



Leonardo da Vinci Academy

Governing Board Meeting

Monday, May 15, 2023

Members in attendance (Virtually on TEAMS):

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, Felicia Biondi, Filomena Barbieri, Vanessa Giancioppi, Fatima Marandola, Franco Marateo, Pietro Mercuri

Members not in attendance:

Marco Di Manno

Welcome and opening remarks

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

Additions to the agenda

Follow up on the front gate & daycare pick up

Adoption of the agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda by Francesca Muro, seconded by Sabrina Gavita. All in favor. Motion approved.

Approval of minutes of the Monday, April 17, 2023 meeting

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes with corrections as discussed, by Anna-Maria Parente, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favor. Motion approved.

Business issues

- a) Approval of LDVA Code of Conduct for the 2023-24 school year.
 - The code of conduct document was shared on screen to review.
 - First day of school for students is August 30, 2023.
 - In the Health Protocol and Health & Safety paragraph, reference to COVID was removed and replaced by "respecting the guidelines of Santé Publique".
 - Will continue to use online tools such as Google Classroom. Teachers will continue to use google classroom to post homework and provide additional resources.
 - General information, in section 3.3 B , it was added that a parent can now advise the school of the child's absence or early dismissal via the Mozaik Parent Portal. It must be entered in the system before 8:30 a.m. If not using the portal, the parent must call the school before 9:00 a.m.

Motion to approve the LDVA Code of Conduct for the 2023-24 school year by Maria Pensato, seconded by Antonella D'Angelo. All in favor. Motion approved.



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b) Approval of three Government funded pre-k classes for the 2023-24 school year.

- The resolution was shared on screen and read by Dominic Gaetano.

Motion was moved by Antonella D'Angelo, seconded by Angela Tarantini. All in favor.
Motion approved.

c) Approval of School Tools by Staples for the 2023-24 school year

- Staples to continue its collaboration with LDVA for the next school year to offer parents the option of purchasing school supplies online and having them shipped directly to their home.
- Parents can find the school supply list by searching for the school and grade on their website. They can then select all or certain items to purchase.
- It is not mandatory and simply a service offered to parents.

Motion to approve the School Tools by Staples for the 2023-2024 school year by France Paquin, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion approved.

d) Approval of offering extracurricular after-school activities for the 2023-2024 year

- We would like to continue to offer extracurricular activities to the students.
- The activities may change from year to year.
- We are always open to new activities.

Motion to approve the offering of extracurricular after-school activities for the 2023-2024 year by Renata Nespeca, seconded by Francesca Muro. All in favor. Motion approved.

e) Follow up on the front gate & entrance for daycare pick-up

- Staff has not come back with any negative feedback since reminder letter was sent to parents.
- Some parents are not stopping when the bus has the lights on and stop sign out. This is illegal and puts the children in great danger. Police was notified and asked to circulate, when possible, at dismissal time.
- The situation has improved, there is less double parking on Joliot Curie.
- Some parents feel the problem has moved to the daycare entrance. There are activities every night, and the weather is getting warmer so parents will go to the park causing congestion during daycare pick-up. We will monitor, and if need be, we will send a letter to remind parents not to converge in front of the pick-up areas if no improvement.



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Reports:

