

Willingdon Governing Board Agenda
Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:30 on Teams

Present: Halah Al-Ubaidi, Nick Batzios, Eugenia Carystios, Silvana Crigna, Kimberly Gregus, Joseph Lalla, Eric Lamoureux, Cornélia Mandoiu, Karyn Moffatt, Laurice Morcos, Laura Primiano, Daniel Quinn, Ramandeep Sidhu, Kathleen Usher

Regrets: Lara Belinsky, Nadine Collins, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Karen Kleihauer, Lucas Reindler, Maria Santino

Minute-taker: Karyn Moffatt

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Kathleen Usher
Seconded by: Daniel Quinn

3. Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2023

Moved by: Laura Primiano
Seconded by: Nick Batzios

4. Business Arising
 - a. COVID Response Update

Principal Crigna reported: Everything remains stable with occasional cases reported.

- b. Ratification of e-votes for Hockey and Soccer tournaments

Moved by: Kathleen Usher
Seconded: Laurice Morcos

c. Renovation updates

Principal Crigna provided an overview of the planned renovations and timeline.

5. New Business

a. GB Bursary for Grade 6 Graduation

Eric Lamoureux presented the history of reallocating GB budget to a Grade 6 Bursary. Principal Crigna and Kathleen Usher explained how the award is allocated.

Moved by Karyn Moffatt
Seconded by Kathleen Usher

Motion passed (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained)

b. Registration Update 2023-2024

Current projections: 540 student.

Grade	Expected number of classes
K4	1 (likely to increase to 2)
K5	4
G1	3
G2	4
G3	5
G4	4
G5	4
G6	4

In comparison to current enrollment numbers (584), this is somewhat lower, but consistent with past numbers. Numbers often increase, notably due to temporary

stays and international students. However, we have also lost 20 families who won't be returning due to non-renewal of certificates.

c. Approval of School Fees 2023-2024

Principal Crigna presented school fees for next year.

School Fees:

Grade	Workbooks	T-Shirt	Photocopies	Org. Total	Revised Total <i>(excl. t-shirt fees)</i>
K4	\$5	\$10	\$10	\$25	\$15
K5	\$45	\$10	\$10	\$65	\$55
G1	\$128	\$10	\$10	\$148	\$138
G2	\$133	\$10	\$10	\$153	\$143
G3	\$71	\$10	\$10	\$91	\$81
G4	\$89	\$10	\$10	\$109	\$99
G5	\$104	\$10	\$10	\$124	\$114
G6	\$113	\$10	\$10	\$133	\$123

Lunch Fees: \$275

Note that this lunch Fee is the same as it was in the past year, but will likely increase in 2024/25, pending a review of lunch monitor costs which are expected to be more than what can be covered at the current rate.

A concern was raised that t-shirts should not be included in the mandatory fees. Following discussion of the history and purpose of the t-shirt fee, it was decided to remove this from the school fees and make it an optional purchase.

A motion was proposed to approve the school fees with the revision to remove the t-shirt fee from the total.

Moved by Laura Primiano
Seconded by Kathleen Usher

Motion Passed (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions)

d. Budget 2023-2024 Adoption

Principal Crigna presented the budget, covering the various budgets and revenues and noting that revenues and expenditures were balanced.

Moved by: Nick Batzios
Seconded by Laura Primiano

Motion passed (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

e. Calendar 2023-2024 Adoption

Principal Crigna presented the proposed school calendar for 2023-24.

Moved by: Nick Batzios
Seconded by: Kimberly Gregus

f. Review of Important Dates 2023-2024

Principal Crigna reviewed key dates for information.

g. GB Approval K4 (Pre-K) Classes 2023-2024

Presented by Principal Crigna. The board discussed the purpose of GB approval of K4 classes. Principal Crigna shared historical information on how they were created.

Moved by: Nick Batzios
Seconded by Laura Primiano

Motion passed (6 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions)

h. Year-End Financial Statement

Eric Lamoureux presented the annual budget, with all \$250 allocated to the bursary.

Moved by: Laura Primiano
Seconded by: Daniel Quinn

Motion passed (7 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions)

i. Annual Report 2022-2023

Eric Lamoureux presented the annual report for governing board, covering membership, meeting held, concerns addressed, new programs, activities, and services approved, actions taken the board, communication channels used, and plans and recommendations for the coming year.

Moved by Kathleen Usher
Seconded by Daniel Quinn

6. Question Period

None submitted.

7. Reports

a. Principal

Principal Crigna thanked teachers and staff for all the activities organized, GB for their support, and Eric Lamoureux especially for all his work on GB over the past seven years.

