



Westmount Park School | Governing Board agenda – Minutes

Thursday, October 27th, 2022,

Meeting started at 4:11pm in a hybrid mode.

Attendees:

- Marco Gagliardi (P),
- Holly Kusiewicz(VP),
- David Weiss (Teacher Member),
- Marie Alexiou (Teacher Member),
- Deborah Mete (Daycare Tech) – Absent ,
- Shalani Bel (Parent Member),
- Abunaser (Rony) Wahed (Parent Member),
- Nicholas Lalli (Parent Member),
- Iulia-Cristina Ionescu (Parent Member),
- Sophie Antippa (Alternate Parent Member, joined at 4:21pm),

1. Welcome

1.1- Public Question Period

None

1.2- Additions to the Agenda

Sections 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10 were all added to the agenda.

1.3- Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Mr. Lalli, seconded by Ms. Alexiou and all in favour hence approved.

1.4 Approval of the June Minutes

Moved by Mr. Gagliardi, seconded by Ms. Alexiou and all in favour hence approved.

2. Business arising from the minutes

None

3. Business requiring approval

3.1 Election of Secretary

Ms. Kusiewicz nominated Mr. Wahed, seconded by Ms. Bel and Mr. Wahed accepted, all in favour hence approved. . Mr. Gagliardi and Ms. Kusiewicz also accepted to support with minutes by providing their notes for cross verification to Mr. Wahed.

3.3 GB Meeting Dates

The agreed dates by the GB are as follows:

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| - Nov 29 | - Mar 28 |
| - Dec 20 | - Apr 25 |
| - Jan 24 | - May 23 |
| - Feb 21 | - Jun 13 |

The above dates moved by Mr. Wahed, seconded by Mr. Weiss and all in favour hence approved.



3.4 Approval of Daytime Field Trips

Mr. Gagliardi gave more details about the field trips to the GB and it was moved by Ms. Alexiou and seconded by Ms. Bel, all in favour hence approved.

3.5 Community Reps

Mr. Gagliardi to get in touch with Ms. Maxwell and/or Mr Omar of 'Big bother Big Sister' for the community rep position. Motion moved by Ms. Bel and seconded by Ms. Alexiou all in favour hence approved.

3.6 GB Meeting structure

Mr. Wahed proposed remaining GB meeting to be conducted in hybrid mode to promote flexibility and attendance by both member and parent community of the school. This was also echoed by Ms. Alexiou and Ms. Ionescu. It was commonly agreed between GB members although physical presence is encouraged but virtual attendance is acceptable. Mr. Gagliardi agreed to send Microsoft Teams meeting invite to all GB members and parents of the school prior to the meeting day with a "code of conduct" to ensure meeting privacy is respected by all attendees. Mr. Wahed moved the motion, seconded by Mr. Lalli and Ms. Bel, all in favour, hence approved.

3.7 School Fundraisers

Mr. Gagliardi, Ms. Kusiewicz and Ms. Alexiou explained more details on the fundraisers to the BG members. Motion moved by Ms. Wahed and seconded by Ms. Lalli all in favour hence approved.

3.8 Daycare Field Trips

[Tabled for next GB meeting.](#)

3.9 Election of the Treasurer

Mr. Lalli nominated himself, moved by Ms. Ionescu and seconded by Ms. Bel, all in favour hence approved.

3.10 Approval for daycare field trip to Zig Zag Zoo

Ms. Mete had emailed and requested for an e-vote approval on this event due to time restrictions of organising the event. The motion was moved by Mr. Wahed, seconded by Mr. Lalli, all in favour hence approved.

4. **Items requiring discussion**

4.1 Rules of Internal Procedures and Guidelines for Conduct


Mr. Gagliardi to email the Rules of Internal Procedures and Guidelines for Conduct to GB members for review and update. As these needs further discussions, it is [tabled for next GB meeting](#).



