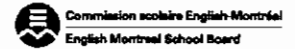




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Westmount Park School  
Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 3:30 P.M.  
Governing Board Agenda-VIRTUAL MEETING (MINUTES)

## **1. Welcome**

### **1.1 Attendance (Began: 3:38 P.M.)**

Giovanni Iammarrone (P), Holly Kusiewicz(VP), Deborah Mete (Daycare Tech.), Shalani Bel (Parent Member), Nicholas Lalli (Parent Member), Abunaser (Rony) Wahed (Parent Member), Véronique Lesceault (Parent Member), Kathleen Rooney (Teacher Member), Marie Alexiou (Teacher Member), Jennifer Maxwell (Community Rep.), Sophie Antippa (Alternate Parent Member), Eric Agulnik (Alternate Parent Member), Daniel Manrique (Parent Observer).

1.2- Public Question Period -None

1.3- Additions to the Agenda -None

1.4- Approval of the Agenda –M. Alexiou motioned. Seconded by N. Lalli

1.5- Approval of the Minutes (June) –Item moved to November meeting.

## **2. New Business**

### **2.1 Election of Secretary**

- -S. Bel motioned to nominate A. Wahed. Seconded by N. Lalli. Motion passed.

### **2.2 Election of Chair**

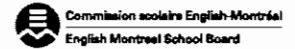
- -S. Bel put forward her candidacy for Chair.
- -Motioned by A.Wahed. Seconded by N.Lalli. All voted in favor.

### **2.3 GB Meeting Dates**

- All meetings will be held at 4:15 P.M. either online or in-person (will vary depending on situation). Dates approved are as follows:
  - November 16
  - December 14
  - January 11
  - February 8
  - March 8
  - April 12
  - May 10
  - June 14



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#### 2.4 Community Reps

- J. Maxwell will be one Rep. (Tyndale St-George); will provide G. Iammarrone with coordinates of a second possible candidate from Green Center.

#### 2.5 Approval for Daytime Fieldtrips

- Moved to approve Blanket Approval: S. Bel approved and Seconded by K. Rooney. All in favor.

#### 2.6 Approval for Fundraisers

- Moved to approve Blanket Approval: A Wahed approved and seconded by D. Mete. All in favor.

#### 2.7 Approval Daycare Handbook

- G. Iammarrone read the handbook outloud.
- G. Iammarrone clarified that parents can enter building up until the daycare office door when picking up their child.
- D. Mete explained what happens when students registered are in COVID isolation.
- S. Bel asked what happens when students are not picked up. G. Iammarrone and D. Mete explained that parents are contacted and then follow-up measures are discussed with parents if situation occurs again.
- Motion to approve Daycare Handbook by A Wahed. Seconded by N. Lalli. All in favour.

### **3. Items Requiring Discussion & Approval**

#### 3.1 Rules of Internal Procedures and Guidelines for Conduct

- G. Iammarrone explained how we can add discussion minute times next to items.
- N. Lalli suggested 10 minutes per item.
- Internal Rule 1: It was agreed that a flexible time limit per item can be indicated on Agendas based on priority.
- Internal Rule 2: Voting members would receive Agenda and any documents ahead of time in order to facilitate the meetings.
- A private Microsoft Teams group was requested to be created by Ms. Bel and seconded by Mr. A Wahed for the governing board members of the school to enhance communication and collaboration prior to meetings.
- Motioned to approve Internal rules: N. Lalli. Seconded by M. Alexiou. All in favour.



## 4. Reports

### 4.1 Principal's Report

- Condolences on behalf of the Westmount Park School community to the family of Jannai Dopwell-Bailey (EMSB Student-Mile End Program) who tragically lost his life on October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Enrollment: 503
- Social Skills and Grade 6 Buddy Program initiated by our Behaviour Technicians.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program will be in place this year.

