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Westmount Park School | Governing Board Minutes

20th June 2023

Meeting started at 4:39pm.

Attendees:

- Holly Kusiewicz(P)
- Chrisoula Pappas (VP)
- David Weiss (Teacher Member)
- Marie Alexiou (Teacher Member)
- Deborah Mete (Daycare Tech)
- Shalani Bel (Parent Member)
- Rony Wahed (Parent Member)
- Nicholas Lalli (Parent Member) – joined at 4: 39pm.
- Iulia-Cristina Ionescu (Parent Member) – joined at 4: 57pm.
- Sophie Antippa (Alternante Parent Member)

1. Welcome (5 minutes)

1.1 Additions to the Agenda

No

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

Ms Marie moved, Ms. Deborah seconded, no abstainments, all in favour hence unanimously approved.

1.3 Approval of the May minutes

Mr. David moved, Ms. Deborah seconded, no abstainments, all in favour hence unanimously approved.

1.4 Public Question Period

None

2. Business arising from the minutes (5 minutes)

2.1 Clarification of e-vote procedure

Ms. Shalani clarified the e-vote procedure for the GB around absence of voting members and alternate members for e-voting.

3. Business requiring approval (20 minutes)

3.1 Presentation of Budget Forecast for 2023-2024

Ms. Holly presented the budget forecast to GB following which Ms. Marie moved , Ms. Deborah seconded, no abstainments, all in favour hence unanimously approved.



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3.2 Allocation of Pre-K classes

Ms. Holly submitted that two ministry funded Pre-K classes to start in 2023 -2024 school year at WPS and explained matters around this subject to GB following which Mr. David moved , Ms. Deborah seconded, Cristina abstainments (as she joined meeting just after the vote), all in favour hence unanimously approved.

3.3 Year-end financial report

Remaining GB budget is \$443, moved by Mr. Nicholas, seconded by Mr. David, no abstainments, all in favour hence unanimously approved.

3.4 GB Annual Report

Ms. Shalani submitted the GB's annual report to the GB and everyone acknowledged following which Ms. Marie moved and Ms. Deborah seconded, no abstainments, all in favour hence unanimously approved.

4. Items requiring discussion (20 minutes)

4.1 Communication

- Board response to requested communication tool

Mr. Rony submitted that the EMSB decided to go with what the MEQ is promoting as the software of choice for all Quebec school which is the Mozaik portal and its mobile app mParent. EMSB have been advised to provide prompt feedback to developers of our GB's approved motion on the key features that the app must have to best meet the urgent and pressing needs around communication through the app, namely:

1. Time sensitive private chat functionality (both ways, teachers to parents and vice-versa)
2. Message read notification
3. Immediate translation and notification service

EMSB have also been informed that WPS GB will also provide feedback on the current user interface of the Mozaik portal following discussions with teachers and parents.

- Google reviews

Ms. Shalani informed the GB on existing Google reviews that our school has on its Google search page and discussed points around how best to communicate with parents that leave such reviews. Ms. Holly said she will find out how best to respond to those reviews. GB members agreed that communicating with public reviews reflects positively on the school in many ways given the age of digital information now.



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4.2 Possible projects for next year

- Parent survey on dress code

Ms. Shalani, requested for the GB feedback on undertaking the parents dress code survey and after detailed discussions it was agreed to table to take up as a project for next years GB meeting.

Given that the GB agrees on and acknowledges the many benefits of having a school dress code on student and school success, it is essential to conduct an informed the parent survey with information material on the pros and cons of having a dress code to firstly know of the parents' views on this important subject and secondly to increase awareness and cooperation in this relevance going forward.

