

QUEBEC HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNING BOARD
945 Belvedere, Quebec City,
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Governing Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019
6:30 p.m. in the School Conference Room

Minutes

Present:

Principal:

Warren Thomson

Teachers

Douglas Grant

Laura Peterson

Rachelle St-Amand

Parents :

Arantza Corcuera

Ann Gauthier

Karalyn Lacombe

Jean-Luc Trahan

Community/Professional:

Students

Abigail Pilote

Fabrice Juhasz

Absent: Ed Sweeney, Josée Simard, Jessica Jorna, Rhea Utley, Janick Purchio

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 L. Peterson, seconded by A. Corcuera
3. Questions period
No question from the public
No questions from the members
4. Approval of the Minutes of the November 5th meeting, moved by K. Lacombe and seconded by A. Corcuera
5. Student Council Report
 - Christmas week: theme days are planned (Green & Red Day, Pyjama and Mug Day, etc.)
 - “Snow Ball” Dance is scheduled and tickets will be sold starting on the 12th with a musical “decade” playlist from 2010-2019. Final planning will be next week. Sec. 1

students are invited too! If this event goes well, they are thinking of planning another one in spring. The last dance had a good attendance (about 150.)

- St-Valentine's: they started planning activities for the day.

6. Principal's Report

- a. Blood drive met its targets.
- b. Open House was one with the most attendance.
- c. Report on the 4 pillars
 - Academics: Honor Roll (over 30% of students have over 80%). Academic enrichment (newsletter: will be coming with Poetry Slam, Coffee House, Christmas Week); Youth Caravan – "Inside the mind of a teen" for Sec. 3 – school project of former students who tested their final project in Psychology
 - Athletics: invite kids to come and watch the home game that is coming; training room is open from Monday and Thursday; Hiking club with 13 kids that go out every 2 weeks.
 - Arts: workshops started in November twice a week (Japanese Art Techniques, Watercolor, etc.); Performing Arts Concentration did their first presentation at Holland; Coffee House is upcoming on December 11 from 7pm to 9pm (50 students performing) music, dance and improv performances.
 - Active Citizenship
 - Several extracurricular activities are happening almost every night at QHS at no costs. Robotics and programming is getting

7. Update on Measures & Budget

- Mr Thomson goes through his Measures follow-up presentation.
- 467 784 \$ budget for Measures. 118 782 \$ is for the *Seuil minimal de services pour les écoles* and is mainly for hiring specialists (expenses are mainly HR) and currently, budget will be spent when the psychologist comes; 136 466\$ is for extra-curricular. *Ecole Inspiration* supports local school initiatives. FLS Measure is disappointing. Jordan's Principle (Federal funding for First Nation students) is 124 000\$, resources just got hired in a context where we are struggling for hire.

8. Other reports

- a. Transportation Committee: no meeting was held.
- b. CQSB Parents' Committee: Robotics presentation was made to board, who is trying to start a Committee. Testing for lead in the school water supply was discussed. Plumbing is a city issue. Approx. 50 positions are open throughout the school board. In some schools, Principal and Vice-Principal are going back to teaching to mitigate lack of teachers. Bill 40 is at the Parliament (*Commission Parlementaire*). EPCA was very badly quoted by the Minister who cited, completely out of context, that "English parents agree to that". Next PC meeting is scheduled for February.

- c. Community Report: M. Sweeney is absent. Christmas Hamper is the big ongoing project. M. Sweeney is also very much involved with extra-curricular activities.
- d. Special Needs Advisory Committee: there were no meetings since the beginning of the school year. First meeting is scheduled for January.

9. Governing Board business

- a. None

10. Business Arising

- o No business arising.

11. Correspondence

- o No correspondence

12. Varia

Dates of next meetings:

- Tuesday, February 18th 2020
- Tuesday, April 14th 2020
- Wednesday, May 20th 2020
- Week of June 15th, 2020 – to be confirmed

Adjournment

- Arantza Corcuera moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rachelle St-Amand.
Meeting ends at 8:20