



ROYAL WEST ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING April 15, 2024, 7:00 PM RWA Library

Members Present

David Stolow (Parent)	Jessica Houde-Woytiuk (Parent)	Renée Figlarz (Parent)	Tonica Spencer (Non-teaching Staff)	Vanessa Harrar (Parent)
Alison Aylward (Parent)	Tanya d'Alessandro (Parent)	Krikor Bijian (Parent Substitute; voting)	Eric Lamoureux (Parent Substitute; voting)	Ginette Purdy (Teacher)
Jason Chen (Teacher)	Jeff Bateman (Teacher)	Nancy DuPaul (Teacher Alternate)	Leigh Partington (Teacher)	Michal Wineberg (Non-teaching Professional)
Mahesh Sharma (Community Representative)	Eva Theodosopoulos (Student)			

Regrets/Absences

Alison Crump (Parent)	Jade Lawson (Parent)	Jessica Fogel (Teacher)	Chad Dumond (Non-teaching Professional)	Marie-Claire O'Neil (Teacher Alternate)
Eve Bercuvitz (Student)	Elysia Bryan-Banes (Community Representative)	Sheila Macleod (Teacher)	Joseph Lalla (Commissioner)	

Also Present

Tony Pita (Principal)	Catherine Lumsden (Vice-Principal)	Steven Manstavich (Vice-Principal)
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Guests

2 guests (RWA parents) joined the meeting.

1.	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
	Meeting called to order by D. Stolow at 7:00 p.m. S. Manstavich reads the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

2.	Reading and Approval of the Agenda
	Motion to approve the Agenda. Moved by E. Lamoureux; Seconded by V. Harrar Vote: Carried unanimously

3.	Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2024	
3.1	Approval	Motion to approve the minutes of March 12, 2024. Moved by A. Aylward; Seconded by V. Harrar Vote: Carried by majority 14-0-1

4.	Business arising from the minutes
	No business arising from the minutes.

5.	New business	
5.1	Approval	Proposed rescheduling of the Pedagogical Day tentatively scheduled for June 7, 2024 T. Pita explains the 2024 exam schedule and the need to change the tentatively scheduled Ped Day from June 7, 2024 to April 29, 2024. June 7, 2024 will become an exam day. Motion to approve the proposed rescheduling of the June 7, 2024, Pedagogical Day to April 29, 2024. Moved by E. Lamoureux ; Seconded by T. d'Alesandro Vote: Carried unanimously

5.2	Approval	<p>May/ June 2024 Exam Schedule</p> <p>S. Manstavich presents the exam schedule.</p> <p>Exams officially start on April 30, 2024 (preparation).</p> <p>There are regular days for French exams, where students will write exams in the morning and go to class after they are finished.</p> <p>Last day of class is June 6, 2024. Black out period is May 31, 2024 to June 6, 2024.</p> <p>Motion to approve the May/ June 2024 exam schedule. Moved by J. Chen; Seconded by J. Bateman Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.3	Approval	<p>2024-2025 Code of Conduct</p> <p>T. Pita discusses the changes to the 2024-2025 Code of Conduct that are highlighted in yellow.</p> <p>One change is not permitting cell phone (smart watches and similar devices) use in school between 8:25 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Students can use phones after school. When required, screens will be provided by the school.</p> <p>Discussion about asking Staff Council to consider that the Science Fair Project requirements that will be effective next year will start as of Sec. 1.</p> <p>Several corrections (which have no substantive impact) were discussed.</p> <p>Motion to Approve the 2024-2025 Code of Conduct subject to the issue of the Science Fair Project requirements. Moved by E. Lamoureux; Seconded by K. Bijian Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
5.4	Approval	<p>2024-2025 Calendar</p> <p>C. Lumsden presents each month of the calendar. She notes that some ped days are set by the EMSB. Trips are just informational pieces for now. The AGM is scheduled for September 26, 2024</p> <p>2 corrections noted: Jan 20 – 22, 2025 are black out days and change in April 2025 Washington trip.</p>

		<p>Motion to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar Moved by A. Aylward; Seconded by J. Houde-Woytiuk Vote: Carried unanimously</p> <p>At 8:30 p.m. D. Stolow asks for a motion to continue the meeting.</p> <p>Motion to continue the meeting beyond 8:30 p.m. Moved by E. Lamoureux; Seconded by J. Houde-Woytiuk Vote: Carried unanimously</p>
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6.		Reports
6.1	Information	<p>Principal Report sent by email prior to the meeting.</p>
6.2	Information	<p>Student Life Association E. Theodosopoulos reports about:</p> <p>Plan for a cultural week of April 29, 2024 for 4 days. During that week: Thursday - Dress down day in cultural wear. Friday – Grades 9,10 and 11 dance.</p> <p>Adding 15 minutes to the end of year BBQ, which will be beach/ summer themed.</p>
6.3	Information	<p>Parent Delegate to EMSBPC. Will be forwarded to the GB following the meeting.</p>
6.4	Information	<p>Commissioner Report emailed by J. Lalla prior to the meeting.</p>
6.5	Information	<p>Home & School S. Manstavich reports upcoming book fair, a 2-day event to be held on May 8 and 9, 2024. Summer reading list has been sent out to all students.</p>
6.6	Information	<p>Foundation S. Manstavich reports on raising money for the second active learning classroom. Room 301 has already been completed. Over \$3,000 was raised for the dessert concert for the learning classroom, with thanks to teachers G. Purdy and S. Macleod. Foundation is discussing an event, in October/November 2024, to promote the project to potential donors, including community businesses.</p>

6.7	Information	PPO Report sent by email prior to the meeting. E. Lamoureux presents a summary.
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7.	Correspondence
	No correspondence.

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9.	Question Period for the Public
	No questions from the public

10.	Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, May 23, 2024.
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11.	Adjournment
	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Moved by G. Purdy; Seconded by E. Lamoureux Vote: Carried unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Tony Pita, Principal

David Stolow, Chairperson