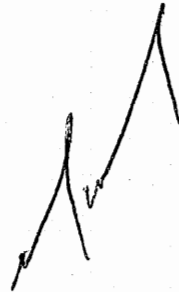
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### Governing Board Approval

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Following the Governing Board meeting on March 8, 2022, we received two (2) motions to approve:

1. **Sent via email to all GB members on March 16, 2022: Ukrainian Community Fundraiser**
  - Approval for the fundraiser passed on March 23, 2022
2. **Sent via email to all GB member on April 4, 2022: Grade 6 Fundraiser**
  - Approval for the fundraiser passed on April 6, 2022

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# Minutes

## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

Thursday, May 19, 2022 | Meeting called to order by Mark Saracino

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### In Attendance

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| Mark Saracino        | Tony Campione       | Verena Garofalo | Robert Panetta | Angelo Irrera   |
| Lisa Ida             | Jennifer Uniat      | Nancy Cantini   | Maria Pinsky   | Ms. Marotta     |
| Ms. Christina Voggas | Mr. Andrew Martinez | Mme Christine   | Mr. Peter      | Stephanie Rossy |
| Ms. Daniella         | Merika Ramundo      | Real Heppelle   |                |                 |

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### Welcome

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Mark Saracino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and thanked all parents and teachers for their participation on the GB.

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### Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

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- The agenda was approved by Verena Garofalo, seconded by Angelo Irrera
  - ❖ Tony Campione added a discussion point to the agenda regarding low enrollment
- The minutes of the April 2022 meeting were approved by Angelo Irrera, seconded by Tony Campione – pending that the attendee names be added to the meeting minutes.

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### Principal's Report

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- Grade 4 students have requested permission to sell homemade/handmade jewelry in order to raise money for a new picnic table.
  - GB discussed the idea of looking into an entrepreneurial fair for all students.
  - Administration will get additional information, including the prices of picnic tables
    - ❖ **MOTION** to have an entrepreneurial fair, contingent on staff council approval, by Tony Campione, seconded by Jennifer Uniat.
- Renewal of contract with MOXO – with the addition that only the yellow top and green bottoms can be worn for gym class.
  - ❖ **MOTION** to renew the contract, by Jennifer Uniat, seconded by Angelo Irrera

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### Vice Principal's Report

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#### Field trip

- June 22, Grade 4 will go to the Musee McCord
  - ❖ **MOTION** to approve the field trip called by Robert Panetta, seconded by Tony Campione

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### Teachers' Update

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- Mr. Peter and Mr. Andrew
  - Music class will host an end-of-year virtual concert – Music Through the Decades. This will be filmed on June 16 and sent to parents via Google Classroom.
  - Halo Run (Grades 3-4-5-6) went well. HM brought back 8 metals and the students are enjoyed themselves.

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## Home & School Update

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- No update

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## Treasurer's Update

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- No update

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## Next Meeting Date(s)

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- Thursday, June 9 at 6 p.m. – in person meeting at the school.

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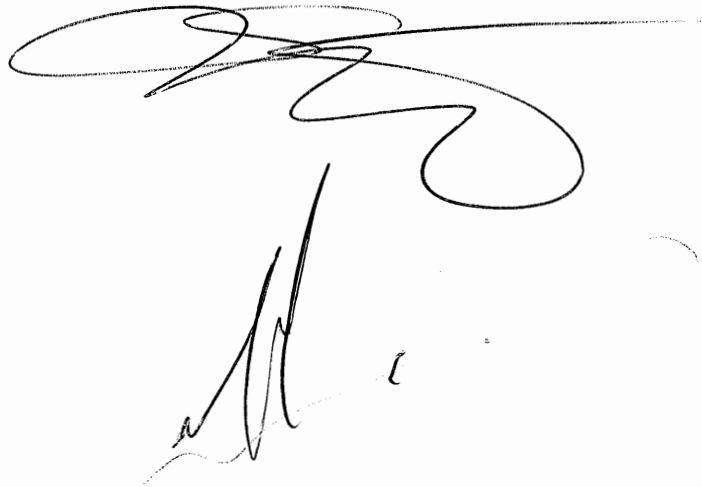
- School enrollment
  - There was a discussion regarding the petition that circulated on social media asking for an action plan by HM to address the low school enrollment. This led to a deeper conversation about next steps, as well as to two motions:
    - ❖ MOTION 1 to create a sub-committee that consists of GB members and staff that will build a plan on how to address the low enrollment and raise HM's visibility in order to maintain the students that we have and attract new ones. MOTION was called by Tony Campione and seconded by Robert Panetta.
    - ❖ MOTION 2 to request resources so that we can consult with the HM community on needs and wants in order to support our action plan. MOTION was called by Tony Campione and seconded by Verena Garofalo.

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## Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn was made by Verena Garofalo, seconded by Jennifer Uniat.

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# Minutes

## Honoré Mercier Governing Board

Thursday, June 9, 2022 | Meeting called to order by Mark Saracino

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### In Attendance

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| Mark Saracino       | Tony Campione     | Verena Garofalo | Angelo Irrera | Jennifer Uniat       |
| Arianna Holowka     | Nancy Cantini     | Maria Pinsky    | Ms. Marotta   | Ms. Christina Voggas |
| Mr. Andrew Martinez | Mme Annie         | Mr. Peter       | Mme Christine | Ms. Veronica         |
| Ms. Daniella        | Mario Pietrangelo | Merika Ramundo  | Real Heppelle |                      |

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### Welcome

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Mark Saracino called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and thanked all parents and teachers for their participation on the GB.

Commissioner Mario Pietrangelo addressed the GB:

- A new video-game creation program has been proposed at LMAC.
  - The plan is to eventually link this program to Honore Mercier as well.
- Leadership/Mentorship Program started later than expected – target is to start at the beginning of the school year for 2022/23.
  - LMAC students were very engaged
- Women in Leadership Program is being reviewed for the school

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### Meeting Agenda & Meeting Minute Approval

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  - Tony Campione added a discussion point to the agenda regarding low enrollment
- The minutes of the May 2022 meeting were approved by Mr. Martinez, seconded by Tony

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### Principal's Report

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- Introduction of the Sub-Committee
  - Mission is to address low enrollment at HM
  - Ms. Voggas and Ms. Marotta met with the EMSB Robotics Committee.
    - They were able to confirm that HM's STEM and Robotics equipment were in good condition
    - They will meet with HM teachers to discuss next steps for STEM and Robotics and what the needs are per cycle.
  - Ms. Voggas and Ms. Marotta will schedule a meeting/tour of Pearson's hydroponic set-up
- 2022-23 Budget discussion
  - ❖ **MOTION** to approve the school fees and charges to parents called by Tony Campione, seconded by Ms. Veronica
  - ❖ **MOTION** to approve the 2022-23 Budget called by Ms. Veronica, seconded by Tony Campione
- 2022-23 Vice Principal at HM
  - HM no longer meets the required 400 student requirement for the VP, therefore, HM will lose the VP position for the 2022-23 school year.
- Virtual Museum
  - Hm students created a Virtual Museum, showcasing Italian and Greek grandparents. There will be an opening ceremony on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Centre Leonardo DaVinci.

Adjournment

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Motion to adjourn was called by Tony Campione, seconded by Jennifer Uniat.



V. Campione

