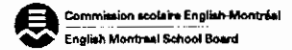


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Westmount Park School | Governing Board agenda

24th May 2022

Attendees: (Meeting began at 4:17 pm)

- Giovanni Iammarrone (P)
- Holly Kusiewicz (VP)
- Shalani Bel (Parent Member)
- Rony Wahed (Parent Member)
- Nicholas Lalli (Parent Member, joined at 4:20pm)
- Véronique Lesceault (Parent Member, joined at 4:16 pm)
- Erik Agulnik (Alternate Parent Member)
- Marie Alexiou (Teacher Member)
- Kathleen Rooney (Teacher Member)
- Deborah Mete (Daycare Member)
- Jennifer Maxwell (Community Rep. joined at 4:18 pm)

1. Welcome (5 minutes)

1.1 Additions to the Agenda

Ms. Kathleen requested to pass a K teachers message, included to section 2.1. Ms. Deborah moved, Ms. Marie seconded, no abstention, no questions, all in favor - Unanimous approval

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Deborah moved, Ms. Marie seconded, no abstention, no questions, all in favor - Unanimous approval

1.3 Approval of the April minutes

Ms. Deborah moved, Ms. Marie seconded, no abstention, no questions, all in favor - Unanimous approval

1.4 Public Question Period

None

2. Business arising from the minutes

2.1 Kindergarten Team message

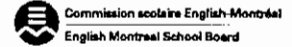
Ms. Rooney passed the kindergarten teachers' message - K teachers and student thank the GB for the budget allocation approval as they were unable to fundraise due to Covid restrictions and financial hardships on parents.

2.2 E-vote on 2022 -2023 school calendar

Mr. Iammarrone requested e-vote for 2022 -2023 school calendar as it needed submission to the EMSB all members were requested for an e-vote. Mr. Rony moved, Mr. Lali seconded, six approvals and one abstention (Ms. Lesceault) - Unanimous approval



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3. Business requiring approval (40 minutes)

3.1 2022-2023 School Supply List/Fees/Lunch Fees

Mr. Iammarrone displayed and presented the new fees and prices in detail for the GB and due to economic factors prices of various supplies increased and some decreased. Mr. Lalli moved, Mr. Rony seconded, no abstention, no questions, all in favor - Unanimous approval

3.2 2022-2023 WPS Agenda/Parent Handbook

Mr. Iammarrone displayed and discussed the details of the parent handbook to the GB.

Ms. Bel and Mr. Rony requested for inclusion of a simple summary on steps to follow for parents for complaints escalation procedure and Mr. Iammarrone will include this.

Ms. Marie bought up username and password for this and Ms. Holly will add username and password. Ms. Marie moved, Mr. Lalli seconded, no abstention, no questions, all in favor - Unanimous approval.

3.3 2022-2023 Hot Lunch Supplier: Le Mini Bistro for 2022-2023

Ms. Marie explained the need for go green initiatives in school and the associated government grants available to uphold and encourage such climate change mitigating initiatives in school. Thereby, the GB will continue to discuss option to reduce single use plastics in the future and find welcomes alternatives practical option ideas to be brought to the GB platform.

Le Mini Bistro for hot lunch supplies of 2022 and 2023 school year was discussed for approval and Mr. Rony moved, Ms. Marie seconded, no abstention, no questions, all in favor - Unanimous approval.

3.4 In person meeting with food for last GB meeting?

Thursday June 9th, 2022, at 4:15pm was agreed as the changed date to accommodate everyone's schedule for the in-person meeting. Mr. Lalli moved, Ms. Kathleen seconded, no abstention, no questions, all in favor - Unanimous approval.

4. Items requiring discussion (25 minutes)

4.1 Communication (5 minutes)

- EMSB Parent conference May 29th 8:45am-3:15pm register at www.emsbparents.ca

Ms. Bel addressed the GB about this conference and details around how to register for it if you are interested to attend by using the above weblink.

- Media coverage of Dolls of Hope project in Ms. Sabrina's class

CTV: <https://vimeo.com/708461514>

Global: <https://vimeo.com/708461929>

Ms. Bel congratulated the class and school for this inspiring initiative that rightfully received wide media coverage for spreading the message of hope during these uncertain times. Many congratulations and applause to WPS for coming up with such wonderful projects.



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4.2 Possible projects for next year (20 minutes)

- **Classe d'accueil in English and/or French**

Mr. Iammarrone explained details around Classe d'accueil in English and/or French and the need for more French teaching support in school. Ms. Bel mentioned this needs to be further discussed and could be a long-term plan. Ms. Lesceault shared her opinions on this subject and a comparative view with other surrounding schools. Mr. Rony also shared his opinion on this and sees gradual changes could come in the future.

- **More support for 30% French instruction**

Mr. Iammarrone submitted his views on more support for 30% French instruction to the GB and that with Bill 96 in the pipeline this is an important aspect requiring considerations.

- **Earlier information about high school options**

Ms. Bel discussed the importance of earlier information about high school options to parent is key as a lot of parents need this information to be proactive and for making the right choices for their children and to know their options.