5. Reports

5.1 Regional Parent Committee Report (PC)

Mr. Wahed presented the PC report to the GB members and explained that it was the first meeting of this school year hence meet and greet new delegates from all schools took place. There were a lot of new members this year. Voting for new members on various open positions of the PC were held this day and the details of all appointed members are below and their emails can be available from the EMSB:



Commission scolaire English-Montréal
English Montreal School Board

EMSB PARENTS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Thursday, October 13, 2022
Laurence Patterson Room, Administration Building
@ 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

ACTION REQUIRED	1. WELCOME	
APPROVAL	2. Appointments	
	2.1 Appointment of President of Elections	
ELECTIONS (TERMS ARE FOR 2 YEARS)	3. PARENT COMMISSIONERS	
	3.1 Elementary Ms. Maria Corsi	
	3.2 High School Mr. Tony Speranza	
	3.3 ACSES Ms. Rosemarie Federico	
	3.4 Non-Designation Mr. Daniel Tatone	
ELECTIONS	4. EXECUTIVE MEMBERS	
	4.1 Chairperson Ms. Kathie Korakakis	* Mr. Tatone nominated Mr. Abu Naser (Rony) Wahed but Rony respectfully declined.
	4.2 Vice-Chairperson Mr. Jason Trudeau	
	4.3 Treasurer Mr. Franco Mazzariello	
ELECTIONS	5. EMSBPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (COMPOSED OF 10 MEMBERS)	
	Automatic Members to the executive (7): Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, 3 Parents Commissioners and the ACSES Delegate or ACSES Parent Commissioner	
	THREE (3) VACANT POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED;	
	5.1 ELECTION OF 3 MEMBERS Ms. Jordana Dobski , Ms. Merika Ramundo and Ms. Stephanie Passucci	
ELECTIONS	6. OBSERVERS/MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES	
	6.1 Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee – election of 1 voting member Ms. Stephanie Pasgucci	
ELECTION	7. MEMBERS TO PC SUB-COMMITTEES	
	7.1 Focus Group on Enrolment – <i>Note: all delegates and Alternates are automatic members</i>	
	7.2 Youth Sector Network – <i>Note: all delegates and Alternates are automatic members</i>	
	7.3 Anti-Racism sub-committee – 8 members	
	7.4 Sexual Misconduct Prevention – 8 members	
ELECTIONS	8. ENGLISH PARENTS COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION (EPCA)	
	8.1 One Delegate (2 year term) Ms. Kathie Korakakis .	
	8.2 One Delegate (1 year term) Ms. Gloria Lombardi	
VOTE	9. PROPOSED DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR	
	<i>(see proposed calendar of dates)</i> Last Thursdays of every month	
	10. ADJOURNMENT	



5.2 Teacher's Report

The teacher's report was provided by Ms. Alexiou and Mr. Weiss which is as follows:

Special Events

- Curriculum night on September 22nd, 2022 was a great opportunity to meet many new faces and welcome families into our school and classrooms. Each teacher offered three different time blocks to accommodate parents with multiple siblings and were paired with their teaching partners to best answer parent questions and concerns regarding the curriculum this year.
- Orange Shirt day on September 30th, with the support of our spiritual animator Mikaella Goldsmith marked our annual tradition of action in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation. In our classrooms, teachers taught on the topic of Residential schools, read "Phyllis's Orange Shirt" and explored why Every Child Matters. Under the guidance of our spiritual animator, each homeroom was called down to the steps outside of the building and tied an orange ribbon on the railings to show support for the survivors of residential schools. Grade 6 students designed their own tie-dye orange headbands to wear for the occasion as well as participated in a workshop with the McCord Museum about Indigenous culture, stories, and history.
- On October 7th, WPS participated in the Terry Fox Walk in support of the Terry Fox Foundation, and raised a total of 4285\$ towards Cancer Research. We celebrated during a school-wide assembly where several members of staff took a pie to the face to reward our highest donation earners. We thank Mr. Gagliardi for his willingness to participate in this activity.
- In kindergarten, the weekly letter celebrations have begun this year. The Kind Kids social skills program with Heidi Markle is also running this year, with each class receiving 8 sessions.
- In Grade 6, students wrote thank you letters to first responders and delivered them to our local firefighters, for 9/11. They also participated in a workshop with the Society for Canadian Women in Science & Technology. The organizations came to our school and made LED cards with grade 6 students as well as the two RISE classes.
- Room 322 did a joint project with a school in Kansas where students created a monster and then wrote out the instructions for the group in the other school to replicate. The idea was to teach how to write clear and concise instructions. The kids will be zooming to meet each other and show the monsters off next week!
- Grade 2 began their reading buddies project with several other classes, and is using donated stuffed toy animals as a part of their reading project. Each child adopted their own stuffed animal, giving it a name, and reading with their pet during classroom reading time.



