



ACADÉMIE HILLCREST ACADEMY

Meeting Minutes of the Governing Board

Zoom Meeting

September 21st, 2021

Present: Antionette Gentile, Ashley Abraomvitch, Allison Guervitch, Tania Creswell, Jenny Georgiopoulos, Marlene Knox, Jennifer Maselli, Theo Limberis, Stella Georgakis, Theodora Zikos, Matthew Krawczyk. Catherine Kapogiannatos (at 7:14 pm)

Administration: M. Lazaris (Principal); J Butler (Vice-Principal)

Absent: Alex Hetu, Valerie Guindi

1. **Call to Order**

The first regular Zoom meeting of the Governing Board for the 2021-2022 school year was called to order at 7:04 pm by Ms. Lazaris who assumes the function of Chairperson until a new Chair is elected.

2. **Welcoming Remarks**

Mary Lazaris welcomed new and returning members then briefly discussed the requirements for the Chair and Co-Chair, suggesting at least one be a two-year member which would ensure adequate mentoring, support and continuity throughout the school terms.

2.a Meeting Overview

M. Lazaris discussed how meeting and election of Chair and Co-Chair was to proceed.

2.b Introduction of Members

Each member introduced themselves.

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

- The Governing Board members declare having received and reviewed the agenda for the meeting. No changes are proposed.
- ✓ **GB-20210921-3.0** Upon motion made by Tania Creswell, seconded by Allison Gurevitch and carried by unanimous show of hands, the September 20th, 2021 Governing Board agenda as proposed is adopted.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

- a) *Approval of the Minutes from the AGA held on September 8th, 2021*

The Governing Board members declare having received and reviewed the minutes of the AGA.

GB-20210921-4.0a Upon motion made by Jennifer Maselli that the minutes be approved as presented, SECONDED by Matthew Krawczyk. Four people in favor, six abstentions September 8th, 2021 AGA meeting minutes are approved

5. Procedure for the Election of GB positions

a) Election of a Chair

Ms. Lazaris gives a brief description of the principal duties of the Chair and calls for candidates for Chair.

- ✓ **GB-20210921-5.0a** Tania Creswell MOVED that Jenny Georgiopoulos be elected as Chair SECONDED by Theodora Zikos. Jenny Georgiopoulos is elected as Chair of the Governing Board by acclamation as this was the only nomination.

→ Jenny Georgiopoulos, as newly acclaimed Chair, presides the meeting.

b) Election of Vice-Chair

- ✓ **GB-20210921-5.0b** Upon nomination Jenny Georgiopoulos MOVED and Theodora Zikos SECONDED that Theodora Zikos be elected as Vice-Chair of the Governing Board by acclamation as hers was the only nomination.

c) Appointment of Secretary

Ms. Lazaris briefly discusses the duties of the Secretary and Beryl Barraclough

- ✓ **GB-20210921-5.0c** Upon motion made by Stella Georgakis and SECONDED by Allison Gurevitch, and carried by unanimous show of hand, that Beryl Barraclough be named as Recording Secretary for this meeting.

6. Internal Rules of Order

a) Review of rules of operation

Mary Lazaris advised that the Internal Rules of Procedure for The Governing Board of Hillcrest Academy was sent to all members.

Discussion ensued regarding the need to certify on-line Zoom meetings.

b) Resolution is tabled for next meeting.

7. Calendar of Meetings

Jenny Georgiopoulos suggested that meetings be held the second school Monday of each month, up to and including the month of March 2022, as follows:

Monday, October 18, 2021

Monday, November 15, 2021

Monday, December 13, 2021

Monday, January 17, 2022

Monday, February 21, 2022

Monday, March 21, 2022

(April, May and June 2022 to be determined)

8. Declaration of Interest

- Ms. Lazaris indicates that she emailed out the Conflict of Interest forms and that they must be returned to the school administration as soon as possible so that they may be sent to the school board.

9. Business Arising from Minutes

- Suggestion made regarding the combination of CRIC and AGA meetings on Zoom to increase attendance. This is tabled to May 2022.

10. Reports

a. Principal's Report [M. Lazaris] (See Attached)

b. Chair's Report [J Georgiopoulos]

- No report

c. Parent Committee [J. Georgiopoulos]

- No report.

d. Daycare Report [S. Georgakis] (See Attached)

e. HAHSA Report [Theodora Zikos]

Theodora Zikos presented the Power Point presentation. As in the past, it was suggested that the items be approved as one block. (See chart)

In view of the current situation, it has been decided not to proceed with the Holiday Auction this year.

- ✓ **GB-20210921-10.0e1** Upon motion made by Theodora Zikos, seconded by Tania Creswell and carried by unanimous show of hands, the fundraising suggestions by HAHSA are approved.

- J. Butler goes over the plan to sell grad hoodies and t-shirts this year to raise funds for grad activities.

- ✓ **GB-20210921-10.0e2** Upon motion made by Antoinette Gentile, seconded by Jenny Georgiopoulos and carried by unanimous show of hands, the sale of grade 6 hoodies and t shirts is approved.

11. New Business

a. Field Trip Approval

- None, but teachers are looking into it.

b. School-Wide Activities Approval

See chart for school wide activities

- ✓ **GB-20210921-11.0b** Upon motion made by Tania Creswell and SECONDED by Marlene Knox. and carried by unanimous show of hands, the proposed school wide activities are approved.

c. ECA Approval

- TCBY – D. Lepine, Creative Art – Mme Gosselin, Meditation- J. Gallant, Origami – Sarah Blanchette.

- **GB-20210921-11.0c** Upon motion made by Theodora Zekos and SECONDED by Marlene Knox and carried by unanimous show of hands the ECA's are approved

d. School Fundraiser Approval

See chart

- ✓ **GB-20210921-11.0d** Upon motion made by Marlene Knox and SECONDED by Allison Gurevitch. and carried by unanimous show of hands, the Hillcrest fundraisers are approved.

e. Rentals

- Italian School will be renting the school on Saturday mornings October 2021 through May 2022. There is a tentative rental for Zumba classes once a week, for one and a half hours. Proceeds will be used to book a Student Activity. Contracts are send to School Board with a copy of the insurance policy.

- ✓ **GB-20210921-11.0e** Upon motion made by Tanya Creswell and SECONDED by Theo Limberis and carried by unanimous show of hands, the rental contracts are approved.

f. Volunteer Criminal Checks

- Ms. Lazaris explains that at the moment no volunteers are permitted into the school. Those that have expressed interest, once volunteers will be permitted, have already done their background checks as they are valid for 5 years. If any new person would like to be added to the volunteer list they must contact the school to complete the police check.

g. After school activities

- HAUSA is working on this.

12. Public Question Period

- Catherine Kapogiannatos inquired as to the possibility of soliciting book and board game donations. Mary Lazaris stated it is up to the individual teachers to reach out to parents

13. Confirmation of date and time of next GB meeting

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for October 18th, 2021

14. Meeting Adjournment

- ✓ **GB-20210921-14.0** There being no further business and upon motion made by by Theo Limberis and SECONDED by Lella Georgakis that the meeting be
- ✓ adjourned at 8:49pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

 Beryl Barraclough

Minutes approved by the Governing Board members on _____

Acknowledgement of approval by the members of the Governing Board on date stated above made by

Chair: _____

Jenny Georgiopoulos

Principal: _____

Mary Lazaris

Approved