

Willingdon Governing Board
Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:30 on Teams

Present: Cynthia Canale, Eugenia Carystios, Cornelia Mandoiu, Eric Lamoureux, Halah Al-Ubaidi, Lara Belinsky, Nick Batzios, Nadine Collins, Kimberly Gregus, Karyn Moffatt, Laura Primiano, Maria Santino, Kathleen Usher, Laurice Morcos, Joe Lalla, Lucas Reindler, Kimberly Gregus.

Regrets: Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Karen Kleihauer, Karen Negrete, Ramandeep Sidhu, Margo Stewart and Daniela.

Minute-taker: Laura Primiano

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Additions:

- Fundraising
- 5A New budget
- Parent question during question period

2. Approval of Agenda

Mover: Dr Kathleen Usher.

Secunder: Nick Batzios.

Approval: Unanimously approved

3. Approval of Minutes of January 24, 2023

Mover: Nick Batzios.

Secunder: Maria Santino.

Approval: Unanimously approved

4. Business Arising

a. COVID Response Update

Principal Canale says nothing was brought to her attention. Vice-Principal Carystios states nothing new to report either.

b. Approval of the E-Votes

Two after-school activities and one lunchtime activity.

Vice Principal Mandoiu thanks everyone for voting and the info will go out to parents tomorrow for grades 1-6:

- “modern boardgames” will be an offered afterschool activity by an outside company: *Everblast*
- « Kid chef and DIY crafts » by *enfant et compagnie*

-Lunch Soccer activity March 22-May 2 free for parents grades 1 & 2 offered by *enfant et compagnie*

Laurice Morcos moves to ratify

Nick Batzios seconds

Unanimous

5. New Business

a. Budget Building Process

Principal Canale :

1-2. 2023-2024 allocation of resource teachers, attendants and childcare workers-increase in these to include all official codes and even for students in the process of being evaluated.

3. Increase building improvement allocation for the junior campus, floors and paint, gym and heating system, window covering repairs at both campuses, key entrance leading to the school yard at junior campus, bathroom upgrade and repairs.

Project manager and regional director have been contacted by the principal to come to the school to discuss and view where major repairs are needed, projected to start in May 2023.

Lighting changes/upgrades have started, will be discussed in further tomorrow by the team.

Intervention:

Members asked that the water pressure and water fountains issues on the 4th floor also be added to list of major repairs. Sinks in the girl's bathroom will also be added to the list.

There is also a need to have the lighting in the science room repaired.

Governing board is quite concerned about the state of most of the bathrooms as well. Kids do not want to use some of the bathrooms.

It was mentioned that the lighting in some of the classrooms at the senior campus is also not working well.

Laura Primiano mentioned that the school yard and structure need to be repaired for safety.

Principal Canale will be discussing this issue with the team tomorrow.

Interventions:

Vice-Principal Mandiou adds that the yard has been discussed previously with Principal Crigna and they are looking forward to meeting with the team to further discuss this issue.

Vice Principal Carystios adds that at senior campus when the repairs are not complicated in terms of lighting or bathrooms, they have been putting those requests in with the school board and they have had a good response and repair time.

Motion to approve the Budget Building process:

Nick Batzios moves

Karyn Moffatt seconds

8 in favour

0 opposed

0 abstentions

Unanimously passes

Mr. Lalla mentions that the guiding principles (#4) must be discussed as well.

Vice Principal Carystios mentions that the ARC committee met and perhaps some suggestions from that document can be included.

Further points will be added,

Motion to approve with amendments by:

Dr. Kathleen Usher moves with amendments
Maria Santino seconds
Unanimous

b. School Supply Orders

Intervention:

Ms. Laura Primiano brings up that the School Start supply company wasn't a great fit for parents. The choice of company will be further discussed.

Removal of brand names on school supply lists will also be reiterated.

c. School Newsletter

Ms. Laura Primiano brings up creating a newsletter

Vice-Principal Mandoiu says that they would like to have a lot content in a newsletter that is why one hasn't been made yet this year; she would be happy to come up with a calendar of activities to provide to the parents.

Vice Principal Carystios seconds the calendar and will take the newsletter into consideration for next year.

Members support the creation of the calendar and newsletter, while acknowledging the commitment required.

d. Update: Kindergarten field trip: "musée pour enfants"

Needs approval because of the cost to parents:

Date: Friday March 24, 2023

Cost: \$39.20

Dr. Kathleen Usher moves to approve

Nick Batzios seconds

Unanimous

e. New field Trip: Grade 1 Field Trip to "Woohoo"

Estimated total cost to parents \$35

Date: Wed April 5, 2023

Maria Santino moves

Laurice Morcos seconds

Unanimous

f. Wacky Hair Day approval

Date: Friday March 17 donation for grad fundraiser

Dr. Kathleen Usher moves

Karyn Moffatt seconds

Unanimous

6. Question Period

Parent concern:

Ms. Gilanna Sochaczewski (parent of a grade 2 student) has sent to the Chair a concern that at afterschool pick up time and morning drop offs the students are not being properly supervised.

At times she has seen students running out of the school yard without being stopped, morning and afterschool.

Also, doors to junior campus were found unlocked by her and she was able to walk through the school without being questioned or stopped.

