



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 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, Anthony Scalia, Tina Spiridgliozi, Gianni Fusco, Maria Pensato, Dominic Gaetano, Marco Di Manno, Franco Marateo, Antonella D'Angelo, Pietro Mercuri, Stellana Romeo

Members not in attendance:

1) **Welcome and opening remarks**

Ms. Sammarco welcomed everyone.

2) **Additions to the agenda**

No additions to the agenda

3) **Adoption of the agenda**

The meeting's agenda was approved.

Motioned by Gianni Fusco, seconded by Francesca Muro. Motion accepted.

4) **Approval of minutes of the December 14, 2021 Meeting**

Approved with noted changes.

Motioned by Antonella D'Angelo, seconded by Francesca Muro. Motion accepted

5) **Business issues:**

A. Update on Report Card

Government offered opportunity to extend the availability of the report card to February 11. Unanimous decision at LDVA to have the report cards ready for January 28 on Mozaik Parent Portal.

Pre-K report cards will be available digitally as well and will be emailed to parents by teacher.

Term 2 will begin as per school code of conduct.



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B. Feedback "Meet the LDVA Admin team and LDVA Parent Jan 13"

This was an opportunity to get more information about LDVA. There were a few issues with links, however it was rectified. The expectation was to have about 20 parents; however less than 10 parents were present. Parents registered at the open house virtual event. It was a good initiative appreciated by some and should still be looked at as an avenue of communication for future events.

C. Registration

Thank you to Ms. Kachmar for optimizing online registration bookings link. Preliminary numbers are starting to come in. A few registrations for other grades as well and there is still a possibility for the return of home-schooled students. To be monitored as registration is ongoing.

D. Update Anti-bullying Week

Postponed due to closure and online learning.

Pushed to week of February 21.

LDVA's got talent auditions affected. Currently if students are in the same grade level they can perform together. Currently being asked by government to avoid mixing of grades for extra curricular activities. Awaiting meetings to clarify. All presenters and guests were rescheduled.

E. Approval of Criteria of a Principal

Ms. Sammarco and Mr. Mercuri left meeting.

Discussion ensued on changes and recommendations by members. Comments and changes were noted, and a new format will be created containing all these recommendations and sent to the school board.

F. Daycare Ped Days to be approved

March 25, 2022 - LDVA Cabane a Sucre - \$9.00 (daycare fee) \$17.00 (Activity fee) = \$26.00 Sucredi Belle Riviere will be joining us that day with music, maple syrup on the snow, maple lollipop, maple syrup bottle, and a maple leaf candy and a surprise bag to give to the student.

May 20, 2022 - Electro Tag/Arena Action Dynamix - \$9.00 (daycare fee) \$17.00 (Activity fee) = \$26.00. Dynamix company will be joining us for a fun fill day with lots of activities with electro tag and arena action games.

June 3, 2022 - Beach Party - \$9.00 (daycare fee) \$16.00 (Activity fee) = \$25.00. Fun in the sun with lots of activities, snacks and Ms. Sharon who is part of play base learning will be joining us with play-based activities for all ages.

Motioned by Antonella D'Angelo, seconded by Emilia Martinez. Motion accepted.



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G. Mad Science Week: Week of January 31

Mad Science Week organized in a safe way the week of January 31st. Students to take part in experiments and presentations without disrupting current day activities. All students grade 1 to 6, 60-minute sessions and Pre-K and kindergarten 45-minute sessions.

H. Ski Mobile (Week of Feb 7) and Snowshoeing at LDVA (week of Feb 14)

Another tradition at LDVA. Cross country skiing initiation with Ski Mobile. Students will start in school yard then move to the park. This is an extension to the Phys-Ed curriculum. Grades 5 and 6 will take part in the snowshoe program during Phys-Ed classes.

I. Lockdown Practice: Week of January 31

Staff have already been trained and an actual lockdown will take place the week of January 31. Letter to go out to parents to inform them of date and help them prepare their children.

J. Staff Appreciation Week: Week of February 7

Working with H&S sub committee to plan event. The entire staff is celebrated at LDVA including teachers, support staff, professionals, daycare and caretakers. Kindness messages to be distributed to teachers on the Monday to kickstart the week.

