



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 19th, 2021

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, Stellana Romeo, Gianni Fusco, Pietro Mercuri, Dominic Gaetano, Marco Di Manno, Franco Marateo, Antonella D'Angelo

Members not in attendance:

Maria Pensato

1) **Welcome and opening remarks**

2) **Additions to the agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

3) **Adoption of the agenda**

Agenda was approved.

Motioned by Tina Spiridgliozi, seconded by Francesca Muro. Motion accepted.

4) **Approval of minutes of the June 8^o, 2021, General Assembly and September 15, 2021 meeting**

Approval of June 8th minutes.

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

Abstentions: Tina Spiridgliozi, Rita De Angelis, Angela Bucci, Stellana Romeo

Approval of June meeting minutes.

Motioned by Francesca Muro, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. Motion accepted.

Approval of September 15th GB minutes. Approved with changes.

Motioned by Angie Tarantini, seconded by Sabrina Gavita. Motion accepted.



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5) Business issues:

A) Sexuality Education

Ms. Sammarco went over the Sex Ed program grade by grade. The program is a government directed program and LDVA has chosen to offer it in the mother tongue majority of English. The resolution was read by Dominic Gaetano.

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

B) Daycare Handbook

Francesca Muro went over the daycare handbook and the changes. Highlighted sections in attached handbook on pages 5, 7, 8, 9 are changes.

Section 4B: Authorized forms must be completed before the deadline date given on the form. Any late forms will NOT be accepted

Section 6C: There is no family rate.

- Daily absences and absences due to vacation are not refundable.
- Absences deemed refundable are those for surgeries and absences more than five (5) consecutive days with a medical note.
- There is a late pick-up fee of \$1.25 / minute per family after 6:00 p.m.

Section 7C: Refunds will be applied for students who are absent more than five (5) consecutive days due to illness with a medical note.

Section 8E: Please use the same daycare entrance for afternoon pick-up as you do for morning drop-off. Parents are not permitted to walk past the daycare entrance for security reasons. A daycare educator will call your child and he/she will be reminded to bring down all his/her belongings. He/she will not be permitted to go back upstairs to pick up any forgotten item.

- HopHop is a simple application that allows the daycare centre to synchronize the preparation of your child with your estimated time of arrival. This app relieves any stress for parents. Leonardo Da Vinci Daycare does not answer any phone messages for any drop off or pick up.

DAYCARE DROP OFF OR PICK UP DURING COVID-19

Parents will not be allowed into the building to drop off or pick up their child. You will be required to wait outdoors. Your co-operation and understanding is greatly appreciated



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Section 9C:

ILLNESS DURING COVID-19

Given the exceptional circumstances in which we are living, we must collectively do our part to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our schools and centers. As such, Public Health Authorities ask that parents monitor their children's symptoms each morning before they leave for school. In order to ensure a safe learning environment for all, your commitment to evaluate your child's health on a daily basis

C) Net Math Pilot Project

Ms. Sammarco discussed how LDVA is proud to announce this math pilot project. Ms. Parente spoke of the online platform and how it focuses on all aspects of math and how specific tasks can be assigned to classes. The students complete these assignments to earn points and success levels. This program is offered to grades 1 through 6 and is linked to both English and French based on student current cycles.

D) RULER Pilot Project

This RULER program is a program based on helping students with their anxiety and feelings. Students received information on the program today. All staff have already been trained and have embraced the program. The premise of the project is mood meters and how to react to different feelings of anger, sadness, happiness etc. This tool allows teachers to understand how students feel throughout the day as emotions may change during a school day. The program has been implemented due to higher anxiety levels in the student base. Information has been sent to parents and 40 parents have already registered to adapt and implement program in homes as well.

E) Open House:

The school board has indicated that all open house events will be virtual this year. Posters have been printed and will be distributed and posted in daycares and stores around the community. Banners will be installed on the exterior fences of the school. Four (4) trailers have been created and will be launched on social media platforms. On Thursday filming of a video of a day in the life of a student will be done. Students chosen will be walking throughout the school and showcasing the different classes and areas of LDVA.

