



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Members in attendance via Teams Platform:

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

Members not in attendance via Teams Platform:

Franco Marateo

Welcome and opening remarks

Dominic Gaetano started the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Additions to the agenda

Follow up to Safety Letter

Adoption of the agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Tina Spiridigliozzi, seconded by Sabrina Gavita. All in favor. Motion accepted.

Approval of minutes of December 19, 2022

Approval of the December 19 minutes with corrections. The minutes will be corrected before being posted online.

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes with corrections by Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion accepted.

Business issues

- a) Approval of Dress Code provider for the 2023-24 school year
 - Foot Zone is a reliable supplier
 - No complaints from parents
 - If there are backorders the owner, will do his utmost to rectify the issue
 - Parents can re-order any time during the school year



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Motion to adopt Foot Zone as the official dress code provider for the 2023-24 school year by Felicia Biondi, seconded by Marco Di Manno. All in favor. Motion accepted.

b) Approval of Safe School Action Plan

- The Safe School Action Plan document was shared on screen and was read aloud to the members.
- It is revised annually, but due to COVID-19 the last revision was in 2019.
- It will be posted on the website once approved.

Motion to adopt the Safe School Action Plan by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favor. Motion accepted.

c) Approval for Anti-bullying tuques to be paid from Fund 3

- Every student will receive a tuque with this year's Anti-Bullying theme "Hold my hand"
- The school has a healthy fund 3 so can pay for the cost of the tuques which is \$4484.03
- All staff and students will receive a tuque.

Motion to approve the anti-bullying tuques to be paid from Fund 3 by Felicia Biondi, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favor. Motion accepted.

d) Change of date for Grade 6 Winter trip

- Due to the unfavorable weather, the trip was postponed to February 6 -7, 2023
- January 26 – 27, 2023 were the original dates approved.

e) Hooked on Schools Week

- An initiative across Quebec focusing on staying in school from February 13 – 17, 2023.
- LDVA is activity involved, encouraging students to stay in school.
- Special activity is planned for February 14, 2023.
- Each student will be "buddied up" with a reading partner. A senior student will read to a junior student.
- The goal is to foster a love of reading.
- The grade 6 students will be reading to their kindergarten buddies.

f) Anti-bullying Week

- Will be held the week of February 20, 2023
- Launching the official song tomorrow (February 3, 2023), "Hold my Hand" by Michael Jackson and Akon.



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- The opening ceremony is February 20 in the gym.
- The students will be reciting our pledge.
- The dance troupe, "Funky Feet" will be performing. They incorporate rhythm and dancing to build confidence and teach empowerment through dance.
- Comedy for Kids will give a workshop to students in Grade 4, 5 & 6.
- Behaviour techs will give workshops tailored to every grade.
- LDVA *Got Talent* will take place Friday, February 24, 2023, in the afternoon. All the school will watch and only the parents of the students performing will be invited to watch the show live.

g) Follow up to Safety Letter

- Letter was sent January 9, 2023
- Cannot fully see the effect of the letter since the yard has been used a parking for the staff due to weather conditions and entrance has been via Andre-Dumas entrance.
- The school has been in contact with City Of Montreal representative to find a solution and make a request to have more parking on Andre Dumas.
- Will table this top and review this at the next meeting.

Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Nadia Sammarco

- The next meeting is February 20 or we can move it to the week we come back from spring break since we had no meeting in March. The next meeting will be March 14 to allow for quorum.
- Official registration week for new students was January 30 to February 3, 2023. Will advise what the numbers will look like at the next meeting.
- Grade 4 be finishing FSL and ELA, which start week of February 6, this year it is a formative exam.
- During the January 30, 2023, ped day, the staff was trained for lock-down and emergency situations. Since it was onsite, there were discussions about improving security at the school. Will organize a session for the H&S volunteer members so they know what to do and how to react in case of an emergency.
- Grade 3 & 4 will be cross-country skiing the week of February 6, 2023.
- First aid training to grade 5 - 6 was cancelled only due to lack of participants.
- Parents are now able to register their child's absences through the Mozaik Parent Portal.
- Vaccination – Feb 13 for Grade 4
- Staff appreciation week – week of Feb 13



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- Sent a “save the date” for parents presentation: *Parenting in a digital world* workshop (February 22). Would highly encourage and recommend parents to attend.
 - Carnival day will be on February 28, 2023
 - Parent teacher meetings will be held virtually. Invitations will be sent to parents if the teacher is requesting a meeting. Report cards, except for Pre-K, will be available on Mozaik Parent Portal on March 1, 2023.
 - Nadia Sammarco wished everyone a Happy Spring Break!
2. Vice Principal’s Report: Laetitia Kachmar
- Looking forward to the grade 6 winter trip.
 - Stellana Romeo has planned many outdoor activities for the students for the final days before the break.
3. Commissioner's Report: Pietro Mercuri
- Wished everyone a prosperous and successful 2023.
 - Last regular meeting was held on January 24, 2023 at Pius 10th Career center.
 - Recognized 16 students from the EMSB for excellence in French.
 - Recognized two students of the Month from Royal West Academy.
 - School board sold a piece of land in NDG
 - Student Ombudsman was elected.
 - Consultation for the budget building process – indicate your school budget priorities.
 - Resolved to allocate the surplus from June 22, 2023 and applied it to the current year.
 - Drafted the school calendar year for 2023 -2024.
4. Teacher's report: Sabrina Gavita
- Grade 6 students are participating in the program “Unité sans violence” and will be visiting all the classes to inform the students of their roles. Each grade 6 student will have the opportunity to be on supervision 3 times per week.
 - Grade 6 Entrepreneurship Project: students were encouraged to choose a theme and a charity. They brainstormed as a group and decided to create bracelets and note pads with positive affirmations; continuing with the theme of Love and Compassion which they explored earlier in the year.

Motion to approve the sale of the Entrepreneurship Project by Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion accepted.



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5. Regional Delegate Report: Antonella D'Angelo

- There was a presentation about Bill 96 and rules of the bill were reviewed and discussed.

6. Daycare Report: Francesca Muro

There are two Ped Days left to be approved:

- May 19, 2023, in-house activity "Spring Fun", will have Gelato ice cream the cost is \$12 (daycare fee) + \$12 activity fee, total is \$24
- June 2, 2023, in-house activity "Beach Party" will have summer themes games (if weather permits) with special treats \$12 (daycare fee) + \$10 activity fee, total is \$22

Motion for approval of the Daycare Ped Days by Sabrina Gavita, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion accepted.

- Proud that LDVA daycare was in the EMSB Focus newsletter. We are very lucky and work really well together as a school and daycare. Nice to have that collaboration.
- Champions for Life Program encourages the development of fundamental movement skills and builds confidence; the children are enjoying the program.
- Stellana Romeo organized the daycare explorers' program. All the educators collaborated on this program.

7. Home and School Report: Antonella D'Angelo

- Shared the budget on-screen.
- There was a healthy budget to start the year because of the limited activities in the last two years due to COVID-19. This enables Home and School to increase the allocation for our various activities.
- The next event is teacher appreciation week; the theme is the "Sunflower" which represents loyalty.
- The next fundraiser will be selling 'taralli'.

Question Period

No questions were asked.

Adjournment



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Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm. Motioned by France Paquin, and seconded by Fatima Marandola.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Chairperson's
Signature:



Dominic Gaetano

Principal's
Signature:



Nadia Sammarco