

**QUEBEC HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD**
945 Belvedere, Quebec City,
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Governing Board Meeting
Monday, February 5th, 2018
6:30 p.m. in the VCN Room

Minutes

Present:

Warren Thomson	Rebecca Palmer
Douglas Grant	Ilona Szabo
Josée Simard	Kelly Eden
Judith Vézina	Sandra Cole
Carrienne Bell	Jill Gagnon
Suzie Chiasson-Renaud	Jean-Luc Trahan

Absent:

Alex Detre
Ann Gauthier
Susan McBain
Ed Sweeney

1. Quorum was reached, meeting started at 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of the Agenda – moved by S. Chiasson-Renaud, seconded by R. Palmer
3. No questions from public or members
4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 2017 meeting – moved by S. Cole, seconded by J. Simard
5. Governing Board business

(a) The Project status report

J-L Trahan gave an update regarding the new school project. Locations options were discussed at the City and Board level. Current legal ownership of properties is being evaluated by a notary. Waiting for news from MEES, hopefully this spring.

(b) ACGC

W Thomson presented the *Academic Career Guidance Content* document. Per MEES requirements, this must be implemented by September for all levels. 5-10 hours are required in total; content is not evaluated and does not appear on Report Cards.

(c) *Sex Education*

W Thomson presented a summary of the content that the MEES will require to be given to students starting in September. Again, 5-10 hours (depending on grade levels) need to be given in all; content is not evaluated and does not appear on Report Cards. Material is adapted per level, and is presented to students in the context of their other classes, such as English, Drama, Phys. Ed., etc. J Gagnon expressed concerns regarding staff preparation/training for this new mandate given to them.

(d) *Anti-bullying*

S. Chiasson-Renaud explained the plan of action for the school. Latest surveys show a 6% decrease in instances of bullying at QHS. Action plan was approved unanimously, moved by J. Gagnon, seconded by S. Chiasson-Renaud.

(e) *CQSB Transportation Information*

JL Trahan explained that at a recent Parents' Committee meeting, interesting statistics and information was provided by the people responsible for Transportation at the board. W Thomson also had a very similar presentation presented to him. Tools are being created and used to determine individual students' travel times to optimize routes and hopefully reduce travel times as much as possible. The board currently spends about \$4.5M annually on transportation.

6. Student Council's Report

Many activities took place recently, and more are being planned:

- So You Think You Have Talent (Feb. 21)
- Valentine's Day (formal day, couples' catwalk, candy-grams, etc.)
- Leucan assembly this week
- Teacher/Staff appreciation week
- We Are CQ (postponed by the school board)
- Glambition
- Outdoor Ed trip
- Humanitarian trip
- Fashion Show (April)

7. Principal's Report

- Arts sector has added improv teams – Seniors are travelling to Montreal to compete
- Basketball teams are all active with tournaments
- Acedemics – midyear exams have just been completed
- Community – A new magazine will be produced and introduced with a launch party
 - o Various ongoing projects with VEQ
 - o Student exchanges are ongoing
 - o Pickleball league has started
 - o QHS is supporting an alumni (Bobby Irving) who will be competing at the upcoming 2018 Winter Olympics
 - o Winter Activity Day was presented and unanimously approved by the Governing Board

8. Other reports

(a) Transportation Committee

No report.

(b) Parents' Committee

JL Trahan explained that various School Board officials each attend a Committee meeting to present different topics on the internal work being done at the board level. The board has many priorities, but the top ones are: Commitment to Succeed, Securing the IT infrastructure (against loss of data, intrusions, etc.) The MEES has published their new Strategic Plan for the province, so now each School Board needs to work on implementing this vision.

The Parents' Committee has a budget available and would like to offer workshops throughout the board. One possible subject under consideration is on concussions. Many parents (and some staff) are not 100% aware of what this entails for a student.

(c) CLC report

As E Sweeney is absent, a report was given by W Thomson during the Principal's Report.

9. Business arising

A. Detre has confirmed that he no longer has the time to honor his commitment to the GB. A new parent member will be invited to replace him for the rest of this year.

10. No correspondence

11. Varia:

None.

12. No questions from public or members

13. Next meeting is March 26th at 6:30 PM

14. Meeting was adjourned.