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# Westmount Park Elementary School | Governing Board Agenda

Date: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Start time: 4:05pm

Present: Marco, Chrissy, Deborah, Tina, Christine P., Mujdat, Rony, Shalani, Caitlin (PPO),  
Kassaye (guest), Vijayakumar Ramalingam (Guest)

Missing: Cristina (Parent)

## 1. Welcome:

### 1.1 Additions to the agenda

4.3 Heat in the classrooms due to warm weather

### 1.2 Approval of the agenda

1. Deborah, 2. Tina, unanimously approved.

### 1.3 Approval of the April minutes

1. Tina, 2. Mujdat, unanimously approved.

### 1.4 Public question period

None

## 2. Business arising from the minutes:

### 2.1 Marketing objectives update of WPS

Intern Michelle wrote 2/3 Fielding Focus articles, and she is preparing more for next month.  
Follow-up with signage around the building to increase visibility.

### 2.2 Parents to be informed on free Allo-Prof website services for students

Included in the May newsletter.

In September we can remind our community using handouts b/c not all families have internet  
or check Google Classroom.

## 3. Business requiring approval:

### 3.1 School supply lists:

Went overs all lists and reviewed constraints e.g. no specific brand requests.

As in previous years, there are required and optional items.

1. Shalani, 2. Mujdat, unanimously approved.

### 3.2 School fees

Increased by \$10 on average from last year due to general increase in cost of printing and  
binding. Lunch supervision is the same. If registered for daycare, parents pay \$9.25/day so  
they do not pay the \$225 lunch supervision fees. Kindergarten is not using agenda but using  
pochette for handouts. There are no supplies for daycare.

1. Mujdat, 2. Tina, unanimously approved.



### 3.3 Sexuality education plan

Shalani noted dissatisfaction with response from special education consultant confirming that GBs are unable to make any changes to the content. It is frustrating to be asked and not be able to comment or update the material.

Starting next year, GBs will no longer be asked to vote on the sexuality education plan.

Parents can abstain from their child participating in the sexuality education, but they must apply at the ministry level (not school or EMSB).

1. Deborah, 2. Christine, unanimously approved. (No abstentions or nays.)

### 3.4 GB scholarships - 2x \$50 scholarships were approved last year

1. Tina, 2. Mujdat, unanimously approved.

## **4. Items requiring discussion:**

### 4.1 Building the fencing around school for student safety an urgent and important goal

WPS put in a project request at EMSB and currently at needs assessment.

Initial quotes \$24k-50k. EMSB should help; PPO will fundraise.

In process but moving slowly. No timeline yet. If go to public tender, it will take longer.

This is a safety issue, so it should be a priority.

### 4.2 Enrolment

536 students registered now (includes 6 special needs classes); this is higher number than same time last year and expected to grow by 100-120 over summer when families receive eligibility. Students who lost eligibility have already been removed.

Currently 42 homerooms for 700 students therefore class sizes are low.

### 4.3 Heat in classrooms

With the higher temperatures and no air conditioning, we are worried about the heat in classrooms. Can we ask for donations or fundraising to place a fan in every class?

WPS will do inventory of how many fans are needed.

## **5. Reports:**

### 5.1 Teacher's report

#### **Whole School -**

Nature Club: Ms. Franzi, Ms. Lydia & Ms. Christine are working with 4th and 5th graders to build planters, clean the garden beds, and eventually plant our flowers and vegetables on May 29th.



## **K4**

## **K5**

Insect workshop visited the classes on May 21st. The students got to manipulate and learn about insects.

Ceramic cafe will be coming on May 27th

The classes made 14 upcycled mosaics of native Quebec bird species. They are hung in the front entrance of the school for all to enjoy.

## **Grade 3**

### **Grade 4**

- Grade 4 in room 320 has started programming with lego using ipads and lego spike to create fun carnival and circus games that fit with the cirque du soleil unit they are working on. The projects will be presented to rm 310 and then they will start programming games together.
- Room 205 worked with Productions Oracle to create videos. Each one showcases one of the following traits of an activist: courageous, determined, resilient and cooperative.

