

## **Motions to be introduced at March 3, 2014 JPC meeting**

### **Motion #1 - Uncontroversial amendments to bring by-laws into line with Regulations**

#### *Section 1.0 - Structure of Council*

Item 4 of the first bullet point (calling for two teach representatives) is deleted and the following substituted, to make it consistent with the governing Regulation.

- A teacher representative, elected by the school teachers.

#### *Section 3.0 - Council and Committee Meetings*

Heading - add "and Committee" after Council

First bullet point - delete "locations of the Council meetings" and substitute "locations of Council and committee meetings" therefor, to make it consistent with the governing Regulation.

Delete "parent" from eighth bullet point to comply with the Regulation.

Second last bullet point - delete and substitute the following to make it consistent with the governing Regulation:

- All Council and committee meetings are open to the community.

#### *Section 4.0 - Election Process*

In term of office bullet point, delete "(specific chair)" and substitute the following "(specific committee chair)" for clarification purposes.

Last six bullet point - delete and substitute the following for clarification purposes and to conform with the Regulation:

- The parent members of the School Council will be elected by secret ballot (if not acclaimed), with no proxy voting, beginning with one or two co-chairs each of the following committees in the following order:

- i. Treasurer
- ii. Secretary
- iii. Fundraising
- iv. Outdoor Environment
- v. Volunteer/Social
- vi. Education (one French, one English)
- vii. Equity/Curriculum
- viii. Strategic Planning
- ix. Communication
- x. Members at Large

- A nominee may stand for as many elections as he or she likes, until elected.
- The newly elected members (including non-parents) of the Council elect two co-chairs from among the parent members of Council who are not employed by the board.

**Motion #2 - To define "majority" as majority of all council, and include non-parent members as voting members of council**

*Section 3.0 - Council and Committee Meetings*

Delete eighth bullet point and substitute the following for clarification purposes and to comply with the Regulation.

- Motions are carried by Council when there is quorum, and a majority of all voting members of Council, including those not present at the meeting, approves the motion.

**Motion #3 - To define "majority" as majority of all council in attendance (assuming quorum), and include non-parent members as voting members of council**

*Section 3.0 - Council and Committee Meetings*

Delete eighth bullet point and substitute the following for clarification purposes and to comply with the Regulation.

- Motions are carried by Council when there is quorum, and a majority of voting members of Council present at the meeting approves the motion.
- Where a particular expenditure motion has been approved during a Council year, the substantially same motion cannot be brought forward and voted on again in the same Council year.

#### **Motion #4 - Voting power of co-chairs**

##### *Section 2.4 (i) Co-chairs*

Add to end of section

- Seek consensus on motions.
- Exercise their discretion whether or not to order a secret ballot on a motion where two or more other voting council members in attendance have requested a secret ballot

The Chair shall not vote on motions, even to break a tie, except for the purpose of having the motion approved by a majority of all council members.

#### **Motion #5 - Proxy voting in council meetings**

##### *Section 3.0 - Council and Committee Meetings*

Insert between ninth and tenth bullet points:

- Proxy votes may be submitted to a Co-chair on a motion at a Council meeting where the motion: (i) has been spoken to at the previous Council meeting and (ii) is on the agenda for the current meeting. The absent council members must have attended the previous meeting at which the motion was spoken to. Proxy votes do not count toward quorum.
- Absent Council members may vote in council meetings by telephone or other means of telecommunications that allows the absent member to hear the discussion. Such participation does not count towards quorum.

#### **Motion #6 - Parent referendums**

*[New] 8.1 Parent Referendum*

A parent referendum with respect to a proposed expenditure of Council fund exceeding \$500 shall be conducted where either (a) at least 33% of voting council members support a parent referendum, or (b) 25 parents of children currently attending Jackman Avenue Public School sign a petition calling for a parent referendum within a week of council's vote on the controversial issue being announced.

Once a parent referendum has been called, the proposed expenditure cannot be made until the referendum has been completed and a majority of the parents who voted favoured such expenditure.