K. P.T. Interviews: February 24, 2022 (upon request)

These are not mandatory. Teachers and parents can request a meeting. It is used as a touching base occasion with the teacher if there are concerns.

L. Jump Rope for Heart

LDVA alternates years between Jump Rope for Heart and Terry Fox. Jump Rope for Heart activities to help students get moving. On February 15 a virtual competition will be held in the gym with the representatives from each class skipping. Classes will be watching and cheering on via TEAMS in their classrooms. All fundraising is done online with more details to follow shortly.



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6) Reports:

a) Principal's Report

All extra-curricular after school or lunch activities have been put on hold. Soccer program had sessions not completed and they will be honoured. Kick-Boxing as well as Enfant & Co. will only deposit cheques once activities resume.

Awaiting rapid tests for distribution.

Second dose vaccinations for students to be offered in school. No specifics on dates yet.

January 27 grade 4 HPV vaccines. Hep A & B vaccines need 2 weeks in between this vaccine and a COVID vaccine.

Report cards available on Mozaik January 28. Benchmark and GB+ letters regarding reading and comprehension levels will be sent home on this day as well. There are specific ranges for grade levels. Parents can buy books based on child's reading level between grades 1 to 5. Students should be at highest level by end of grade 5.

Received grant of roughly \$3000. Grant was applied to by student services professionals' team that work at LDVA. Ordered 43 minibikes for students to be able to pedal under their desks. Bins for sensory room storage, as well as two carts with material to help and support the development of fine motor and gross motor skills for students in pre-k and kindergarten.

A \$3000 grant was applied for and was granted from the ministry for our grade 6 entrepreneurship project.

Ministry exams slated for grade 4 students have been cancelled. Exam is optional. However, LDVA will make students write the exam as a preparation and practice for ELA.

Parents with students in kindergarten will receive an optional survey from the government to evaluate various categories and learning.

b) Vice Principal's Report

Purchased winter bags with sleds and accessories for playing in the snow.

February 17 hosting a digital workshop on ethical behaviours online and helping navigate social platforms.

Mozaik portal is used to log in and access Mozaik. Each parent has their own account based on individual email address.

New to Mozaik for registrations / daycare / taxslips



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c) Commissioner's Report

Mr. Mercuri stated that December 15 meeting approved the EMSB annual report of 2020/2021 and its relevance to the operations of the board.

January 26, report will be presented to the public.

EMSB rated with highest success rate at 92.5%.

No ethics complaints last year.

Elected members of standing committee.

Declare and resolve month of May as Jewish Heritage Month.

d) Teacher's Report

N/A

e) Regional Delegate Report

January 13 PC meeting. Rules and regulations of PC.

Five schools with 240 status up for renewal and looking to establish specific projects for schools.

f) Daycare Report

Le Doral followed-up on the portion size questions. They stated they follow the guidelines for nutritional standards by the government.

Daycare project, Heart to Heart for Valentine's Day. Students will make cards, bracelets and necklaces as well as video messages for children and staff of the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Boks activity 3-month program ending in April.

g) Home and School Report:

Friday hoodie day for a \$2 donation.

Christmas activities postponed. Looking at options to have this activity or similar at a further date.

Planning staff appreciation week.

7) Question Period

How do parents communicate any issues to the parents committee?

Discussion that any direct concerns should go to the school administration first. We will also ensure to update the website so the names of those representing the parents for our school is clearly indicated.



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What service does the Parent's committee offer?

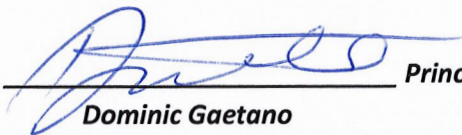
A more clear documentation should be prepared by parents committee and sent to all schools to share with their community.

8) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Gianni Fusco and seconded by Maria Pensato.

Motion approved, meeting adjourned.

Chairperson's Signature: _____


Dominic Gaetano

Principal's Signature: _____


Nadia Sammarco