5. Reports (25 minutes)

5.1 Principal's Report

- YMCA and Stagecoach will be renting our building this summer. It will be from July 3rd until August 11th.
- Students enjoyed a Carnival Day where they played with various carnival games and inflatables.
- Graduation for our grade six students took place on June 16th and Westmount High School
- We celebrated the Kindergartens on June 9th. They had Ceramic Café, Funky Feet and a pizza lunch
- Murals were completed this week. We now have 6 completed and they look great. Various grades took part in this project.
- On May 27th PPO organized a Bazaar and it was a success. On the 27th we also had a tutorial for the grade six students by Building Blocks.
- K Orientation for our specialized classrooms will take place on June 26th
- Online tutoring ended on May27th.

Big thank you to all our Governing Board members. Your support was very much appreciated. In addition, a huge thank you to our wonderful staff, students and families for a great school year.

5.2 Teacher's Report

School-Wide

- In honour of Pride Month, WPS came together to make a school-wide rainbow and walk, organized by grade 6 students from Leadership Club.
- On Friday, June 2nd, Cycle 2 and 3 students as well as some participating classes took part in the Mohawk Round Dances with Ray Deer presentation, where they learned about first nations history and traditions.
- Monday, June 12th, WPS enjoyed the end of the year carnival outside, with games and bouncy castle activities.
- On June 16, a Staff versus Students Basketball game took place in the gym, with many staff members and students enjoying a wonderful game ending in a final score of 30 to 22. Teachers humbly accept their win and look forward to the student rematch next year.



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- Murals around the school have added much needed colour to our stairwells and rooms. We would like to thank artists Cara Camina and Marcio Melo for their beautiful works.

Kindergarten Cycle Kindergarten Carnaval Graduation took place on Friday, June 9th. Students enjoyed a dance workshop with Funky Feet in the morning and an afternoon with Ceramic Cafe. Kindergarten prepared for their end-of-year with a wonderful graduation parade around the school, celebrating this important milestone.

Cycle 1

Grade 1 and Grade 2 went on a field trip to the Arboretum at the beginning of the month, and enjoyed the day in nature. End of year activities are taking place throughout the last weeks of school in cycle 1, with different games, engaging centers and outdoor learning activities to celebrate a wonderful year of learning together.

Cycle 2

Grade 3 and 4 enjoyed a field trip to the Montreal Science Center on June 14th, and Grade 4 will be visiting Mont-St-Bruno on June 20th. The Green Club, which includes many students in grade 4, finished planting the outdoor garden in collaboration with Urban Seedling. Neighbours have also joined in on the maintenance of the garden, and a summer watering schedule has been sent out to our school community with most of the availability booked. The Compost Club was also thanked for their participation with a lovely pizza lunch.

Cycle 3

Grade 5 took part in Ceramic Cafe as well, decorating their souvenir mugs. They also created their tie-dye shirts as an end of the year activity. On June 20th, they also went on a field trip exploring the Lachine Canal and Atwater market and enjoyed the sunny outdoor walk. The Dolls of Hope successfully created 20 bears this year and will be partnering with next year's grade 6 students to send more bears in 2024! Grade 6 exams are officially completed, and graduation activities such as the creation of a lip-dub, graduation dance, grad BBQ and more, have readied our graduating class for their final goodbyes. Grade 6 graduation took place on June 16th and we are incredibly proud of the hard work and effort of this graduating class.

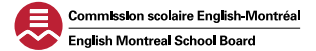
On behalf of the teachers of Westmount Park School, we would like to express our appreciation for this year's Governing Board, and wish everyone a wonderful and restful summer.

5.3 Daycare Report

- June 5th Ped day was a success. Students had lots of fun playing in the structures at Westmount Park and participated in outdoor games. Finished off the afternoon with a picnic and cooled down with some freezes for snack.
- For our last week of daycare, students will be enjoying some outdoor fun and will enjoy the splash pad on Thursday June 22, 2023. Students are asked to bring their towels, bathing suit, water shoes, and sunscreen.



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On behalf of the Base Daycare Team, we would like to wish you all a wonderful summer !!!