1. Principal's Report: Nadia Sammarco

- Denim day is May 17, 2023, and all the funds raised will go to the "Cure Foundation" for breast cancer research.
- The Neuro event is June 2, 2023. If your child is in the choir, a parent or an adult must purchase a ticket to attend as well. David Marino (LDVA alumni) will be performing at the event and will be surprising the choir tomorrow at practice. It will be a beautiful event for a great cause!
- Tomorrow we will be offering a special treat to students who participated in the Robocup Tournament. They will receive Mr. Puff's (cinnamon) and Chapman's nut free ice cream.
- Today was our pre-k orientation; it was nice to meet the new students and their families. Tomorrow will be the orientation session for new kindergarten students.
- Today was the last day to place orders from our dress code provider, Foot Zone, to ensure delivery for the first day of school.
- May 25 & 26 is our GMAA Sportsmobile days where students will try new sports.
- June 6 there will be a vision screening for students in Pre-K & K who have provided parental consent. There are 54 students who will be screened.
- Musical Matinee will be held on June 8 in the gym, each class will perform one song. Two tickets per family will be distributed to respect capacity in the gym.
- Update on Movie Night; after speaking with Home & School, since there is a healthy budget, the decision was made to change the event from a fundraiser to a special treat for students to view a movie while in school. Hence, on June 9, after lunch, the students will receive movie snacks and watch a movie in the gymnasium.
- The following teachers were recognized for 25 years of service; Filomena Barbieri, France Paquin, Rosamaria Carlomusto, Karen Polletta, and Rita De Angelis – congratulations!

2. Vice Principal's Report: Laetitia Kachmar

- On May 12, 2023, she accompanied the grade 5 students to Quebec City. It was a wonderful trip. The students were amazing and had a great time.
- Looking forward to the upcoming events and the end of year celebrations.

3. Commissioner's Report: Pietro Mercuri

- A special meeting was held on April 12, 2023, at the board to discuss a resolution that was passed to increase the number of electoral wards from 10 to 15. This would turn some of the larger wards into smaller ones.
- The last meeting was held on April 26, 2023 at St. Pius X Career Centre. It was the same night as the EMSB volunteer night. The EMSB organizational chart was reviewed and revised at this meeting as well.
- There was a special board meeting held on May 8, 2023, to approve the staffing plan for the 2023 –2024 school year.



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4. Teacher's report: (No Report)
5. Regional Delegate Report: Vanessa Giancioppi
 - The last meeting was held at John F. Kennedy High School.
 - Discussed upcoming parent-conference on May 28, 2023, which is a free event.
 - Spoke about mental health in schools and the board explained what they are doing to support this. A parent suggested that a student could signal an issue through Google Classroom.
 - Agreed to expand Mile-End project to include secondary three.
 - Discussed uniforms; no school is allowed to force anyone to purchase from a sole school uniform provider.
6. Daycare Report: Francesca Muro
 - Daycare week is underway, and the theme is "You-niverse". A big thank you to Stellana Romeo for helping to set up and prepare the daycare. Daycare students will receive a treat and an earth stress ball.
 - Champions for Life Program had an excellent celebration and culmination with a presentation by Sensei Alexandru Sorin, Canadian Olympian & karate champion.
 - Currently, we have 229 students enrolled at daycare in the 2023-2024 school year. If a parent needs daycare services, they should register now.
 - In the event of school closures due to weather, Le Doral will offer refunds if the meals were not yet prepared. If the food was indeed prepared and the cancellation is made at the last minute, we are requesting approval to donate the food to "Dans la Rue".

Motion to approve the donation of the prepared food to "Dans la Rue" if there is a school closure, by Angie Tarantini, seconded by Anna-Maria Parente. All in favor. Motion approved.

 - Dominic Gaetano was asked to read a letter from Kim Watson, from the APPA (school support staff) Union. Negotiations are on-going and APPA wanted members of the governing board to know what is at stake.
7. Home and School Report: Antonella D'Angelo
 - Working on the upcoming celebrations for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade 6 as well as planning for Fun Day.
 - As was mentioned, we changed Movie Night to Movie Day. Home & School will subsidize this event.
 - We approved \$1000 to be allocated to purchasing music equipment and sound systems.
 - Next meeting is on May 25, 2023, and we will be electing the new executive positions for the next 2 years.



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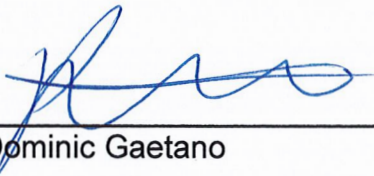
Question Period

No questions were asked.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm. Motioned by Francesa Muro, seconded by France Paquin.
All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Chairperson's
Signature:



Dominic Gaetano

Principal's
Signature:



Nadia Sammarco