### 4.2 Regional Parent Committee Report

- S. Bel explained how there were concerns from PC about those community members affected by the tragedy of J. Dopwell-Bailey. Wants to see how other schools can offer support to that community. Please see attachment 1 for the report Ms. Bel presented.
- G. Iammarrone explained how services from EMSB (Student Services Department) were mobilized to the schools involved in order to support community members who were affected by tragedy.
  - J. Maxwell also stated how there was a Trauma team at the schools involved.
- S. Bel explained how there are concerns of the new Online School format (English School Boards in collaboration).
- S. Bel explained how there were concerns about the proposed new E.R.C program

### 4.3 Teacher's Report Please see attachment 2 for the report Ms. Rooney and Ms. Alexiou presented.

- M. Alexiou stated how a Green Committee was set up with students.
  - Compost Program: every class has a compost bin.
  - All plastics are recycled
- Yoga Club at lunch.
- Soccer groups at lunch.
- K. Rooney explained Truth & Reconciliation Day activities that were done on Sep.30
- Kindergarten Weekly Party: tradition continues every Friday
- Grade 6 Buddy system is having great effects

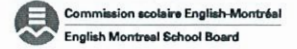
### 4.4 Daycare Report

- 5 groups in Daycare
- Grade 4 free activity on teambuilding offered by Dynamix (8 weeks on Thursday)
- Grades 5-6: Ghostbuster Movie activity with Mr. Evan



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- Sep.17 Ped Day: Sports Day was a success.

## **6. Varia**

## **7. Date of next meeting:**

November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 4:15 P.M. (virtual meeting)

## **Adjournment:**

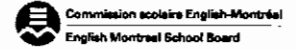
4:53 P.M. (Motioned by N.Lalli. Seconded by S. Bel)

*Giovanni Jammarrone*  
Giovanni Jammarrone  
Interim Principal  
November 22, 2021

*Shaloni Bel*  
SHALANI BEL  
GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR  
NOVEMBER 22, 2021



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## Attachment 1:

Ms. Bel's regional parent committee report stated:

I was elected to the Executive Committee of the EMSB Parent Committee and am excited to represent WPS there and in continued work on the Anti-Racism subcommittee.

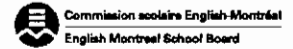
The Anti-Racism subcommittee had an emergency meeting in response to the death of an EMSB high school student, Jannai Dopwell-Bailey. He was a 16 year old Black boy, and he was murdered. It was not an accident or an illness. Many other students and staff of the school witnessed the murder. This changes the level of the trauma and the kind of support needed for this family, their school community, and the larger Black community. Program Mile End (Jannai's school) does not have a Governing Board. We are considering reaching out to other schools with particularly active GBs, including ours, to help this parent community.

There is an online school offered as a collaboration among many school boards including EMSB. Early feedback from parents is that it is not going well; it is not well-staffed and students are not receiving much work.

There is concern in the Anglophone community about the proposed curriculum change from ERC to Quebec Citizenship and Culture. We will be looking for more information about the content and opportunities to voice objections.



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Attachment 2:

**Westmount Park Teacher Report**  
**October 2021**

**Green Committee**

The WPS Green committee has initiated several programs to help promote a culture of sustainability in the school. We have begun a compost program for organic waste. We will be receiving reusable spoons from Breakfast Clubs of Canada and teachers are being encouraged to recycle all plastic waste created through the breakfast program. In addition, they are hoping to form a "Green Team" of students to collaborate on these initiatives.

**Extra Curricular Activities**

Yoga Club for grade 5 on Thursdays & grade 4 Tuesdays

Soccer Club (Grade 4 - Tuesdays, Grade 6 - Thursdays)

**Special Events**

Classes participated in the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30 to recognize the harm caused by Canada's residential school system and honour survivors.

The kindergarten team has continued their tradition of having a weekly kindergarten party to celebrate the letter of the week, while still respecting Covid guidelines.

Our behaviour techs. have started a leadership program in which grade 6 students animate games for younger students during recess. It has been quite successful to date.

**Other**

Many classes have welcomed student teachers from McGill (until mid Dec.)