5.4 Parent Committee Report

The last PC meeting was held on June 1st 2023.


Some key matters of the agenda were as follows:

1. Parent conference: The one week parent conference was a success partly due to the hybrid options of the conference this year enabling more flexibility for attendance.
2. Letter to administration on uniforms was approved – This letter references from the directives and collective agreements on school uniforms that - No student should ever be punished and sent home due to uniform or dress violation in school and inclusive ideas need to be adopted rather than punishment or sending child home. As education is every child's universal right under article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
3. Letter to administration on Mental health was approved - In summary the letter requested EMSB to publish a simple and practical procedure for parents and students to follow on mental health because currently the situation is very confusing for such an important matter affecting our children today.
4. Bill C-13 - The PC is drafting a resolution in support of Mr. Anthony Housefather's challenge of Bill C-13 as the PC shares the opinion that *"The bill C-13 will only further erode the rights of the English minority communities of Quebec."*



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The PC agenda for June meeting is as follows and further details on minutes are available here:
<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/about/governance/meeting-minutes>

 EMS Parent Committee Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.- St. Pius X Culinary Centre Montreal		2022-23 Meeting #7
AGENDA		
ACTION REQUIRED	ITEM	TIME
Call to Order	1. WELCOME- LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	(2 min)
Adoption	2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	(1 min)
Adoption	3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MAY 4, 2023	(1 min)
Wrap Up	4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	(5 min)
Approval	4.1 PARENT CONFERENCE	(8 min)
Approval	4.2 LETTER TO ADMINISTRATION RE: UNIFORMS	(8 min)
Information	4.3 LETTER TO ADMINISTRATION RE: MENTAL HEALTH	(1 min)
	4.4 LETTER OF CONDOLENCE	(1 min)
Approval	5. NEW BUSINESS	(10 min)
Consultation/Approval	5.1 MOTION OF SUPPORT TO A. HOUSEFATHER RE: BILL C-13	(10 min)
	5.2 BILL 23 MOTION (TO BE CONFIRMED)	(10 min)
Information	6. SCHOOL REPORTS <u>(PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN REPORTS IF YOU WILL NOT BE PRESENT)</u> (ANY MEMBER MAY SHARE CONCERNS, OR SHARE ANY POSITIVE EXPERIENCES AND/OR BEST PRACTICES)	(25 min)
	7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD <u>(IF ANY PUBLIC IS PRESENT-ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ARE ADDRESSED TO/ AND ANSWERED BY THE CHAIR)</u>	(5 min)
	A) ALTERNATES	(2 min)
	B) PUBLIC	(2 min)
Information	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS <u>(PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN REPORTS</u>	(6 min)
Information	8.1 PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT	(3 min)
Information	8.2 TREASURER'S REPORT	(5 min)
Information	8.3 EPCA REPORT	(5 min)
	8.4 ANTI-RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE	(5 min)
	8.5 FOCUS GROUP ON ENROLLMENT – M. CORSI & T. SPERANZA	(5 min)
	8.6 YOUTH SECTOR NETWORK SUB-COMMITTEE	(5 min)
Information	8.7 SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE	(5 min)
	8.8 SUB-COMMITTEE ON EMSB PC MARKETING (SOCIAL MEDIA)	(5 min)
Information	9. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS	(5 min)
Information	9.1 TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE	(5 min)
	9.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	(5 min)
Information	10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING;	(0 min)
Information	10.1 REGULAR MEETING: TBD	(0 min)
	10.2 EXECUTIVE MEETING: TBD	(0 min)
Approval	11. ADJOURNMENT	(1 min)



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5.5 PPO Report with discussion of changing PPO leadership

- Ms. Wendy and Ms. Sophie discussed achievements and success of PPO this year through the various events that were held.
- All GB members appreciated and applauded the entire PPO team for their excellent work.
- The GB also discussed on the continuation of the PPO team in future.

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Adjournment and refreshments!