



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 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, Francesca Muro, France Paquin, Angela Bucci, Anna-Maria Parente, Renata Nespeca, Rita De Angelis, Gianni Fusco, Maria Pensato, Dominic Gaetano, Franco Marateo, Stellana Romeo, Anthony Scalia, Laetitia Kachmar, Tina Spiridigliozzi, Antonella D'Angelo. Emilia Martinez and Peter Mercuri.

Members not in attendance:

Marco Di Manno, Sabrina Gavita

Welcome and opening remarks

- Welcome by Domenic and Nadia (6:40 pm).
- Advised of the absences.
- Started with Commissioner report

1) Additions to the agenda

No additions

2) Adoption of the agenda

Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Gianni Fusco. All in favor - Motion accepted.

3) Approval of minutes of the April, 2022, meeting

- Add Antonella D'Angelo to the attendees
- Corrections were made to the Minutes (spelling errors).
- Ensure the full name of the person

Approval for the Minutes; *Motioned by Francesca Muro, seconded by Emilia Martinez. All in favor - Motion accepted.*



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4) Business issues:

School Tools

- Give the option to purchase school supply list via School Tools from Staples online
- School Tools has all the grade levels, parents can choose what they want and is delivered to their home *their order*

Motioned by Francesca Muro, seconded by Gianni Fusco. All in favor - Motion accepted.

School calendar

- The number of fixed board wide days, including the LDVA Ped Days, Holidays and Spring Break
- There should be 3 terms next school year but waiting for government to confirm

Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Stellana Romeo. All in favor - Motion accepted.

School Code of Conduct

- Document found in the agenda
- Discussion of revisions made in agenda.
 - There are pages from the school board included at the end.

Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Stellana Romeo. All in favor - Motion accepted.

6) Reports:

a) Principal's Report

- Updates document of all that is coming up until the end of the year was sent to parents at the end of April
- Robotic judges from competition are very proud of LDVA students, grade 6 silver medal – 8 teams received gold for media presentations.
- Launching a Pod Cast channel with grade 5 and will continue in Grade 6
- Montreal steppers – cultural learning / workshops May 31 – June 2
- Neuro week and Color Run – June 6th, 2022
 - Not only a fundraiser but also teach the students why the brain is so important
 - Partnered with McGill to offer student workshops
 - Family color run - need to get together again after this pandemic
- Jump rope for heart – of all money raised we get 10% and we can purchase equipment
- M. Gaudette applied for Participaction grant and we received \$700 and entered in a challenge
 - Participaction Community Challenge – we want to be the most active community
 - Will send a Google form to log how active our community is
 - Prizes: first place 100K and second place is 15 000\$



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- “Filles actives” we are the only elementary school that has this program
- Applied for a grant to receive PE equipment - 9 square ball – like volley ball – cost of \$2000
- Schoolyard to be beautified at a cost of \$8000 – adding games (painted) new and refresh paint. May 20, 2022 – putting wall games.
- Fun day June 16 – working with Home and school and admin
- Special end of year assembly – Ms Marie, Ms Judy and Ms Arcaro are retiring – we are preparing a special assembly.
- End of year celebration – Pre-K, Kindergarten and grade 6
- RDP is offering bursaries and scholarships we were asked to apply –Mia Bedard is a recipient.
- Staffing updates; we are at 441 for enrollment and still receiving calls to register. We are not expecting any cuts – maintain status-quo. Allocation of childcare workers and support staff, there are more and more students that need support and are being diagnosed – all requests were approved.

b) Vice Principal's Report

- We were able to celebrate – principal’s week.
 - Thank you to all the staff and H&S who gave admin a thoughtful gift
 - Surprised us both, it was very touching!
- Will be going to Quebec City with Grade 5 students – first trip with LDVA and excited to accompany them

c) Commissioner's Report

- LDVA is an incredible and welcoming place. Was present when Emma was presented the EMSB Student of the Month award. The spirit and the vibe was amazing. Well done! Emma will be honored at the council meeting this month – 3rd Wednesday in May. Peter Mercuri will send an email to advise the date
- Would like to participate in the color run
- Saturday, May 14, 2022 there will be a protest march for Bill 96, extend the invitation to Governing Board members to attend at Dawson and walking to M. Legault’s office.
- There were two meetings since last GB Meeting
 - Honored the students of the month for April from Carlyle
 - Confirmed the appointment of the director general – Nick Katalifos
 - Recognized EMSB employees with 25 years of service – Our very own Renata Nespeca was recognized
 - First and second round of administrative appointments, there are more to come at the next meeting
 - Three-year plan was sent out for consultation.

d) Teacher's report



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- Entrepreneurship fundraiser form went out – all proceeds will be given to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society as per the choice of the grade 6 students
- Camp Jouvence – Grade 6 had a good time – using a compass, finding a snake!
- Pet therapy has begun and fantastic experience so far for students involved

e) Regional Delegate Report

- Lisa from *Parents Aware* spoke about best information about to talk about pornography, health, and sexual activity.
- On May 28 there will be a parent's conference that will be virtual. Will send an email with virtual flyer
- Resolution to adopt EMBS code of conduct 2022-2023 year – motion was passed and going through more details on how this is applied.

f) Daycare Report

- Boks Event is underway and will take place on May 31 and Ms. Kim St. Pierre will be joining us,
- CPI training was a success and all daycare staff is certified.
- Daycare numbers – Back to regular enrolment since pandemic. If parents did not register ^{they} can register at the beginning of the year before September 30.
- Daycare Week will focus on theme of "LDVA Art Week"; there will be different activities and snacks.

g) Home and School Report

- Mother's Day fundraiser completed – gave \$1000
- Additional fundraisers – Mr. Freeze and Father's Day – there will be an Epicure (spices) fundraiser in June
- Planning the graduation and end of year celebrations (Pre-K, K, and Grade 6)
- Planning fun day – many volunteers.
- Voted in the chocolate drive for next year – which is the largest fundraiser for our school
 - We offer the option of making a donation if parents do not want to sell,

7) Question Period

- No

8) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, Seconded by Angela Bucci. All in favor – Motion Accepted

Chairperson's Signature: _____
Dominic Gaetano

Principal's Signature: _____
Nadia Sammarco