## **Grade 5**

### **Grade 6**

- Grade 6 visited the Holocaust Museum
- Ottawa Trip - visited the Royal Canadian Mint, Rideau Grounds, Supreme Court, Science Museum
- Transition to High School will conclude on May 24th
- Mr. Mark organized a very successful Science Fair
- Many students participated in the Halo race

### **Wings:**

- 7 students participated in the Inclusive HALO race for the first time. It was a success.
- Special Olympics will take place on May 31st at McGill.
- Dog therapy continues to the end of the year on a bi-weekly basis.

## **5.2 Daycare report**

\* Students participated in learning about our Base Daycare family ethnicity. A letter was sent home to all our Base families to learn about their cultures and traditions.

Students participate in making the country flags, learning about their cultural music, traditions, foods, desserts. etc..

Each day they focused on a different culture.

We ended the week by celebrating with an International Buffet, where parents participated in bringing a traditional meal/dessert. Students had a taste of around the world traditions. Its was a wonderful experience.



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\* Daycare Ped day May 17th- Students enjoyed the outdoors, by taking a walk to Murray Hill. they enjoyed their time playing in the park, and then having a picnic. Students then came back to daycare, enjoyed playing soccer, football, and hoola hooping. They then cooled down with some freezies.

\*Ms. Deborah will be participating in a Red-Carpet event at Brault&Bouthiller on May 21, 2024. She will be attending a workshop on board games and arts and crafts, and then will be sharing the information with all daycare staff. She will be also purchasing new games and educational materials for the students for the upcoming school year 2024-25

### 5.3 Principal's report

- Montreal Canadiens' defenseman Jordan Harris came to visit the school and played ball hockey with students (and staff?).
- Fred Fox (from Terry Fox foundation?) came to speak to our students. He did confetti dunking for fun.
- Inuit dance performance organized by Miksella Goldsmith (spiritual animator).
- Closed classroom teachers visited Giant Steps (May 17<sup>th</sup>).
- Ministry exams are ongoing. French finished, currently ELA, Math beginning in June.
- 20 students supported with subsidized summer camp spots.

### 5.4 PPO report

- **T-shirt fundraiser** was a success. We sold around 250 t-shirts. We will be putting in a restock order for the end of year which may or may not arrive before the year end picnic and are looking into school tote bags with the school message (back of the t-shirt).
- Our next **Pizza day is May 31**. This will be our last Pizza Day of the year. Last day for orders is Monday, May 27.
- June Pizza Day has been cancelled, instead we are going to try and offer a **Domino's WPS Family and Friend** night where families can order from Domino's and the school gets a portion of the profits. This is with the Domino's on Notre-Dame only. Proposed date: **Thursday June 13**.
- **Year end picnic**: Date confirmed for **Friday June 7 or Friday June 14** (if it rains) 4:30-7:30pm. This will be a picnic where families bring their own food, however we will have some small drinks and snacks for sale. We are looking into an ice cream truck where scoops are \$2. At the year end picnic we will have a lost and found table, t-shirts for sale, games like the big chess, and possibly face painting. Will need to do a call for volunteers.
- In-school **end of the year Freezie Day: June 12 or 13** (if it rains) at recess. Parent volunteers will set up a freezie station by the side door steps. Each child will be able to have a freezie.
- **Financials**:  
Fundraising goal for the 24-25 school year will focus on fencing and the playground accessibility for all our students  
We granted funding to help subsidize 2x grade end of the year class trips



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## 5.5 Regional parent committee report

- Consultation on the opening of a new school in the Nesbitt building and close to St-Raphael school.  
Only concern identified after presentation was the perceived lack of consultation with parents of students who would be referred to this school therefore PC will be including that recommendation in their response to the consultation
- Chabad Lifeline presentation  
Addiction services provided in the community including relating to screen addiction  
Serve adolescent and adult (including parent) population of all faiths  
Self-referral process  
Summer parenting workshops also available (flyer to be sent out by email to schools)
- New policy on promotion  
Update on English version which was meant to be sent out to parents; this was reportedly not yet available; EPCA to follow-up (based on most recent judgment on language laws they continue to advocate that all material from the ministry intended for parents continue to be translated to English at this time to meet the needs of our parent population)

## 6. **Varia:**

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

June 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm, in person if possible.

### 8. **Adjournment:**

1. Deborah, 2. Tina