



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 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, Marco Di Manno, Anna-Maria Parente, Vanessa Giancioppi, France Paquin, Pietro Mercuri, Fatima Marandola, Tina Spiridigliozzi, Franco Marateo

Members not in attendance:

Felicia Biondi, Filomena Barbieri

Welcome and opening remarks

Dominic Gaetano welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Additions to the agenda

No additions to the agenda.

Adoption of the agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Sabrina Gavita. All in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of minutes of the Thursday, February 2, 2023 meeting

Approval of the Thursday, February 2, 2023 minutes with corrections. The minutes will be corrected before being posted online.

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes with corrections by Francesca Muro, seconded by Angie Tarantini. All in favor. Motion approved.

Business issues

a) Le Doral Presentation by the owner Johnny Piazza

- Presented the changes expected for the 2023-2024 school year.
- There will be a \$0.25 cost increase, new cost would be \$6.75 per meal.
- There will be a fourth meal option offered which is a vegetarian meal
- As of March 31, 2023, the federal government has implemented legislation banning the use of single use plastic cutlery. As a Governing Board, we cannot approve the removal of providing cutlery as per the agreement from the School Board. The final cost of the meals will be impacted, but it is still unclear by how much. Therefore, Le Doral cannot be approved as the school meal caterer until a definite cost is determined.



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Seeing as the school and hot meal provider only received this information late today, this item will be tabled until our next meeting.

b) Budget Building Process for 2023 - 2024

Members received a hard copy of the Budget Building Process.

- i. Reviewed each point of the document.
- ii. There is an increasing need for professional services for children with learning and speech and language difficulties. There are currently over 10 students waiting for an assessment.

Motion to approve the Budget Building Process for 2023 – 2024 by Stellana Romeo, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favor. Motion approved.

c) Criteria for a Principal

- Last year's version was sent to members by email to review.
- Changes made:
 - i. Point #6 becomes # 1: Candidate must maintain the school's vision and culture. Be innovative by introducing new programs that are aligned with the school's philosophy and reinforce programs that are already in place such as Robotics, Phonics, The Ruler etc. These programs have proven to benefit the students as a whole.
 - ii. #10 added daycare: Candidate must reinforce a feeling of unity and collaboration amongst staff members, daycare, parents, and the community by building trusting relationships.

Motion to approve the Criteria for a Principal with revisions by Antonella D'Angelo, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion approved.

d) ACGC–Government initiative for Cycle 3 students that allows the student to start thinking about their career early-on and not just in Secondary 4.

- Helps to better adapt students to high school and CEGEP.
- Builds and boosts self-esteem.
- As a school, we were already prepared because of current school initiatives already in place. Next year we will focus more on career planning.

Resolution was read aloud. Motion to approve the ACGC Global Planning Grid by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion approved.



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e) Approval of GMAA Futsal Tournament March 30, 2023

- This is the first time LDVA will be participating in this event.
- Mr. Joseph will have tryouts this week with cycle 3 students. Students will be bussed to Laurier Macdonald High School.
- An approval is required for the cost of the bussing which is \$25 per student.

Motion to approve the cost of the GMAA Futsal tournament March 30, 2023 by Francesca Muro, seconded by Renata Nespeca. All in favor. Motion approved.

Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Nadia Sammarco

- Winter carnival was February 28, 2023. The students had a wonderful time.
- Term 3 has begun, this is the most weighted and important term.
- Merit certificates will be given for Term 2 tomorrow on Wednesday, March 15, 2023.
- Anti-bullying week was a great success. LDVA was featured in the EMSB Focus for this event. Parents of the participants and students were in the gym to watch LDVA's Got Talent Show. Students who participated in the LDVA's Got Talent show will receive participation awards.
- Friday, March 17, 2023, is St-Patrick's Day and students are encouraged to wear green and bring a \$2 donation for Home & School.
- March 20, 2023 is the Story Telling festival. A panel of staff members will pick a student in cycle 3 to represent the school in French and another in English storytelling.
- March 21, 2023, the grade 6 students will be taking their graduation pictures in the morning.
- Halo Run tryouts for students in grades 3 through 6 are next week. Permission slips were sent home.
- On April 1, 2023, grade 6 will work on their Vision Board project with life coach, Pina Tortorici.
- Funky Feet collaborating to help choreograph the grade 6 dance performance. Students will perform twice: at the "Walk Through the Halls" on June 19 and at the Neuro Fundraising event.
- Organization of the Neuro Fundraising event LDVA *Light's Up the Night* has started. Sponsors are welcome.
- Grade 4 to 6 students are working on their projects to compete at Robocup on April 28-29, 2023.



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2. Vice Principal's Report: Laetitia Kachmar

- Attended the Grade 6 winter trip to Quebec City from February 6 - 7, 2023. It was non-stop activities; skiing, site seeing etc. The students were well behaved and had an amazing time.

3. Commissioner's Report: Pietro Mercuri

- Last regular meeting was held on February 28, 2023.
- Student of the month is from Pierre de Coubertin, for excellence in athletics and academics, was also voted as most caring student in her class.
- Approval of the school calendars for the teachers
- Review of the telework guidelines for EMSB

4. Teacher's report: Anna-Maria Parente

- The grade 6 students are busy making the bracelets for the Entrepreneurship project. The bracelets and keychains should be ready within the next few weeks.
- The grade 6 students unanimously agreed to donate to an animal shelter: Refuge Laval.

5. Regional Delegate Report: Antonella D'Angelo

- Fundraising in schools should not include gambling (including raffling, bingo, etc.). Fundraising should have a purpose and goal; how much and why the fundraising is taking place.
- Discussion on the criteria for the allocation of the funds, which should be at the discretion of the school principal.
- There is declining enrollment in the Adult Education programs due to the pandemic. Working on bringing back international students to these programs.

6. Daycare Report: Francesca Muro

- March 3, 2023, sugar shack pedagogical day was phenomenal.

7. Home and School Report: Antonella D'Angelo

- Big Box Cards were distributed. The fundraiser brought in \$5000 for the school.
- Organization of a Movie Night fundraiser is underway.
- Discussion with teachers and staff to get feedback for the Staff Appreciation week. Comments, suggestions and recommendations for improvements are welcomed.
- New positions on the executive committee will soon be voted in for the next 2 years.

Question Period

No questions were asked.



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Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm. Motioned by Anna-Maria Parente, and seconded by Franco Marateo. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Chairperson's
Signature:



Dominic Gaetano

Principal's
Signature:



Nadia Sammarco