Vice Principal Mandoiu reports: two teachers on supervision on Draper and Royal in the morning as well as Base educators are supervising the yard. After school one teacher is on duty at each side as well as teachers on supervision in the yard and on bus duty, she mentioned that some students are walkers and therefore have permission to exit the yard alone.

Principal Canale addresses the unlocked doors: all doors are to remain locked at all times to ensure safety, further discussions will be had with staff to further ensure this.

Security of the students is always the top concern.

Dr. Kathleen Usher also reports that this issue has been discussed before and that, to a parent witnessing the leaving of so many kids at the same time, it can seem overwhelming, but they are not aware of all of the dismissal details. A suggestion was made to continue to encourage parents to report changes to their child's/children's afterschool schedule in a timely manner to avoid further confusion at the end of the day, also, the students should always be sure they see their parent/guardian at the end of the day, and be sure to tell the teachers if they do not see them. There has not been a situation of concern or a safety breach.

Principal Canale asked and made a suggestion if there is a cut-off time for a parent to report a change of afterschool schedule. Vice-Principal Carystios reports that there is no time listed on the website for change of afterschool schedule, Principal Canale mentions that she will send out a reminder email to parents about this.

7. Reports

a. Principal

Principal Canale does not have anything to report at this time, at the next meeting she will follow-up on the locking of the doors and budget building.

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)

Vice Principal Mandoiu reports:

Feb. 10 - Lockdown drill

Feb. 14- grade 2 maison théâtre

Feb. 20 - K 100 days of school

Feb. 22 - Kaizen Kids Carnival grade 2

Feb. 22-Internet Safety for Kids Workshop for parents by Youssef Sima

Feb. 24-anti bullying day - pink shirt day -DJ Malik presentation grades 3 to 6

Feb. 27-cycle 1 story A Day With No Words, part of BHM events organized by the school's spiritual animator

March 2nd - parent-teacher interviews

Reptizoo Pre-K March 15.

c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)

Vice Principal Carystios reports:

Wednesday, February 1st to Friday, February 3rd – Grade 6 Trip to *Camp-bout-en-train*

Wednesday, February 8th – Black History Month Presentation by Malik Shaheed
Thursday, February 9th – Art-oratoire (English Storytelling is coming up on March 23rd)
Wednesday, February 22nd – Book fair and Bakesale + Pink Shirt Day
Friday, February 24th – Anti-Bullying Presentation by Malik Shaheed
Tuesdays from February 21st to April 18th – After school basketball activity for grade 4 and 5 at Junior Campus
Coming upon March 27th, 28th, and 30th – Cycle 3 SPVM Workshops on bullying and cyberbullying

At 8:15, Dr. Kathleen Usher moves to extend the meeting
Laurice Morcos seconds
Unanimous

d. Home and School
Various activities will continue to be supported

e. Teachers/MTA
Dr. Kathleen Usher reports:
Grade 6 camp trip to “Bout en train” was a success, with almost a 100% participation
Grade 5 will be going in May (30-31) to the same camp
Green committee is in full swing, with new initiatives to come,
Recycling the milk cartons continues and gardens at senior campus to be discussed.

Laurice Morcos reports:
Teachers released to discuss the activities in terms of ACGC in May
Sexuality education will begin
Storytelling takes place in March and the finals in April
End of cycle exams to start in May and June for grade 6 students

Nick Batzios reports:
Artist inspire grant was accepted:
Grade 5 and 6 took part in workshops in music compassion in percussion
Spring concert prep is underway, progressing well. The concert will take place in the Royal Vale auditorium: Grades 4-6 will be performing.

MTA Report:
Negotiations continue

f. B.A.S.E. Daycare
Maria Santino reports:
3 ped days took place with BASE:
Jan. 27 waffles and workout day, great success
Feb. 17 Zigzag zoo outing was fun
Mar. 3 Everblast planned engaging activities
Build our kids success (BOKS) kids active equals active minds will be encouraging planned activities for the students from March 13-April 21

g. Parent Advisory Committee
Absent-nothing to report

h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative
Absent-nothing to report

i. School Commissioner
Mr. Lalla reports:

Recent poll suggests that 90% of respondents feel that English language school boards should be independent from the government, EMSB retains a 91% success rate.

j. Community Representatives

Ms. Halah Al-Ubaidi shares the following community activities:

- NDG READ at the Maison de Culture on Botrel . 16 March at 7
- Cabana Sucre at St Raymond 18 March 12-4 in the park Goerge st Pierre
- March 18 at 5 Celebration of Papa et Moi Anniversary and lost and found exhibition
- Tax Clinic for people with income 35 ,000 for individual and 45 000 for families ...started already to the 28 of April
- Housing Benefit 500 we can help families applying ...deadline to the 28th of March
- Jane walk 5, 6, 7 may ...anyone can organise a walk
- Green Fair coming in May

Ms. Nadine Collins shares the following activities:

Women on the rise will have a field trip March 16

Post-Partum clinic is still running

“HER” program is set to take place

March 21 is the elimination of racial discrimination, highlighting this important day.

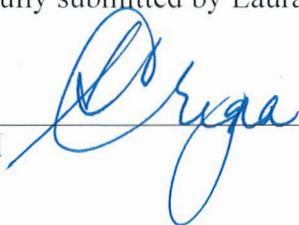
8. Varia
None

9. Adjournment
Maria Santino motions for adjournment

Time: 8:50pm

Respectfully submitted by Laura Primiano

Principal



Chairperson

