



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, December 19, 2022

Members in attendance via Teams Platform:

Nadia Sammarco, Laetitia Kachmar, Dominic Gaetano, Angie Tarantini, Francesca Muro, Rosemarie Carlomusto, Renata Nespeca, Maria Pensato, Stellana Romeo, Antonella D'Angelo, Fatima Marandola, Sabrina Gavita, Marco Di Manno, Anna-Maria Parente, Vanessa Giancioppi, Felicia Biondi, Filomena Barbieri, France Paquin, Pietro Mercuri, Fatima Marandola, Daniela Mancuso, Franco Marateo, Tina Spiridigliozzi

Members not in attendance via Teams Platform:

All members attended.

Welcome and opening remarks

Dominic Gaetano started the meeting at 6:36 p.m. and stated that we are doing this meeting virtually because of all the viruses and it being so close to the holidays.

Additions to the agenda

No additions.

Adoption of the agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Vanessa Giancioppi.

All in favor. Motion accepted.

Approval of minutes of November 17, 2022

Approval of November 17 minutes with corrections. The minutes will be corrected before being posted online.

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes with corrections by Felicia Biondi, seconded by Sabrina Gavita.

All in favor. Motion accepted.



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Business issues

a) Approval of 2022-23 budget

- The budget document was shared on the screen. Nadia Sammarco explained each item included in the budget.
- This document includes government funding received based on the September 30, 2022, enrolment.
- Principal is maximizing the spending of the funds; any funds that are not spent in the budget are given back to the government and does not rollover to the next school year.
- School fees were approved in June 2022 and there is nothing new to report since then.
- List of possible uncollectable amounts in school and lunch fees.
- Domenic Gaetano read the resolution for the adoption of the school budget by the school Governing Board.

Motion to approve the 2022-23 budget by Angie Tarantini, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente.

All in favor. Motion accepted.

b) Review of draft letter to the community

- Nadia Sammarco drafted the letter and shared with the Governing Board Members.
- The letter was shared on screen and read out-loud by Nadia Sammarco.
- The letter will be sent to the school community on January 9, 2023 via hardcopy and digital version.

Motion to approve the letter to the community by France Paquin, seconded by Stellana Romeo.

All in favor. Motion accepted.

c) Registration Week

- Registration week is January 30 to February 3, 2023.
- Siblings have priority and registration is the week before.
- Will be sending letters in the new year to promote registration week.
- Will be creating bookings links to book appointments online for registration.



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d) Anti-bullying Week: Hold My Hand February 20 – 24, 2023

- This year's theme is "Hold-my-Hand"
- LDVA's *Got Talent* show will feature students in grades 4 to 6.
- Started planning for the Anti-Bullying week and will discuss the details at the next meeting.

e) Approval of field trips:

This is to document that an email vote for the Grade 6 Winter Trip from January 26 to 27, 2023 was sent on November 11, 2022. All in favor. Motion accepted via email (see attached email votes in binder).

Began booking for various field trips. The cost of the bussing has increased tremendously from previous years. School will continue to shop around for best prices.

Here are the field trips and dates to be approved:

- March 30 Zoo Eco museum Grade 4
- April 3 Zoo Eco museum Grade 3
- April 21 Grade 2- Science Center
- April 27 Grade 1- Science Center
- May 10 Pre- K Biodome
- May 31 Kindergarten Biodome

Motion to approve all field trips by Francesca Muro, seconded by Stellana Romeo.

All in favor. Motion accepted.

Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Nadia Sammarco

- Holiday Concert was a great success and raised over 6000\$ in cash/gift cards. The donations were delivered to St. Brendan's Church. A donation of 2000\$ was given to *The CTV Spirit of Giving* along with 50 boxes of new children's socks. LDVA was featured on CTV's Spirit of Giving segment.
- First lock-down drill on was held on December 15, all staff had received training from admin prior to this date. School has made a request for the police department to come in January to meet staff and make suggestions on how to make the school safer.
- Nadia Sammarco attended a workshop about Lock Down and Safety organized by the EMSB in the fall.



