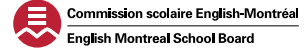




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Westmount Park School, Governing Board Agenda

Date: Mar 19, 2024

Start time: 4:03 pm

Present: Marco, Chrissy, Tina, Christine (teacher), Rony, Mujdat, Kassaye, Jennifer Maxwell (community member)

Missing: Deborah, Shalani and Cristina (Parent member)

1. Welcome:

1.1 Additions to the Agenda

Non

1.2 Approval of the Agenda

1. Tina 2. Christine, unanimously approved

1.3 Approval of the Feb 2024 Minutes

Missing PC report that is to be added by Rony or Cristina, approval pending this 1. Tina 2. Christine, unanimously approved.

1.4 Public Question Period

Non

2. Business arising from the minutes:

2.1 Daycare registration

There will be a meeting at the board on Thursday when we will know more details and parents will be notified.

2.2 Points from Mr. Michael Cohen's presentation:

WPS is already on top of 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and 2.2.3 and will work on them and the other points with relevant staff for marketing objectives.

2.2.1 An intern can be assigned to work with the school on marketing.

2.2.2 Update the school website through new pictures, short videos, and school profile to include sustainability, green club, and special needs resources amongst others are very attractive for prospective parents.

2.2.3 Upgrade the social media account of the school (facebook and Instagram) and assign a social media in charge of uploading new posts weekly

2.2.4 Print additional signage of the school to place in the neighbourhood

2.2.5 Google survey to the community on why they choose this school

2.2.6 WPS alumni visit



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3. Business requiring approval:

3.1 Educational Project for Westmount Park School

Marco presented the educational project to GB and discussed on several points.

GB agreed to change North America to name on countries in the document with this charge it was moved by 1. Tina 2. Christine, unanimously approved.

4. Items requiring discussion:

4.1 Google Maps listing of our school has very outdated photos

Google search listing pictures are outdated, and Marco will get in touch with Google services to update it.

4.2 Development of an outdoor classroom at WPS

Rony submitted that there was a 20K allocation for this in the recent past years and teachers and parents entertained this idea but the project did not get initiated. Marco shared if the outdoor classroom is to be made on the city's land permission will be needed. GB members shared we can consider building the outdoor classroom within the school's land followed by applying for a grant considering the benefits of having an outdoor classroom at WPS.

Points were shared in favour of this project by both teachers and parent GB members, and it was agreed for the school to discuss this important project with the staff council to continue discussions on this in the next GB meeting.

5. Reports:

5.1 Teacher's Report

School wide

ENUF visiting classrooms to review composting/ recycling. Will do a garbage audit. Celebrations for St. Patrick's Day, Nowruz, Holi, Ramadan, Passover and Easter.

K4

Artist Tamsin Horsfall will be collaborating with students and parents to complete murals in the cubby areas of Rooms 03, 04, 05

Amen Iseghohi has begun a series of social skills workshops with Rooms 03, 04, & 05

K5

Preschool fundraiser; thanks to all who donated! We raised 585\$ for our programs.

We had a green breakfast for St- Patrick's day. We marched to Irish music through the school in our Leprechaun suits.

We are celebrating and learning about Nowruz, persian New Year, led by Ms Sally

Grade 1

"Pop-into Spring" (Popcorn sale) fundraiser began in grade 1. We aim to raise money for transportation for our end-of-year field trip in the Spring.

Learning about Spring celebrations (Ramadan, Holi, Easter, Nowruz)

Exploring Nutrition month with in-class activities surrounding healthy eating



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Grade 2

Ramadan, St Patrick's breakfast, Holi and Easter festivities

Dance workshop with Paola Sterling

Learning about Nowruz

Leprechaun traps

Grades 3, 4, and 5

no individual report at this time.

Grade 6

Drum workshop, students had the opportunity to learn about drum making from Indigenous artist Charlene Tolley. In this 2 day workshop they helped Charlene construct and decorate a traditional Indigenous drum. On the 2nd day once the drum was dry they all had a chance to play it.

Board games workshop: Students have begun working on creating their own board games.

5.2 Daycare Report

- Daycare registration for next school year will be within two weeks.

5.3 Principal's Report

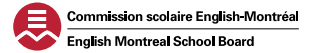
- Rachel Cambell will be working as an intern from March 25th to May 13th. She has been sent by Daniel Smajovits from the communications department.
- Westmount Park School will be a vaccination center for Measels on March 26th and March 28th, the information was sent to those affected.
- There is currently an inspection of the masonry around the building. If preventative work needs to be completed it will be scheduled.
- The schools boilers will be replaced between June 24th and August 22nd.
- Boulderling wall/Rock wall is scheduled to be installed April 10th.
- The music equipment that was ordered has arrived, this includes a class set of ukuleles, violins, and other various instruments.

5.4 PPO Report

- Pizza day – March 22
- Family movie night – April 12
- T-Shirt Sales - hopefully starting March 25-April 12
- Voting on Media Cart contribution this week, this was an item promised by past councils - the possibility of contributing towards its purchase.
- Thinking ahead to the year-end Family Picnic, will need to start speaking with Admin about permitting with the city.



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5.5 Regional Parent Committee Report

- Presentation on proposals to rescind – Julie Rene de Cotret on the following policies:
 - 2.1.1) POLICY SS-4 – ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)
 - 2.1.2) POLICY SS-8 – TRAUMATIC EVENTS SUPPORT TEAM SERVICES
 - 2.1.3) POLICY SS-9 – CONTROL OF ABSENTEEISM AND POLICY
 - 2.1.4) POLICY SS-6 – SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- Part two priorities of the budget building process consultation
- Approval of the literacy prize
- Update on marketing
- Update on the letter regarding the educational project
- Update on the solar eclipse
- Information given on the key elements for evaluating, assessing, or submitting a school project – accompanying tools
- The next PC meeting will be held in person at JFK school library on Apr 4, 2024.

6. **Varia:**

7. **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting is Apr 23 at 4 pm hybrid mode.

EMSB chair Joe Ortona will be present at our next GB meeting and GB agreed to let community know so they can benefit from his presentation and discussions.

8. **Adjournment:**

1. Mujtad 2. Tina, unanimously approved.

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