



# Leonardo da Vinci Academy

## Governing Board Meeting

Monday, April 12, 2022

**Please note that this meeting was held virtually on TEAMS due to the evolving directives regarding the COVID pandemic.**

### **Members present:**

Nadia Sammarco, Angie Tarantini, Sabrina Gavita, Francesca Muro, France Paquin, Angela Bucci, Anna-Maria Parente, Renata Nespeca, Emilia Sabelli, Rita De Angelis, Gianni Fusco, Maria Pensato, Dominic Gaetano, Franco Marateo, Stellana Romeo, Anthony Scalia, Antonella D'Angelo

Guest : Johnny (Le Doral)

### **Members not in attendance:**

Marco Di Manno, Laetitia Kachmar, Tina Spiridigliozzi, and Emilia Martinez, Emilia Sabelli

#### **1) Welcome and opening remarks**

- Welcome by Domenic and Nadia (6:36 pm).
- Advised of the absences.
- Ms. Emily is no longer at LDVA, and thus no longer part of the Governing Board.

#### **2) Email Votes**

Email vote regarding:

- March 9 voted all in favor for fundraiser for the Ukraine
- March 25 voted all in favor for Grade 5 field trip to Quebec City

#### **3) Additions to the agenda**

No additions

#### **4) Adoption of the agenda**

***Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Sabrina Gavita. Motion accepted.***

#### **5) Approval of minutes of the February 21, 2022, meeting**

No corrections. ***Motioned by Gianni Fusco, seconded by Angela Bucci accepted. Abstain (Antonella D'Angelo)***



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### 6) **Business issues:**

#### **Le Doral**

- Invited guest: Johnny from Le Doral. He wanted to touch base and notify GB of upcoming changes:
- Menu changes for 2022-2023: decided to remove the water bottle – to go more “green” and environmentally friendly. As of September 2022, there will be no water bottle included with the meal.
- As of December 2021 – meals are posted on their Instagram account. Live shot of the 3 meal options of the day. This allows parents to know and discuss the meals with their child. New feature that the parents appreciate. Numbers have increased since the launch.

**Motion to approve Le Doral as hot meal provider for the 2022-23 school year. *Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente and Angie Tarantini – Motion approved***

#### **Neuro Fundraiser**

- This year the Neuro Committee is planning an event for June 10, 2022, at 6:30 it will be a community event – to experience a color run!
- We are currently planning this event and gathering sponsors. A portion will subsidize the event and the remaining proceeds will go to the Neuro. Parents can also donate directly online and get a tax receipt.
- You will receive a T-Shirt and a light pasta meal (Le Doral) with water and snacks available. There will be a D.J. and presentations on site.
- The students will participate in a “Neuro Week” with workshops regarding the brain.
- Information will be sent in early May. Mira is also a partner of this event.
- Students at JFK are making the color for the run.
- The staff is volunteering for the event and if needed will ask Home and School as well.

***Motion by Antonella D’Angelo and seconded by Gianni Fusco – all in favor. Motion passed.***

#### **Field trips to approve:**

- Halo Run is back at Mount Royal
- Grade 3 – 6 had the try outs and represent the team of close to 80 students
- May 11, 2022

Approval to approve trip.

***Motion by Franco Marateo and seconded by Renata Nespeca – all in favor. Motion passed.***



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### ***Pet Therapy Program***

- *Kindergarten, Grade 4 and grade 5. This will take place in May – June for 5 weeks and dogs are trained in literacy. Will be joining in class (English and French) and will be given a break at recess. Really excited, this is the first time the program will be at LDVA.*

### ***Puberty workshops***

- With the help of the school nurse will be offering puberty workshops as mandated by the government.
- There is a lot of misinformation. This has not been offered for several years due to COVID.
- It will be offered to grades 4-5-6.
- Nurse will offer the workshops starting in May. It will be given in English to ensure that the children understand the terminology and what is being explained.