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- Mr. Joseph launched a soccer initiative with cycle 3 to have soccer matches. Today was the semi-finals. It was a great game! Students played really well and will play an all-star game against the teachers. Wonderful initiative.
- The Santa Bus came today. Presentations were adjusted to the grade level and they offered gifts (a Santa Hat) to all the children.
- Christmas breakfast is tomorrow and will be prepared by PMG. Students and staff can come dressed in PJs or comfortable clothing. Kindergarten students will have breakfast with their grade 6 buddy. Thank you to Maxi & Co who donated the candy canes for the students.
- Students will each receive a book with a bookmark from the admin team.
- December 22 is dress up day; students are asked to bring in a \$2 dollar donation.
- Last day of school, children can wear a holiday shirt with black bottom. No donation required.
- January 9, 2023 all after-school activities re-start (Karate and Soccer).

Happy holidays to all!

2. Vice Principal's Report: Laetitia Kachmar

Thank you to everyone; Governing Board, Staff, Parents and all the community and all the best for 2023!

3. Commissioner's Report: Pietro Mercuri

- Last council meeting December 13, held at the head office and teacher from Links was honored for her teaching.
- Celebrated two students of the month, one from Roslyn elementary and the second from Royale Vale in grade 6.
- Approvals for CNESST retrospective plan (safety and security), three more transportation contracts including Berlins (for special needs students) were approved.
- Thanked Nadia Sammarco and Laetitia Kachmar; for their hard work and thanked all the staff and administration.
- Thanked all members of Governing Board and wished all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Domenic Gaetano thanked Pietro Mercuri for all that he does and for representing elementary and high schools in this community.



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4. Teacher's report: Sabrina Gavita

- Wishing you all the best! This is a well-deserved break and looking forward to all the activities we have planned.

5. Regional Delegate Report: Vanessa Giancioppi

- December 1, the Parents' Committee meeting was held. Discussed a full online pilot project of a virtual school for EMSB students who meet certain criteria; such as suffering from an illness that prevents them from attending school in person, student athletes or students who live in rural areas. This is currently available for Grade 5 to Secondary 5. Currently there are 40 students. The application is on the EMSB website.
- Voted to expand Mind School to include secondary 1 and 2 – vote was unanimous.
- Discussions on how to file a complaint for sexual misconduct.
- The school bus pilot program update: once the glitches are taken care of it will be available in our area. It will be mandatory if a child takes the bus. Some parents have concerns about privacy but this for the safety of the users (children). The creators of the App are liable for the security of the information and data leaks.

6. Daycare Report: Francesca Muro

- *Helping Hands Helping Smiles* is new title for donation drive by LDVA Base Daycare. This was a great success. 31 boxes were collected for *La Maison De La Famille Coeur à Rivière*. Thank you to the LDVA community, the items will be donated December 23, 2022.
- December 9 ped day activity was phenomenal. Daycare educator, Stephanie, took the holiday pictures of the children and the students took home a personalized Elf.

7. Home and School Report given by: Antonella D'Angelo

- Home and School has 60 volunteers signed up and they have sent all names to have police checks completed.
- A little over 17 000\$ in profits was raised with the chocolate drive
- Big box Fundraiser was a great success. We sold 408 boxes.
- Volunteers are currently setting up for tomorrow's Christmas breakfast with Santa Claus. Everyone is excited!
- Looking into Valentine's fundraiser such as selling Taralli and a Movie Night.
- Thank you to everyone for giving us the opportunity to be able to do all these fundraisers and activities!



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Question Period

No questions we asked

Adjournment

Dominic wished everyone a happy holidays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm. Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, and seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Chairperson's
Signature:



Dominic Gaetano

Principal's
Signature:



Nadia Sammarco