



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 15th 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 Spiridglozzi, Stellana Romeo, Gianni Fusco, Maria Pensato, Dominic Gaetano, Marco Di Manno, Franco Marateo, Antonella D'Angelo

Members not in attendance:

Pietro Mercuri

1) **Welcome and opening remarks**

Ms. Sammarco welcomed everyone back to a new year and introduced the new GB members.

2) **Additions to the agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda.

3) **Adoption of the agenda**

Agenda was approved.

Motioned by Emilia Martinez, seconded by Marco Di Manno. Motion accepted.

4) **Approval of minutes of the June 8th, 2021**

Approval of minutes was tabled for review at the next governing board meeting.

5) **Business issues:**

A) **Code of Conduct of GB**

Explanation of the Governing Board Code of Conduct. Members of GB read through the code of conduct document and voted on its approval

Motioned by, Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Tina Spiridglozzi. Motion accepted.

B) **Assignment of roles: chair, alternate chair, secretary and treasurer**

Dominic Gaetano was nominated for chair. Dominic accepted the role. Marco Di Manno accepted the role of alternate chair. Marco Di Manno accepted the role as secretary. Antonella D'Angelo accepted the role as treasurer.



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C) Scheduling of Meeting dates for the 2021-22 school year:

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 6:30 PM

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

D) Approval of virtual meetings if permitted and online email votes:

The GB discussed the option to ~~continue to~~ have virtual meetings if permitted as well as being able to have online email votes.

Motioned by Tina Spiridgliozi, seconded by Rita De Angelis. Motion accepted.

E) Open House:

Ms. Sammarco discussed how the current directives for high school open house is to have virtual open house sessions. Last year's virtual open house, although a success, was difficult to portray the liveliness of the school and all it has to offer. Suggestions and ideas were put forth to try and have an appointment schedule for parents and see the feasibility to offer a combination of a virtual and in person open house.

F) Approval of Scholastic Reading Club:

Scholastic Reading Club offering was discussed. The teachers appreciate this service and its benefits. Scholastic now offers a complete online solution for parents.

Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Antonella D'Angelo. Motion accepted.

G) Approval of Home and School for the 2021-22 school year:

Governing Board has approved the adoption of Home & School for a mandate of one more year.

Motioned by Francesca Muro, seconded by Maria Pensato. Motion accepted.

H) Approval 2.00\$ representation fee per student fund 3:

Ms. Sammarco discussed Fund 3 and how it is parent funded through the school fees. LDVA is asking for a donation of \$2 this year to have funds available to be used for school activities.

Motioned by Gianni Fusco, seconded by Stellana Romeo. Motion accepted.

necessary based on the public recommendation

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I) Extracurricular activities:

The approved Rocco Placentino soccer program will be offered to grade 2 to grade 6 students. Kick boxing by Angelo Di Bella will also be offered to students. Kick boxing will respect 2-meter distance for students as they perform the activity in the gymnasium. Both organizations are extremely cooperative in making sure all safety protocols set forth by the school and government are followed. The activities will commence the week of September 27th and will adapt, if necessary, based on directive changes.

J) Daycare Ped Days to be approved:

September 20, 2021. Autumn Fun Day. In house activity, \$9 daycare fee.

Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Emilia Martinez. Motion accepted.

September 24, 2021. Apple Fun Day. In house activity, \$9 daycare fee, \$7 activity fee.

Motioned by France Paquin, seconded by Rita De Angelis. Motion accepted.

October 15, 2021. Club FY. In house activity, \$9 daycare fee, \$17 activity fee.

Motioned by Antonella D'Angelo, seconded by Sabrina Gavita. Motion accepted.

6) Reports:

a) Principal's Report

Ms. Sammarco discussed how safety protocols keep changing on a daily basis and the quickness the staff are able to adapt. Extra sanitation stations have been placed throughout the school.

This year the students will be changing classes traveling for music and art classes.

It is not mandatory for Pre-K and kindergarten students to wear a mask.

Staffing update: following staff cuts at LDVA in June Ms. Sammarco was able to get a full staff reinstatement approved for this new school year.

All staff members are set up and ready to begin online distance learning should the need arise.

September 13 was welcoming day. Montreal Bubble was on site with fun activity stations. It was a great day for all and kids had fun. The students also had to fill out a google survey about the day and events.

September 30 is attestation day. All funding for the school is decided based on the attendance of that day and establishes operating budget for the school as well as the daycare.



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Project updates:

New flooring was put in on the second and third floors. This project was two years in the making and is now complete.

Daycare was also given a facelift in June. New tiles in the entrance and room as well as new paint and shelving. Staff was able to put in personal time to clear out all the spaces and allow the work to start on time.

November 18 will be the first progress communication sent out to parents.

Milk program will begin again the first week of October.

Picture day will be held on October 5 with sibling picture day on October 6.

Ms. Sammarco discussed the offering of PELO classes during lunch. Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Emilia Martinez. Motion approved.

b) Vice Principal's Report

Ms. Kachmar mentioned Ms. Sammarco having won an outstanding recognition award from the school board.

September 24 – 27 new program is launching. All staff will be trained.

September 9 a virtual curriculum night was held. The event was successful and received positive feedback.

c) Commissioner's Report

Mr. Mercuri was not present for this meeting.

d) Teacher's Report

Ms. Parente on behalf of the teachers mentioned they are happy to be back in school with children. A thank you to Home and School for welcoming day.

e) Regional Delegate Report

N/A

f) Daycare Report

Ms. Muro stated they are happy to have students back. Daycare is trying to keep students in a per grade bubble as much as possible.

g) Home and School Report:

Antonella will be the Home and School liaison this year. They are looking at fund raising ideas with safety in mind.



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7) Question Period

All GB meetings will start at 6:30pm.

Daycare handbook should be updated concerning last years covid updates.

8) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Anna-Maria Parente and seconded by Sabrina Gavita.

Motion approved, meeting adjourned.

Chairperson's Signature: _____

Dominic Gaetano

Principal's Signature: _____

Nadia Sammarco