### ***Virtual Volunteer Night***

- April 26, 2022 – there will be a tribute video to all the volunteers by the EMSB
- Pictured of all the volunteers from LDVA were sent in.

### ***GMAA Sports Mobile***

- *Annual fitness day, now GMMAA is offering a sports mobile and it will be at LDVA for two days.*
- *The students will be exposed to 3 different sports on a rotation schedule. The sports mobile comes with all the necessary equipment and they take care of the set up.*
- *May 26 and 27 – for all students*

## **6) Reports:**

### **a) Principal's Report**

- The government selected random students in grade 5 to participate in a survey regarding the effects of COVID on learning. Parents were allowed to opt out of the survey. Nine students were selected from our school.
- Next week is the last week of Pelo
- Receiving a letter to place orders for the uniform and dress code in order to ensure delivery in August. All orders can be placed online at Foot Zon'es website. Mike D'Amico can also be contacted (in person).
- Second Communications will be sent home on Thursday, April 14. All subjects have comments. It will be a hard copy not on Mozaik Parent Portal.
- Staffing update – full fledge planning for next year. Some good news: our enrollment has increased.
- News – both Ms. Marie and Ms. Judy are retiring and will have new secretaries in August.
- EMSB started highlighting students of the month – Emma Stivaletta will be student of the month for May.





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### **b) Vice Principal's Report**

- Sends her regrets.

### **c) Commissioner's Report**

- Student of the month in March – raised money for the Children's hospital.
- Award the contract for external auditor – Raymond Chabot
- Approved the school calendar for 2022-2033
- New base daycare at Willingdon Elementary
- Opening a new school – St. Dorothy – exploring the opportunity for students with special needs. The number of students coded have increased and the need is there. Timeline to be discussed.
- The EMSB council to advise the Quebec government that we are willing to accept Ukrainian refugees.
- The council resolved to support the Dawson college renovation / expansion project – which the government has cancelled.
- Recognized former commissioner who volunteered to go to the Ukraine for medical assistance.

### **d) Teacher's report**

- Grade 6 are becoming entrepreneurs and will shortly launch their entrepreneurship project: their goal – help everyone to go green – carbon footprint. Working on creating all natural cleaning products (vinegar/essential oils) and will sell reusable bottle and utensils.
- The grade 6 classes are in discussion to select which foundation the funds will be donated to.
- Thank you again for the \$200 from home and school to purchase items for their classrooms.

### **e) Regional Delegate Report**

- April 7 – Lisa Lorenzetti – development program – online site that offers educational assistance – virtual library – students can get tutoring (French) and now will be given in both French and English.
- Can be interesting for the school to look into AlloProf.qc.ca
- Parent workshops will be held to discuss school life – EMSB parent website.
- Petition re: creating a ped day after Halloween and to prevent ped days after holidays
- Grants – beautification grants that the ministry and the government will give 80% of the cost if schools can come with 20%.
- Raise awareness about the situation in the Ukraine
- Sub-Committee on sexual exploitation based on the arrest of the three coaches in French school.



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### f) Daycare Report

- Boks contest – free resource –to encourage students to be active
  - We won the grand prize!
  - Kim St. Pierre (Olympian) will be a guest visitor and doing BOKS activities with our daycare students.
  - Students and educators were phenomenal!
- CPI training – April 25 – 28, 2022
  - Non-harmful techniques to help / manage a child with behaviour issues or in crisis.

### g) Home and School Report

- Planning the grads (Pre-K, K, and Grade 6)
- Healthy budget; if you want a copy, the president can send us one.
- Mother's Day fundraiser will be sent out tomorrow – can order meals and all proceeds will be given to the home and school to further enhance our students' lives.
- Father's Day – there will be an Epicure (spices) fundraiser

### 7) Question Period

- No

### 8) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

*Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente and Anthony Scalia. Motion accepted*

Chairperson's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dominic Gaetano*

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Nadia Sammarco*