



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, April 17, 2023

Members in attendance (in person):

Nadia Sammarco, Laetitia Kachmar, Dominic Gaetano, Angie Tarantini, Francesca Muro, Rosamaria Carlomusto, Renata Nespeca, Maria Pensato, Stellana Romeo, Antonella D'Angelo, Sabrina Gavita, Anna-Maria Parente, France Paquin, Tina Spiridigliozzi, Franco Marateo, Filomena Barbieri, Felicia Biondi

Members not in attendance:

Marco Di Manno, Vanessa Giancioppi, Pietro Mercuri, Fatima Marandola

Welcome and opening remarks

Dominic Gaetano welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Additions to the agenda

No additions to the agenda.

Adoption of the agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Francesca Muro, seconded by Angie Tarantini. All in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of minutes of the Tuesday, March 14, 2023 meeting

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes with corrections as discussed, by Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Angie Tarantini. All in favor. Motion approved.

Business issues

- a) Approval of Le Doral Hot Meal Provider for the 2023-24 school year
- Utensils will no longer be provided with each meal but will be provided in bulk to the daycare in case a student does not have utensils
 - Parents will be advised via a note in the child's agenda if the child forgot their utensils.
 - The cost per meal for the 2023-24 school year is \$6.75.
 - An employee of Le Doral will continue to distribute hot meals, clean up the bins and will also be responsible for the distribution of bulk utensils.

Motion to adopt the Le Doral as the hot meal provider for the 2023-24 school year by Antonella D'Angelo, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion approved.



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b) Approval of Halo Run on May 10, 2023

- Received confirmation of the date for the grade 3 – 6 Halo Run on Mount Royal.
- The students will be taking a voyager bus to and from the event.
- No charges to students. The school will pay for the registration and transportation.

Motion to approve the Halo Run field trip by Stellana Romeo, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favor. Motion approved.

c) Approval of Grade 5 trip "Take Me Outside" on May 24

- The trip is a culmination of an initiative by the music teacher Mr. Vitalem Alriche to get students to explore/learn the sounds of nature outdoors in a fun and creative way.
- Cost of the trip is for the busing.
- The school applied for a grant to pay for the fees associated with the workshops with the musician.

Motion to approve the cost of the Grade 5 "Take Me Outside" trip on May 24 by Angie Tarantini, seconded by Tina Spiridigliozzi. All in favor. Motion approved.

d) Approval of 2023-24 school calendar

- A copy of the 2023-24 school calendar was distributed and reviewed.
- The official start date for the new year is August 30, 2023.

Motion to approve the 2023-24 school calendar by Filomena Barbieri, seconded by Antonella D'Angelo. All in favor. Motion approved.

e) Approval of Robocup Tournament Trip to Lauren Hill Academy on April 28 and 29

- Will be sending six teams of students from grades 4 to 6.
- April 28 is a pedagogical day; the students leave the school at 7:30 am and will head to Lauren Hill Academy via coach bus.
- On April 29, the parents are asked to bring and pick up their children to the event.
- All registration and transportation costs have been subsidized by the LDVA Home and School Association.

Motion to approve the Robocup Tournament Trip on April 28 and 29 by Stellana Romeo, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favor. Motion approved.



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f) Approval of Neuro fundraiser on June 2, 2023

- A fundraiser planned is for the Montreal Neuro "LDVA Lites up the Night".
- It will be a musical celebration as well as one with physical activity: Walk/Run
- It will begin at 6:30 pm with food being donated by various sponsors.
- The walk will take place at sunset where everyone will have glow sticks and the schoolyard will be lit-up with "fairy" lights.
- Those who cannot attend the event can make a donation online.
- A portion of the ticket price will cover the cost of the event and the rest will be donated to the Neuro.
- Looking for various sponsors; the sponsor's name will be published on the banner and on our social media pages.
- The event is open to the LDVA community including future families as well as alumni.

Motion to approve the Neuro fundraiser on June 2 by Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion approved.

Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Nadia Sammarco

- "Save the Date" document was sent to the parents to inform of all the upcoming events planned until the end of the year.
- We are asking parents to support the school to help keep students focused since term 3 is worth 60% of their final grade. Grade 6 students will begin Ministry exams at the start of the month of May.
- Next week the gym will be transformed into a planetarium with ASTER. The students will visit the dome and will have a lesson in the dome under the stars.
- May 15 is the last day to place an order with our dress code provider Foot Zone to ensure that orders are received on time for the start of new school year.
- Orientation for new Pre-K students will be on May 15 and for new kindergarten students on May 16. Pre-K students moving on to kindergarten do not need to attend the orientation since they already are familiar with the school.
- Offering play-based learning sessions with Universe of Play to Pre-K and K students. Each class will participate in two sessions: one indoor session and one outdoor session. This year, we will also extend these sessions to students in grades 1 & 2.
- McGill and the Neuro are writing an article about our school and our fundraising efforts to support the Neuro. This is the first time a school from the youth sector will be featured in the journal about their essential fundraising support.
- Received a donation from our MNA, M. Marc Tanguay for \$300 as well as a donation of 1000\$ from Green Apple. Both these amounts have been deposited to our Fund 3 account.



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2. Vice Principal's Report: Laetitia Kachmar
 - Congratulated the grade 5 students for behavioural improvements. As an incentive and reward for their improved behavior, the students chose to watch a movie and have snacks.

3. Commissioner's Report: Pietro Mercuri
 - Absent

4. Teacher's Report: Anna-Maria Parente
 - Grade 6 students are preparing for Ministry exams taking place as of May:
 - French is May 1 -10
 - English is May 11 – 24
 - Math is June 6 – 9

5. Regional Delegate Report: Antonella D'Angelo
 - The flyer for the parent conference will be sent out via email from the school board. The event will take place at Rosemount High School on May 28, 2023. The rest of the weeklong conference will be held virtually from May 29 to June 2, 2023.
 - Voted in the annual PC scholarship award.
 - Voted in the CPC literacy prize. Recipient will receive a book by a Montreal-based author.
 - The next meeting will be virtual and the last meeting of the year will be in person.

6. Daycare Report: Francesca Muro
 - There have been changes in staff personnel that required re-shuffling and have three people replaced.
 - Chosen for a pilot project to digitize our Lunch and Daycare fees. The goal will be to create one program where fees for both Lunch and Daycare can be entered to avoid errors.
 - Champions for Life Pre-K to Grade 2 program is a great success. As a result, the program director will be visiting on May 12, 2023 at 8 am accompanied by an Olympian ambassador.

7. Home and School Report: Antonella D'Angelo
 - The taralli fundraiser was a success.
 - We will be having some more dress down days and Mr. Freeze days coming up until the end of the year.
 - Planning for the Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 6 graduations.
 - At the next meeting Kevin will present new chocolates available for the 2023-24 chocolate fundraiser.



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- During the last meeting, the roles of the executive board were explained and the positions will be voted at our next meeting.

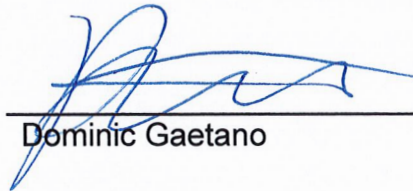
Question Period

No questions were asked.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm. Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Franco Marateo. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Chairperson's
Signature:



Dominic Gaetano

Principal's
Signature:



Nadia Sammarco