- Two Grade 2 classes (115 and 119) are taking part in an art workshop with local artist Cara Caranina. They have attended an art exposition at the Cultural Center in CDN and will continue creating artwork and French stories
- Grade 4 is taking part in a workshop through Youth Fusion Theater, with the goal of eventually producing a play to perform for the school community.

School Activities & Community

- Grade 5 is organizing a goodie bag Halloween fundraiser for their Quebec city trip in June. The fundraiser will be taking place on Halloween and goodie bags will be available to sell for 3\$.
- Extra Curricular Activities (ECA's) have begun during lunch time. Chess Club, LEGO Club, Yoga Club, Dance Club, and Green Club all present students with opportunities to explore learning outside of the classroom setting.
- In honour of Waste Reduction Week in Canada (October 17- 24) the Green club has contacted a City of Westmount representative to present a 15-minute recycling presentation, as well as a former parent volunteer Lisa Clarke, to present an online presentation on composting. Composting will continue at WPS this year.
- Starting on Wednesday, October 26th dog therapy will be available for certain Kindergarten and Cycle 1 Students. Art therapy will begin on October 24th and will be available for certain students in Cycle 2 and 3.
- Grade 4 planted tulips this week all along the side of the building through a donation from Bubs 4 Kids and are looking forward to seeing their bloom in the spring.
- The closed classrooms have enjoyed using the enclosed soccer fields on loan from the city of Westmount, as they have provided an opportunity for their students to participate in recess and outdoor learning in a space and beautiful space. They will have access until November and would love for the opportunity to extend this loan in the future.

5.3 Daycare Report

The daycare report is as follows:

*Daycare enrolment is stable. There are presently 8 groups from Pre-K-Grade 6

*Two new educators have been hired to join our daycare team. Ms. Jie Lu (Pre-K) Ms. Rana Mirmokhalesooni (Grade 3&4)

Educators have been working hard on their lesson plans with their students, and preparing them for fun Halloween activities on Monday, October 31 st .

* Weekly lesson plans from each educator, are posted in the daycare entrance for all parents to read.



* Grades 3-5 have started a Soccer Program with coach Joey Cortese, every Tuesday from 3:15 pm-4:15 pm for the next 10 weeks for our Fall Session for the students who were interested. Weather has been very cooperative; therefore, they have been playing outdoors. Soccer will also take place in our large gym.

*Approval for daycare fieldtrips

*Approval for daycare handbook 2022-2023

*Ped day September 24- Pyjama/ Board Games

*Ped day October 3-Sports Day

*Ped day October 14- Superheroes

*Ped day November 4- Decorating Mason Jars

5.4 PPO Report

Mr. Gagliardi will be meeting the PPO members soon to organise an open meeting and plan of subsequent PPO events.

5.5 Principal's Report

Westmount Park Schools current enrolment is 590 students

We had an open house on October 13th, 2022, throughout the day

Big Brother and Big sister are working with all grade levels

Langmobile will be working with Pre-k and K students, this is a program which encourages children to learn a language through fun activities.

6. **Varia**

None

7. **Date of next meeting**

The next GB meeting will be held on: Nov 29th at 4pm

8. **Adjournment**

Mr. Weiss moved, and Mr. Wahed seconded, all in favour.