

Minutes of Willingdon Governing Board –
Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 6:30 via Teams

Present: Laura Primiano, Kathleen Usher, Laurice Morcos, Eugenia Carystios, Nick Batzios, Lucas Reindler, Karyn Moffatt, Cornelia Mandoiu, Silvana Crigna, Eric Lamoureux, Lara Belinsky, Karen Moore (Home and School), Maria Santino (Daycare), Matt Follett, Mario Santino, Kim Gregus, Ramandeep Sidhu (PAC)

Regrets: Joe Lalla, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup

Minute-taker: Matt Follett

1. Welcome

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:37, welcomed everyone and provided a verbal Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

a. Dr. Kat moved the approval, Lara seconded. Unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2022

a. Mr Nick moved the approval, Lara seconded. Unanimous.

4. Business Arising

a. COVID Response Update

a. Principal Crigna: there have been very few positive cases, Willingdon will continue to monitor, no new directives from ministry. The 5 days away from school after initial positive test remains.

b. Community Representatives

a. Hala Al-Ubaidi from the NDG Community Council was introduced by Dr. Kat, and discussion followed

b. A motion to have Hala Al-Ubaidi as a community representative on the GB was put forth by Dr Kat, seconded by Nick. Unanimous

c. Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson

a. Ramandeep Sidhu (Rama) introduced herself, discussion followed

b. Matt nominated Ramandeep Sidhu (Rama) as the PAC chair, Laurice seconded. Unanimous.

5. New Business

a. B.A.S.E. Daycare Technician and Daycare Services

a. Principal Crigna discussed the daycare services, and the role of the daycare technician position, Maria Santino. Maria introduced herself and her role.

b. Junior Campus School Yard Upgrades

- a. Principal Crigna discussed ongoing plans as part of the EMSB Willingdon renovation investment; architects have started to develop a plan, including garden space and outdoor classrooms as other features. Project is planned for summer 2023-24. There will be further communication as the plan progresses
- c. Relocation of Front Office and Guest Entrance
 - a. Principal Crigna discussed the relocation project, and it is working well.
 - b. This has meant the Royal Entrance door is busier than before and asking for patience as the routine of the new system gets underway, particularly around dismissal.

6. Question Period

- a. No questions have been submitted.

7. Reports

- a. Principal
 - a. Principal Crigna: first fire drill has been enacted, more coming.
 - b. Progress reports went out on the Mosaic
 - c. Orchard House invited Willingdon for their open house, and Silvana was present to provide a presentation.
 - d. Library services improvement plan is underway
- b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)
 - a. Provided by Cornelia Mandoiu
 - b. Field trips planned –
 - i. A motion for parental expenditure of \$23.60 for a field trip to Maison Terre was put forth by Nick, seconded by Karen
 - c. School photos planned
- c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)
 - a. Provided by Eugenia Carystios
 - b. Willingdon girls' soccer team did well in competition
 - c. Graduation meeting, chairs have been designated
 - d. High school in-house visits ongoing
- d. Home and School
 - a. Provided by Karen Moore
 - b. New executive established
 - c. Pizza day, Halloween, Fro-Yo, Hot Lunches all in good attendance, other fundraisers ongoing
- e. Teachers/MTA
 - a. MTA update by Kathleen Usher,

- i. Dr. Kat. The University of Waterloo's Beaver Computing Challenge, with practice sessions being headed Dr. David Stephens, a Willingdon parent
 - b. Lara Belinsky, sports leagues up and running, including cross country meet having been completed, Halloween events being planned
 - c. Laurice Morcos, benchmarking up and running
 - d. Nick Batzios, instruments in use again, things progressing well, during November a professional singer (a Willingdon parent) will be providing sessions in class
 - e. Kimberly Gregus, reading benchmarks up and running,
 - f. B.A.S.E. Daycare
 - a. Provided by Maria Santino
 - b. Dismissal for daycare after 4pm due to busses and busy congestion at the Royal Door.
 - c. A request via email for any changes to daycare dismissal (ie: change from pick up to walking) must be made.
 - d. Registration still ongoing and increasing
 - e. PED day attendance must be pre-planned, with a registration form filled a week ahead.
 - f. PED Day Plans
 - i. Nov 4 – Granby Zoo coming provide a workshop for \$9.25 per attendee
 - 1. Moved by Mr. Nick, seconded by Laurice. Unanimous
 - ii. Nov. 25 Funky Feet dance group to provide a workshop for \$16.17 per attendee
 - 1. Moved by Matt, seconded by Lara. Unanimous.
 - g. After School Oct 12 – Nov 30 once a week, movie workshop – free offered by B.A.S.E.
 - h. Champions for Life, physical literacy Pre-K to Grade 2, To be held 2x per week starting in November for 20 weeks
 - g. Parent Advisory Committee
 - a. No report – position just announced
 - h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative
 - a. Regrets Aurora Flewwelling-Skup
 - i. School Commissioner
 - a. Regrets Joe Lalla
- 8. Varia
 - a. Lucas, to include dates for board meetings on the school website

i. Silvana Crigna, will be posted as minutes have now been approved

9. Adjournment

a. Moved by Dr. Kat 7:57

Eric Lamoureux, Chairperson

Silvana Crigna, Principal