

Parent Members:

- Corinne Cleary ; Melanie Dignard ; Jennifer Drakes ; Tracy McKee ; Jodie Lennon ; Kali Lloyd ; Sean Ross and Amanda TweedieSmith

Staff Members:

- Lisa Brown ; Tamara Bush ; Sylvie Campeau ; Katerine Danis ; Karen Jones ; Lori MacDonald Chelsea Thomson and Tracy Zordan

Student Members:

- Jasmine Ayres ; Madison Riddoch:

NON-VOTING

We also have monthly support/ input from the H&S rep (L.ara Holmes); a member of LBPSB (Domenic Pavone), a community rep (Susan Batlett); as well as our principal Jad Deegan.

To the Parents;

Your Governing Board is a collection of elected parent members, staff and students along with a member of administration. These members are the voice of all the parts that make up our school community. All meetings will be on the online calendar and are open to all. We rarely go over two hours and always include a time period for the floor to speak.

We are the approving body for field trips, events taking place in our facility, budget approval, fundraising in our name, course selections, consultations requested by LBPSB and many other aspects that affect your student's life. ***If you would like to serve on the G.B, approach Mr. Deegan or myself to put your name forward, or simply raise your hand when we ask if any other candidates exist. Understand that an elected parent member has a two year mandate. You will be asked to address the assembly about why you would be a good choice.***

Things are never boring on a Governing Board and this past school year was no exception. We had the added distraction of working within a strike environment for the first half of the year. We worked with our staff members to ensure that as many of our regular activities could be facilitated without stepping past the strike mandates that the staff was respecting. As soon as the strike mandate was lifted we immediately had requests to allow field trips and many other activities! Our amazing staff were ready to charge ahead the moment that they were able to.

We also submitted our final brief to LPSB regarding the Major School Change. We, here at MAC, did not expect to face any major changes to our school and so submitted a brief that focussed on the fact that there needs to be a reassessment on the projected number of students MAC can accommodate. Inevitably, changes to schools off-island has affected us in terms of the number of students currently enrolled.

APPROVALS: Just some of the approved activities. Many more were presented and approved as can be seen online in our Minutes. We consider many factors such as cost to student, accessibility, the rationale for activity, transportation and safety.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grad activities - monthly when possible - Snowflake Ball - Spirit Week - Science classes going to John Abbott College | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Europe , Florida, Toronto, Washington trips - Humanitarian project ; with numerous fundraisers - Ski trip - History trips to Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa |
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FUNDRAISING:

***Please note that fundraising for school approved activities must be approved with the Governing Board. While we appreciate the many well-intentioned parents whose students are in great activities that require fundraising, it must still be presented by staff to the GB for approval before any publicity can go public. We also work to make sure that fundraisers do not conflict with other fundraisers.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Zombie fundraiser for Robotics - Comedy night | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bingo |
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- Chapters
- Bagging at stores
- Movie nights

To our Staff;

Welcome back to another year and congratulations to our new members of staff.

I have a request to ask of all of you as we begin another year working to give our students the best academic opportunities this year.

Many of you know that trips, activities and fundraising must be presented and approved by Staff Council, BUT it does not end there. It still needs to be presented and approved by your Governing Board. It is really important that all your paperwork is in order before our meetings and brought to us by your staff members on the GB. Many times we are presented with either incomplete or no paperwork which means that if any member of the GB has questions about aspects of the activity, the staff member presenting it may not be aware of the right answers. Please be aware that activities may be denied or postponed until the required paperwork is available.

Something this GB has worked hard to avoid is email votes, as they are often last-minute and do not provide for a proper question period. Members have often expressed that they feel pressured to approve an email vote even when they have reservations; so that students do not miss out on an opportunity. This is neither correct procedure nor is it prudent consideration.

Our meetings are posted in the online calendar. We, as a Board, must prepare for the meeting each month and I would ask that for the ease of approving your activity, you plan ahead to accommodate our meeting as well.

At all times, we welcome having you come to our open meetings to observe and/or comment during the time set aside for the floor.