

QUEBEC HIGH SCHOOL  
GOVERNING BOARD  
945 Belvedere, Quebec City,  
Quebec G1S 3G2



Governing Board Meeting  
Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
6:30 p.m. in the School Conference Room

### Minutes

**Present:**

Principal:

Warren Thomson

Support Staff:

Josée Simard

Community/Professional:

Teachers:

Douglas Grant

Jessica Jorna

Laura Peterson

Rachelle St-Amand

Students

Abigail Pilote

Fabrice Juhasz

Parents:

Arantza Corcuera

Ann Gauthier

Karalyn Lacombe

Janick Purchio

Jean-Luc Trahan

Rhea Utley

**Absent:** Ed Sweeney

**Quorum was reached, meeting started at 6:30 p.m.**

1. Opening of the Assembly and verification of the Quorum
2. Approval of the Agenda – moved by, by Rhea Utley seconded by Josée Simard
  - Special Needs Advisory Committee needs to be added to “Other reports” section
3. Questions period
  - No question from the public
  - No questions from the members
4. Approval of the Minutes of the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, moved by Josée Simard and seconded by Arantza Corcuera
5. Student Council Report
  - Presentation from the 2 Student representatives who were absent at the September meeting. All GB members introduced themselves to them.
  - The following events were organized:
    - Homecoming dance was a success (150 tickets were sold)

- Several activities were organized for Halloween (Catwalk, candy jar contest, etc.) It was not possible to create the Hunted House this year.
- Upcoming events:
  - Crazy Hat Day
  - Christmas Hamper Campaign: students are ready. It is a very much appreciated experience.
- Scheduling for Theme days:
  - Black and White Day is already scheduled
  - Other Theme days will be planned during the next student body meeting.

## 6. Principal's Report

- a. Blood drive is happening tomorrow. Leadership class students are involved. It is educational for them. A good way to support the community and teach the kids the value of giving.
- b. Open House is coming on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm. The conference room was revamped for the occasion (robotics, graphic tablets, etc.) It was a great collective project.
- c. Transportation – Windstorm on Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>: busses had left the school *before* it was known that the bridge was closed. QHS and the School Board were in communication with parents as required.
- d. Report on 4 pillars
  - Academics: end of first term is coming; 2 information sessions with the Police are coming up; Anxiety workshop for staff.
  - Athletics: 7 Basketball teams (20% of kids are playing!)
  - Arts: Coffee house is coming in December
  - Several extracurricular activities are happening almost every night at QHS. Everything is up and running well.

## 7. Other reports

- a. Transportation Committee: no meeting was held.
- b. Parents' Committee: the big issue for this year is Bill 40 and the committee is working closely with the English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA) to maintain this governing body for the English community. The number of representatives is also an issue because of the huge territory CQSB covers. Recruiting issues were also discussed because it is a reality that staff are sometimes hired even though they are "not qualified" (i.e. don't have a pedagogical diploma.)
- c. Community Report: none as the representative is absent.
- d. Special Needs Advisory Committee: no meetings were held yet.

8. Governing Board business

- a. Approval of Amended 2019-2020 Budget. The operating budget was increased by \$2466 (essentially for teaching materials.) Moved by Rhea Utley and seconded by Rachelle St-Amand.
- b. Approval for Decentralized Measures for 2019-2020 as presented by Mr. Thomson, moved by Janick Purchio and seconded by Jessica Jorna.
- c. Consultation on 3-Year Plan and Deeds of Establishment for 2020-2021. The school's request to also be registered as a General Adult Education school was refused in the past. It is a project for the new High School.
- d. Consultation on Criteria for Enrolment for 2020-2021. It was noted that next year's consultation should occur earlier to ensure all stakeholders see the upcoming changes to the catchment area for the new South Shore School (and redistributed areas for the remaining elementary schools.)

9. Business Arising

- Saint-Lawrence CEGEP now operates within a new legal organizational structure, and now has a local Governing Board. Mr. Warren Thomson was nominated Chair of this new board and Mr. Jean-Luc Trahan was elected as one of the Parent Representatives.

10. Correspondence

- No correspondence

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- a. Presentation of the Amended 2018-2019 Budget. Following the School Board audit, Mr. Thomson presented revisions that were made to the previously approved budget. Approval of the amendments was moved by Rhea Utley and seconded by Jessica Jorna.

12. Question period:

- a. No questions.

13. Date of next meeting: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

14. Adjournment

- Meeting ends at 8:42pm.