- **Rationale for dress code**

Ms. Bel submitted her thoughts on what the GB thought about the rationale for dress code in the school and encouraged a discussion on this subject. Mr. Iammarrone explained various benefits of having a dress code as opposed to not having one. Mr. Rony echoed those thoughts and added that the benefits of having an affordable, loose and practical school dress code far outweighs that of not having one as it provides students with a sense of belonging, equality, responsibility, discipline amongst others. Ms. Marie and Mr. Lalli also shared the same message in favor of the school status quo on dress code.

5. Reports (25 minutes)

5.1 Principal's Report

- Pre-K/K Field Trip to Nature Parc on May 5
- Dynamix Teambuilding activities on May 3 and May 9
- Class Photo Day on May 9
- Dolls of Hope featured on Global News and CTV News on May 10th
- Music Writing Workshop by Robert Lutes offered to Cycle 3 classes throughout the month of May

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Transition to High School Conference for Gr.6 Parents on May 26th at 7:00 PM
- Kindergarten Graduation will be held on June 2nd at 9:30 AM in the school Gym
- Gr.6 Graduation Ceremony will be held at Westmount High School on June 17th at 6:30 PM
- G. Iammarrone will be the principal (replacement) for James Lyng High School for the 2022-2023 school year.



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5.2 Teacher's Report

Special Events

- Dynamix was at school on May 3 and 9 to run team-building activities. The weather was beautiful and all the students enjoyed themselves.
- Montreal musician Rob Lutes was at Westmount Park during the month of May to present a music writing workshop to cycle 3 students. This was in conjunction with The mental Health Resource Center in honor of youth mental health week.
- Our Green Club, under the leadership of Ms Christine, Ms Jennifer, Ms. Marie and parent volunteer Lisa Clarke created an Earth month calendar full of activities and events to promote environmental awareness. Events included a recycled art challenge, writing a letter to a tree, and weekly waste-free lunches. The students members of the group also recorded and presented public service announcements about recycling and composting.
- The Green Club will also be planting pollinator vegetables and herbs in the front of the school with the members of the club. This project is funded through the EMSB Go Green grant.
- The Green Club has also received a grant to be used for the 2022-2023 composting project, spearheaded by Christine Vidal.
- On May 12, students from grades 3-6 participated in the Halo Road Race on Mount Royal in association with The Greater Montreal Athletic Association.
- With the support of Mr. David, one Grade 6 and one Grade 4 class got to experience some basic VR/AR experiences
- UEMPT presented Place au cirque (Sylvain Dubois) and Gumboots (Just Aïssi) to our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes respectively.

Field Trips

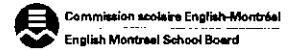
- May 26th, grade 3 students will be on a field trip to Mont St Bruno for a day of outdoor team building activities.
- Preschool visited the Parc-nature du Bois-de-Liesse for a day of outdoor activities.
- Cycle one students enjoyed a show at the centaur theater put on by Geordie Productions.
- On June 10th, grade 5 classes will be going to Park National des Iles-de-Boucherville for an outdoor activity associated with the social studies program.

Other:

- Kindergarten and Grade 6 graduation will be taking place in June. The Kindergarten ceremony on June 2nd will be held in the school gym, and is open to kindergarten families. The grade 6 graduation ceremony will take place at Westmount High School on June 17th.



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5.3 Daycare Report

- May 9-13 Daycare Appreciation week. Students participated in activities such as making Tie Dye T-shirts, attending a virtual dance party across all EMSB Base daycares, decorating cupcakes, and ended the week with outdoor water play, movie and popcorn.
- Daycare staff was treated to a delicious luncheon catered by Villa Toscana reception, to thank them for all their hard work.
- Every Friday if weather permits, students were asked to bring bathing suits, towel, and water shoes to daycare. The educators plan water play and sprinklers from 3:00-4:00 pm
- Upcoming Ped day June 6-Dynamics Electro Tag
- Daycare registration is going well, number of students keep increasing for the new year

5.4 Parent Committee Report

Mr. Iammarrone passed on a message on behalf of the PPO,

"Flyer from our Parent Participation Organization regarding a BBQ Event planned on Friday, June 3rd from 5:00-9:00 P.M. in our school yard by the schools PPO" [End of Year BBQ.jpg](#)



SCHOOL'S ALMOST OUT!



**END OF YEAR
BBQ**

JUNE 3 | FRIDAY | 5-9 PM
Westmount Park Elementary Yard

**Come Join us for some great
food, activities and celebrate the year with us!**

**All hot dogs, drinks, chips and
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6. Varia

Date of next meeting June 14th, 4:15pm (I have a conflict – is it possible to reschedule?)

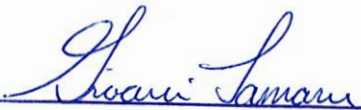
As detailed and approved in section 2.3.

7. Adjournment

At 6:01 Ms. Deborah moved, Mr. Rony seconded, no abstention, no questions, all in favor -
Unanimous approval



SHALANI BEL
GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR
June 9th 2022



Giovanni Tommasone
Interim-Principal
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