



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, February 21, 2022

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

Members present:

Nadia Sammarco, Laetitia Kachmar, Angie Tarantini, Sabrina Gavita, Francesca Muro, France Paquin, Angela Bucci, Anna-Maria Parente, Renata Nespeca, Emilia Sabelli, Rita De Angelis, Tina Spiridglozzi, Gianni Fusco, Maria Pensato, Dominic Gaetano, Franco Marateo, Stellana Romeo

Members not in attendance:

Marco Di Manno, Antonella D'Angelo, Anthony Scalia and Pietro Mercuri

1) Welcome and opening remarks

Welcome by Domenic and Nadia (6:31 pm)

2) Additions to the agenda

No additions

3) Adoption of the agenda

Motioned by Francesca Muro, seconded by Emilia Martinez. Motion accepted.

4) Approval of minutes of the January 18, 2022, meeting

No corrections

Motioned by Ms. Parente, seconded by Ms. Bucci. Motion accepted.

5) Business issues:

a) Approval of Budget Building Process (see attached budget)

- Look at last year's budget and what was and wasn't done and revised accordingly.
- Review full report to see details

Guiding principles

1. Revise ratios – to weigh coded students with special needs
2. If the weight of a special needs child is used this year we would be considered at = 449 instead of 420
3. Provide resource for all grades in both languages as early as pre-k – early intervention is key
4. Roll-over should be permitted to be able to implement project early in the year
5. Respect class size – to consider the child awaiting assessment and weight of that special need.



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6. Maintaining measure grants which help subsidize programs such as robotics
7. GB to maintain being able to approve certain funds – ex: approval of an extra teacher / tutor

Ms. Stellana and Ms. Emilia – all – motioned approved

b) Review of Measures and Budgets for the 2021-22 school year (attached)

Please see attached documents for all details.

The school received a total of : \$50,274.00

Motion to acknowledge the resolution –

Motioned by Gianni Fusco, seconded by Angie Tarantini. Motion accepted – Resolution Approve

c) Hockey Program for 2022 school year

Ms. Sammarco, Ms. Kachmar and Francesca Muro met Michael Buonincontri from Next Level Hockey to introduce a hockey program next year which can possibly attract more students. “Next level Hockey” youth development program – currently offered at Honoré Mercier doing well... we would be the only RDP school offering this program.

1 tier – Grade 1, 2 , 3

2 tier Grade 4, 5, 6

Students enrolled would receive gear –with shirt and name and logo – broken up in three sessions approx. \$300 per session without bussing. The kids would have to go to Glaces de l'Est– on the ice at 4:30. Offering a one-way bussing but will have to pick up at the arena at an additional cost. More details regarding cost and time to be confirmed.

- Each child will be evaluated – should have basics to skate – but will take them.
- Learn to skate program – pre-k and K, this would take place on ped day – \$25 plus \$9 day care fees.
- Learn to Skate to be offered to all grades on ped days
- They would be bussed to glace de l'est – with day care educators – for one hour and come back.
- How will the kids get dressed? The team will help get on the ice.
- We are the only ones in RDP who have this program.
- We will be the LDVA Jets – logo was designed.

Motioned by Ms. Parente, seconded by Ms. Emilia. Motion accepted.



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d) Approval of field trips:

*One motion for all of the trips listed below:

School board received a grant to offer a "nature" field trip – paid for the entrance but does not include the bussing, which will be charged to parents.

April 29 - Grade 6 Camp Jouvence – this is the only one not funded.

May 9- Grade 1, 5 sens en folie – parc de la nature (PAT)

May 11- Grade 2, 5 sens en folie parc de la nature (PAT)

May 16- Grade 3, Des Animaux au poil - parc de la nature (PAT)

May 19- Grade 5, Les Iroquoiens – In Boucherville

June 6- Grade 4, La vie d'un arbre – TBA

Most are full day – if not come back at 2:00 - 2:30.

Motioned by Ms. Parente, seconded by Ms Emila. Motion accepted.

Items of information

e) Pet Therapy Program for kindergarten students April 4 to May 2nd, 2022 – applied for a grant – and was approved. Trying to get more grants to bring it to other grades. Have been trying for many years.

f) Art Week for pre-k week of March 14, 2022 – an artist will come to do workshops to paint and focus on themes.

There were no field trips for Pre-K and K as there will be play based sessions in the park. More details to come.

6) Reports:

a) Principal's Report

- Extracurricular activities are back
- Mad science was a great success
- Snow showing was a great success – thank you to Ms. Stellana and Mr. Mike (Gym), the students really loved it.
- Skiing went very well – even the teachers learned to ski – gave the children much encouragement. Lead by example!
- Vaccination on Feb 16 – went very well – was done before lunch – 62 students, 3 adults, team from CSSSS was impressed by how organized we were.



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- Kicked off anti-bullying week, thank you to Marco – for designing our tuques. Many surprises in store all week. Rocco Placentino came to speak to the students. Had the opening ceremony. Finale is the LDVA's got talent show... will be showing students' unique talents. Will be sending a link to all parents whose children are in the show.
- Received \$1000 from Green Apple.
- Parent Teacher interviews this Thursday – by request and online on the TEAMS platform.
- March will be nutrition month – students can win coupons when making a healthy choice.
- Grade 6 will be working on vision boards – where they see themselves in Sec 1 and will come with their vision board.

Happy spring break!

b) Vice Principal's Report

- It's nice to see all the assemblies with all the students.
- P-T was done on bookings – had a glitch but was resolved

c) Commissioner's Report

Sends his regrets – sent his report via email

d) Teacher's report

Ms. Parente

- Thank you for the staff appreciation – very spoiled! The \$200 from homeschool will be put to good use.

e) Regional Delegate Report

Anthony Scalia was absent – no report was sent.

f) Daycare Report

- Thank you to HS very appreciated
- Happy spring break – enjoy!



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g) Home and School Report

- Antonella was absent but sent her report to Domenic
- Replaced the Christmas breakfast with Valentine's Day breakfast
- Staff appreciation
- The money that was allocated for the tent was given to the teachers to purchase items that cannot be normally purchased – to beautify the classrooms.
- Planning the graduations and moving on and celebration of learning ceremonies as well as fun day.
- Thank you to everyone!

7) Question Period

- Created the school charter – will post a picture tomorrow (Feb 22, 2022) every classroom created charter was takes into account to create the school charter. The charter shows what we value as school and should live by every day.
- Ms. Sammarco thanks to everyone since this was not a meeting that was planned for, and all was approved that is required. Will have a break in March – and reconvene in April.

8) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Motioned by Ms. Francesca, seconded by Gianni. Motion accepted

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Dominic Gaetano

Principal's Signature: _____


Nadia Sammarco