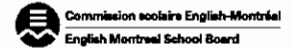




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Westmount Park School | Governing Board Agenda

11th January 2022

Attendees: (Meeting began at 4:16pm)

- Giovanni Iammarrone (P)
- Holly Kusiewicz (VP)
- Kathleen Rooney (Teacher Member)
- Marie Alexiou (Teacher Member)
- Deborah Mete (Daycare Tech.)
- Shalani Bel (Parent Member)
- Véronique Lesceault (Parent Member, joined at 4:37pm)
- Nicholas Lalli (Parent Member, joined at 4:35pm)
- Rony Wahed (Parent Member)
- Sophie Antippa (Alternante Parent Member)
- Jennifer Maxwell (Community Rep.)

1. Welcome (10 minutes)

- 1.1 Public Question Period - None
- 1.2 Additions to the Agenda - None
- 1.3 Approval of the Agenda – Nicholas moved, Deborah seconded, non-abstained and all in favour.
- 1.4 Approval of the December minutes - Nicholas moved, Deborah seconded, non-abstained and all in favour.

2. Business arising from the minutes (10 minutes)

- 2.1 Selection criteria for scholarships – Mr. Iammarrone suggested more time to be given for staff input. It was agreed to table it for next week.

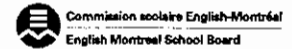
3. Business requiring approval – none

4. Items requiring discussion (35 minutes)

- 4.1 Communication (5 minutes)
 - Date to send welcome letter with new email address for parents: governingboardwps@gmail.com – Mr. Iammarrone sent out letters to parents in this relevance to increase parent awareness and to ensure that they know this email account is the platform for all parents of WPS to have their voice heard.
 - Commissioner J. Feldman aims to attend next meeting
 - Shalani discussed about relevant Facebook groups (WPS Parent Group)



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- Some relevant Facebook groups for communications to stay informed are:
 - Westmount Park Elementary Parents (16 members)
 - Anti-Racist EMSB Parents (106 members)
 - Westmount families (2.3k members)
 - English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA Quebec). (2.6k members)
 - Quebec Community Group Network (2.8K members)

The above are some Facebook groups for parents and other interested parties for information on the community and to stay informed.

4.2 Covid update (15 minutes)

- Online learning – how is it going? will it continue?
Online Learning until January 14. Plan is to go back to school on January 17th, but anything can change and any changes to plan will be promptly notified to parents. Report cards have been pushed to Feb 11th 2022.
- Vaccinations for 2nd dose at school?
It looks like another COVID-19 Vaccination Day (2nd dose) will happen between January 25th and February 25th.

4.3 Selection criteria for Principal (15 minutes – do after reports)

- Group discussions
Members discussed and provided their feedback on matters that are of highest importance to parents and the school community at large given the WPS school has undergone a lot of change in the past years with school splits and Covid 19. Therefore, it is important for the school to have some stability with leadership. Further discussion needed to prepare a draft for the board as GB recommendation for their consideration in the selection process.

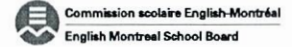
5. Reports (25 minutes)

5.1 Principal's Report

- Online Learning Schedule from January 6-14 as per Government Directives; plan as of today is for students to return to school in-person on January 17th. Return date might change depending on pandemic situation.
- Dog Therapy at WPS Video Link from Global News. Will be shared with community shortly.
- Administration working on activities for Black History Month



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5.2 Teacher's Report

- Nothing to report besides online learning is going well and student and parents contributions and hard work were appreciated. Parallely the GB parents appreciated the efforts of all teachers for making the best of the online class situations at hand to mitigate Covid 19 restrictions.

5.3 Daycare Report

- Emergency daycare for essential workers. Students are on-line until 11:30am. Daycare staff plan activities in the afternoon, such as gym activities, outdoor activities, and arts & crafts.
- Ped Day January 21, 2022- Hawaiian Party. Students will be participating in making beaded necklaces, flowered bandanas, fruit kabobs, limbo dancing and other fun activities in the gym.
- Ped Day January 31, 2022- Tobogganing and Snow Art. Students will have the opportunity to go tobogganing and painting in the snow. Should the weather not cooperate, we will be planning activities in the gymnasium.
- Team building activities for Grade 5&6 will begin once we resume school. Parents will be notified exact start date.

5.4 Regional Parent Committee Report

The regional parent committee meeting is not until later in the month and report will be submitted following its completion by our parent delegate Shalani Bel.

5.5 PPO Report

We wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year. Since the last meeting the only event to report has been that Chrissy and I helped to distribute breakfast for the cycle 1 students for Christmas. There was a pending date for the first PPO meeting but due to the new variant and school closures a meeting was not set up. Hopefully next month.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, PPO is still on hold.

Wendy Epstein & Chrissy Guerard-P.P.O Co-Chairs

6. Varia

7. Date of next meeting February 8th, 4:15pm

Adjournment

Soami Simonovic
Interim Principal

Shalani Bel
GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

Date: February 8th, 2022