

Westmount Park School Governing Board

Meeting of February 12th 2020

Attendance: (members of the board) Sophie Antippa, David Lee, David Weiss, Kathleen Rooney, Mouna Mouline, Deborah Mete, Mélanie Hébert, Giovanni Iammarrone, (public) Wendy Epstein

We have a public for public questions, Wendy is here, she is very active on PPO.

GI: Can we move public questions earlier

1. Welcome
2. Attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Add time for the budget, item 14
 - Add time for item 16
 - Move item 24 to item 9
 - Mouna moves changes
 - Sophie seconds changes
 - All for
4. Approval of the Minutes of December 11th
 - Melanie moves
 - Mouna seconds
 - Unanimous
5. Business arising from December 11th meeting
6. Breakfast program
 - Principal Lee: Breakfast Club of Canada, approved to start asap (see sample menu), objective is to reach as many kids as possible
 - Contribution may be requested, school must decide how much
 - If you want to exclude your child, you may
 - Meeting with reps from both campus in the next week to take a look at the logistics (is there enough space?)
 - Classroom bins will be used
 - Kids will eat as they get off the bus
 - Meeting with the teachers on the 17 (PED day) to discuss feeding logistics
 - Hope to get this going when we are back from March break
 - Everything is nut free, peanut free
 - Mouna question: I saw some kiwi allergies, maybe we should ask that there not be any
 - Melanie comment: I think it's great
 - Sophie question: I am happy that we are doing on both campuses. Should the contribution be per day and not per year?
 - It is an opt out program and not an opt in program
 - We do not exclude a child if they don't contribute financially

- We already have the resolution from GB
7. Music and Art Therapy, all other programs of Hampstead
- Sophie: parent have asked how Music and Art Therapy programs can be brought to our school (Principal Lee had them implemented in his prior school)
 - GI: These programs are in the works, should be implemented shortly (Art Therapy as a prevention for bullying is one of these programs, open by recommendations by the teacher), if it gets done, it will be 1 hour a week at each campus, it was also in place last year
 - Sophie: can these programs be put in place earlier in the year
 - Principal David: budget come in later, usually around November (in his prior school, it was a teacher's initiative and not a formal therapy).
 - The program is on teacher referral
 - It is possible to divide by semester / recommendations / cycle
 - Each program has its own ratio, logistics, etc.
 - A lot of clubs exist
 - The only Therapy (not to be mistaken with Clubs) that we are in contact with: Art Therapy
8. Sugar Shack
- Dates: March 31st – grade 4 – 6 (3 buses at each campus)
 - April 2nd: PreK - grand 3 (4 buses at each campus)
 - Departure at 8:30, Leave at 1:30
 - Location: La Goudrelle
 - Free for students
 - Parents can come, but they must pay the fee of approx. 15\$, we don't need parents, but they could be accepted, max 1 / campus
9. LD and ASD classes at North Campus
- When the campuses were split, it was planned that all LD and ASD classes be at south campus (correction by GI: ASD is at North campus and early stimulation is here)
 - Early stimulation is not necessarily for students with autism, it is for those who need a boost, need play learning, ASD class (grade 1 – 6), maximum 7 students, for students coping with autism
 - LD classes are at south campus (LD junior is grade 3-4, LD senior is 5-6, we don't put them in a special class, we want to give them all chances to succeed)
 - This year, ASD classes happen to have grades 1 – 3 (usually, they are split into junior and senior ASD, there is no senior this year)
 - Each case is discussed with the families
 - Because of lack of space, we could not open these classes at both campuses
 - Request by Sophie: can we consider LD class at the North Campus
 - Answer by Principal David: anything can be considered; however it is unlikely due to space issues (decision is made by special ed consultant)
 - Every school in the west sector has space issues
 - Asking Wendy = item 24 considered done. Wendy says that it answers all her questions.

10. Approval of extended day trip for grade 6 to Ottawa
 - Students will come back in the evening (approximately 8-8:30), won't make it to bus, because of this, we need GB approval
 - Resolution: Approval of the planning and participation of Grade 6 student's trip to Ottawa; they will come back after bus hours
 - David W. moves
 - Kathleen seconds
 - All for (unanimous)

11. Approval of time allocation to subjects
 - Approval of the allocation to subjects
 - See document for breakdown
 - ELA, Math and PE – all schools should have the same. The rest is flexible as long as you respect certain minimums
 - Resolution: Keep status quo regarding subject time allocation for 2020-2021
 - Sophie moves
 - Mouna seconds
 - All for (unanimous)

12. Ratification of E-vote: MEES budgets allocated to schools
 - All for (unanimous)
 - Vote date: January 20 2020

13. School budget follow-up
 - All for (unanimous)
 - We received the AMSFA for underprivileged schools as we ranked 8 (poverty index), we need to spend the money or we lose it (68 000 \$ + 5000 \$), currently left 70 000 \$
 - Trips approved: engage students / literacy
 - Open to ideas

14. Budget building process for 2020-2021
 - Due on February 21st

Wendy leaves at 5:24

Note at 5:31: we have too many items to finish on time, how do proceed

15. Approval of implementation of Basic School Regulations
 - Nobody really knows what it means – we do follow the rules
 - Only change is the 2 recesses, already implemented
 - Retroactively paired 15 with 11

16. Criteria for selection of the school principal

- Due on February 20th
- Criteria is in order of importance
- Sophie suggests adding something pertaining to special needs kids
- David suggests that item 2 and 3 are redundant

Melanie leaves at 5:37
Mouna takes over minutes

Reports given by:

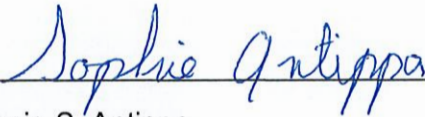
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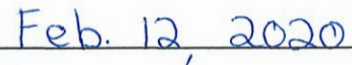
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Daycare (D. Mete)

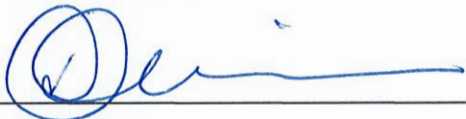
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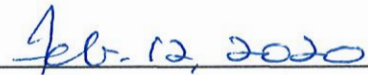
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