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)

Vice-Principal Cornélia Mandoiu reported on recent events at junior campus including:

- Grade 3-4 field trip to the Segal Centre on May
- Grade 1 field trip to the Musée des beaux-arts on May 17 and 18
- Pre-K (K4) field trip to Funtropololis

- Welcome event for incoming K4/K5 students on May 19
- Kindergarten field trip to Parc olympique
- Kindergarten graduation ceremony to be held June 16
- Enfant and compagnie extra curricular Kidchef and DIY Craft studio activities

c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)

Vice-Principal Eugenia Carystios reported on recent events at senior campus including:

- Grade 4-6 Spring concert on Apr 27
- Grade 3-5 students auditioned for next year's Grades 4-6 choir with Dimitris Ilias
- Presentation from alumnus about his career on May 16
- Transition event on May 24 for Grade 6's
- Camp Boute-en-train for Grade 5 May 30-31
- Grade 6 Legacy gift gardening session on June 1
- Career day on June 12
- Mural project is underway
- Grade 4 visit to senior campus June 13
- Grade 6 graduation June 21
- Exams are finished
- New basketball program

d. Home and School

No report from home and school

e. Teachers/MTA

Kathleen Usher reported on MTA activities: Recent protest in Quebec City over negotiations. Willingdon held two mini demonstrations. Negotiations are likely to continue in the fall. A key issue is around resources in the classroom; hoping for support from the parents to amplify the message.

Kathleen Usher reported on recent school events:

- Halo race on May 10: Huge success despite busing issues.

- Camp Boute-en-train: Fantastic; A first trip away for many of the G5 children. Ran a pond study.
- Honey Sale: French cycle 3 collaborated to make label designs for honey jars. Honey sale went really well—only a few jars left. Grant money is used for the honey project; honey sales fund the mural project.
- Mural Project: Students have worked with local artist HAKS 180 to create a design; painting Thu/Fri.
- Green committee: Organized a clothing swap/sale to raise awareness of the harms of fast fashion. Funds from thrift sale to be donated to Women on the Rise. Grade 5 committee welcomed next year's cohort and presented their committee.

Nick Batzios reported on music activities:

- Spring Concert was a success and went really well.
- Music club choir rehearsal for gr 6 led by local musician and school parent
- Kindergarten class will rehearse tomorrow for their grad ceremony. They will be accompanied by a professional jazz trio.

Laurice Morcos noted that the year was very successful and that exams went very well (and are now finished).

Kimberly Gregus noted that everyone is busy finishing up the year.

f. B.A.S.E. Daycare

Nothing to report.

g. Parent Advisory Committee

Ramandeep Sidhu noted that the current year was a period of transition with a focus on learning. Looking forward to initiatives next year.

h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative

Nothing to report.

i. School Commissioner

Joseph Lalla presented:

- Decision on Bill 40 expected by the end of June
- Bill 23 being followed closely

j. Community Representatives

Halah Al-Ubaisi summarized recent, ongoing, and upcoming events in the community:

- A mobility consultation is currently taking place for the Girouard – Sherbrooke – Claremont – Saint-Jacques. NDG council has reserved spots June 15 2-4pm
<https://www.realisonsmtl.ca/abordscsm>
- Grand Prix Sidewalk Sale in NDG June 16–18
<https://bizndg.com/en/news/circuitndg/>
- Y NDG with Papa et Moi is celebrating Father Day June 17
<http://ndg.ca/en/calendar-of-events/community-life-in-ndg/2585-father-s-day-community-dance-3>
- NDG Council has a spot on CJLO Radio 1690 AM every Thursday at 11 am. Possibility of sharing announcements <http://ndg.ca/en/calendar-of-events/community-life-in-ndg/2580-radio-show-qu-est-ce-qui-se-passe-a-ndg-what-s-happening-in-ndg/2023-06-15-11-00>
- Papa et Moi. The CDAH studios provide artists and members with affordable access to high quality studio spaces to create their work. Two studios are available for rentals that can be used for a variety of projects such as photoshoots, film shoots, live streaming, audio/podcast production, multimedia production and interviews. <https://cdahquebec.ca/studio-overview.html>
- Chess. Past purchase of a giant chess set was a success. Plans to buy another set and set up in various NDG parks.
- Election on the 19th please vote
- AGMs. Many local community organizations have upcoming AGMS. Please consider running. These organizations need people.
 - The Depot June 15th
 - Women on the rise June 20th
 - Bienvenue à NDG June 27
 - CJE- NDG July 6

8. Varia

None

9. Adjournment

Moved by Kathleen Usher at 8:36 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karyn Moffatt



Principal's Signature



Chairperson's Signature