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Westmount Park School | Governing Board agenda

11th May 2021

1. Welcome

1.1- Public Question Period

1.2- Additions to the Agenda

1.3- Approval of the Agenda

Nicholas moved, Deborah seconded. All in favour, approved.

1.4 Approval of the April minutes

Marcel moved, Christine seconded. All (7) in favour, approved.

2. Business arising from the minutes

3. Business requiring approval

3.1 School fees

Discussion about whether we need agenda because so much communication is now digital, but too late b/c already ordered for next year.

Lunch supervision fees staying the same.

Educational trips are paid by the school; others paid by parent but can be partially subsidized by school.

Discussion about why school fees still need to be paid in cash. May be able to make online payments starting next year; will also have a debit/credit card machine. Daycare is already using online payments.

Marcel moved, Christine seconded. 6 in favour, 1 abstention. Approved.

4. Items requiring discussion

4.1 Covid update

Students are not required to wear their mask outside for gym or recess if they are in their bubble; many students choose to keep it on.

No information yet on public health measures for next Fall; assume it stays the same.

Some parents are asking if Covid vaccine will be mandatory; no information yet.

4.2 Renovation update and site visit

76% complete (expected 82% by end of April) 2nd and 3rd floor almost ready for delivery.

Still working on basement and 1st floor.

June 14th is tentative possession date.



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Staffed for one building and ordered 100 boxes/campus for moving.

4.3 Enrolment numbers

Slightly lower since last meeting: 483

Montreal Oral School for Deaf is interested to rebuild relationship to have some shared activities when return to main campus. If interested, they can contact principal.

Most WPS students go to Westmount High.

4.4 Dress code

WPS doesn't have a uniform, only dress code. Some parents feel that it is not really enforced, but not going to turn students away because of it.

5. Reports

5.1 Regional Parent Committee Report

April Meeting:

- A presentation was given by a woman from LEARN on the services offered (free tutoring + information sessions) and how parents can access this (requests for tutoring can be made via their website, there are recorded webinars available as well).
- There was a question and discussion related to what school board commissioners can do now that parent directors wouldn't be able to do under Bill 40
- A request for volunteers for virtual parent conference was made - scheduled for April 18th
- For the Revision of Admin Org Chart - there was a lot of discussion on this and answers to some questions will be provided before recommendations are made. People wanted to know the benefits (or issues arising from) the proposed changes.
- There was a presentation, followed by a discussion, on a proposal for creating an Anti-Racism Subcommittee - this will consist of 6 members and needs to include at least 3 people of colour - although may include more (people of colour or overall). It was well received and passed.
- There was a request for 2 parent observers to be a part of the Committee on Equity and an update on this committee
- There was lively discussion on school closures/covid with discussions about the hybrid system (half-time in school, half-time remote for high school) and specific concerns made about the quality of masks from the ministry. A fact sheet is going to be provided by the EMSB on this. There was also discussion on why students do not need to have a test that shows a negative result before returning to school.

May Meeting:

- Presentation on special needs; felt there is not enough at HS level especially in West End nor any consideration for gifted/advanced students.



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- Follow-up on masks; many parents dissatisfied with attached report from manufacturer and confirmed that the masks used by their children are not made in Canada.
- Continuation of virtual school
- Anti-Racism Subcommittee (ARSC) toolkits (attached), workshop
- Follow-up on Bill 21
- Initiative to have new HS in West End, also a movement to consider grade 12 and other advanced courses eg AP to increase competitiveness for students with eligibility ie compete with English private schools.

5.2 Teacher's Report

- North Campus pre-K is exploring life cycles with plants and butterflies. They grew bean plants for Mother's Day and will be exploring the butterfly life cycle with butterflies from Monsieur Papillon. They also started a Monkeynastix program that helps develop gross motor skills and coordination. On May 11, Pre-k + Rm 11 will have a virtual field trip with the Cirque Montréalais.
- Grade 2 created poetry books! Two students won the first annual EMSB Poetry Contest for Cycle 1; a grade 4 student in Rm 41 also won!
- Kindergarten, grade 2 classes and Ms. Kayla, the science teacher, are working together on a S.T.E.A.M project at the North Campus. They will be cleaning, and organizing the outdoor classroom space so that it can be a functional learning environment for all classes. They will also plant an herb and pollinator garden beside the outdoor classroom. Alongside Montreal artist Emily Read, they will create a wooden, transportable panel banner for the classroom and garden space. The hope is for this project to be recreated + transplanted at the Park Place location.
- North Campus grade 4 is integrating FSL with robotics. The students will guide a bee-bot (mini robot) through an imaginary city with imaginary animals ,completing oral and written communication tasks along the way. Rm 41 will also cover social studies topics such as colonization, Indigenous history and New France settlements using Minecraft.

Teacher Negotiations

- The Montreal Teachers Association voted to accept the government's contract offer. Presuming the other unions follow suit, that should conclude our negotiations.



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5.3 Daycare Report

Daycare registrations have begun for all current and new WPS students. Daycare numbers are looking positive. We are currently 40-45 students registered. We foresee approximately another 15 students that may register in September.

- Morning daycare will be re-opening for all regular daycare students in September between 7:00-7:55 am.
- We will continue to promote afterschool daycare to Roslyn students as we did in previous years.



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·Daycare Appreciation week May 10-14, 2021. Daycare staff will be planning fun activities for all students based on the theme of "Pirates". At the end of the week, a treasure hunt for all students will be planned along with a special treat. On Friday, May 14th, a "Virtual dance party" will be organized across all EMSB BASE DAYCARES for our students between 4:00-5:00 pm.

·On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, daycare staff will be participating on an on-line "laugh therapy" workshop, where a light breakfast will be provided.

·For Daycare Appreciation week, we will be providing a luncheon for all daycare staff, catered by Villa Toscana, to show our staff how much we appreciate all their hard work and dedication.

·Daycare students have prepared an appreciation poster for their educators and ccw's, stating what things they love most about them to honor Daycare Appreciation week.

Support Staff negotiations

Support staff informed the GB of upcoming strike actions.

5.4 PPO Report

There will not be an end of year party for both campuses, but will do Kindergarten and grade 6 graduations, maintaining the bubbles.

5.5 Principal's Report

- Dynamix team building activities for all grade levels: South Campus May 17th -18th and North Campus May 19th – May28th
- Pizza Lunch: Friday May 21st

6. Varia

7. Date of next meeting: June 8th, 4pm

Adjournment

Nicholas moved, Deborah seconded. All in favour, approved.

V. Lescaut (GB Chair)

M. Gagliardi (Principal)