Recommendations and ideas were given on how to highlight the school, the open house and Remembrance Day.



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F) **First Communication**

First communication will be going out in November. It will be a checklist focusing on core subjects.

G) **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent teacher interviews will be virtual this year on Teams. Parents will be able to book timeslots to meet with the teachers.

H) **Daycare Ped Days to Approved**

November 1st Build a Bear (In-House) (\$9.00 Daycare Fee and \$16.00 activity fee \$25.00).

November 25th Crazy Christmas (In-House) (Mega Animation) (\$9.00 Daycare Fee and \$20.00 activity fee= \$29.00) include Christmas activities, challenges and Santa visit. Animators will entertain the students all day.

November 26th PJ and Movie Day (In-House) (\$9.00 Daycare Fee)

December 6th #Letmetakeanelfie (In-House) (\$9.00 Daycare Fee and \$13.00 activity fee= \$22.00) Christmas photo shoot with background and photographer, students will take their own picture with an insta camera and students will make their own scrapbook)

Motioned by Emilia Martinez, seconded by Frank Marateo. Motion accepted.

6) **Reports:**

a) **Principal's Report**

Rapid Testing for Covid-19 will be launching in all Quebec elementary schools as a pilot project. By the end of October all EMSB schools to offer this optional service for parents.

October 1st was Smile Day at LDVA at it was a success.

First school virtual assembly has held discussing school issues.

PELO started this week and will be for 25 weeks during lunch.

A Halloween event will be held on October 29th where students can dress up in their costumes, without costume masks or weapons. Maxi RDP donated chip bags for the event.

There will be sporadic fire drills. Lock down drill also coming up in January. Teachers will be trained in November.

Phonics program in English and French had the budget approved.



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Robotics program approved.

Force 4 funding has ended however LDVA was given \$1000.

\$13 000 was approved for school yard project.

\$300 donation received from Marc Tanguay.

Grad students of 2021 to receive a USB key of graduation ceremony.

b) Vice Principal's Report

Ms. Kachmar, on behalf of herself and Ms. Sammarco were very thankful to have received appreciation booklets from the students that were given in honor of Administrator's Month.

c) Commissioner's Report

October 6th meeting declaring that the EMSB sits on First Nation land.

Recognized students of the month.

Julian Feldman won his riding.

Budget allocation came to council and was approved.

Approved resources and two (2) new partners to recruit international students.

EMSB present at court of appeals to accelerate exemption for Bill 21. Judge ruled in favour.

d) Teacher's Report

Ms. Parente spoke of the mood meters for the RULER pilot project. She mentioned how it has helped teachers identify the mood of children at the beginning of the day and the changes of some throughout the day.

e) Regional Delegate Report

The first meeting was held on October 14th and new members were elected.

f) Daycare Report

Ms. Muro spoke about the Club FY ped day event and that it was phenomenal. Both students and staff all loved the event.

The spirit of giving will be start in December and animal shelters were chosen to receive these donations. SPCA Montreal as well as an animal shelter in Laval. LDVA will be asking for donations.

In collaboration with the spiritual animator at LDVA, daycare students will be making cards to be given to residents of retirement homes in the community.



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g) Home and School Report:

Chocolate drive fund raiser sold over 300 boxes and \$2500 was given as additional donations.

A socks fundraiser will be held where 100% of the proceeds will go to H&S.

There will be Christmas fundraisers as well as Halloween event to be organized.

There are 50 voting members in H&S this year with many new parents and volunteers.

7) Question Period

N/A

8) Adjournment

*Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Anna-Maria Parente and seconded by Angie Tarantini.
Motion approved, meeting adjourned.*

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Dominic Gaetano

Principal's Signature: _____

Nadia Sammarco