



Willingdon Governing Board Agenda

Thursday, March 21 6:30 p.m.

Present: Carmen Nicolas, Eugenia Carystios, Peter Mckelvie, Halah Al-Ubaidi, Nadine Collins, Monique Imbeau, Kathleen Usher, Nick Batzios, John Stein, Christina Prentas, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Kristin McNeill, Alex Ruax, Karyn Moffatt, Laura Primiano, Joseph Lalla, Jordana Moscovitch

Regrets: Daniel Quinn, Karen Kleihauer

Minute-taker: Karyn Moffatt

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
 - a. Read by Kathleen Usher

2. Approval of Agenda
 - Additions:
 - a. Base daycare field trip approvals added as item 5.i
 - b. Wolverines logo reveal added as item 5.j

Revised agenda approved by consensus

3. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2024

Approved by consensus

4. Business Arising:
 - a. eVote approval of Sexuality Education Plan

Confirmation of approval by eVote

5. New Business:
 - a. Budget Building Process
Aurora Flewwelling-Skup reviewed last year's budget priorities and led discussion of revisions for this year



Be it resolved that the GB moves to approve the budget priorities as revised and presented during the meeting

Moved by: Aurora Flewwelling-Skup

Seconded by: Laura Primiano

Adopted Unanimously

b. ACGC Plan Approval

Eugenia Carystios presented Willingdon's Academic and Career Guidance Content (ACGC) plan, highlighting changes relative to last year.

It was moved by Nick Batzios and resolved that the 2023-2024 ACGC curriculum be approved as presented to the Governing Board

Moved by Nick Batzios

Seconded by: Monique Imbeau

Adopted Unanimously

c. Subject Allocation Approval

Be it resolved that the GB moves to approve the subject allocation as it was approved last year.

Moved by: Kristin McNeill

Seconded by Kathleen Usher

Adopted Unanimously

d. CCQ course in French Approval

Be it resolved that while it is recommended that the CCQ program be taught in English, GB moves to teach this course in French on an ongoing basis across all three cycles.

Moved by: Monique Imbeau

Seconded by: Laura Primiano

Adopted Unanimously



e. Wrestling Program Approval

Be it resolved that GB moves to approve the introduction of a 10-week wrestling program for grades 4 to 6 (120 hours for 2 hours per week grades 4-6) as presented by Peter McKelvie as an ECA activity for 2023/24 and review for 2024

Moved by: Mr Nick

Seconded by: Mr John

Adopted Unanimously

f. School Photo's Supplier Approval

Carmen presented context for the changes and Eugenia presented multiple options.

Whereas Home and School has requested the School retake responsibility for this process, and whereas suggestions have been made to consider alternate suppliers , GB moves to change school photo supplier for 2024/25 to Boite Blanche

Moved by: Kathleen Usher

Seconded by: Christina Prentas

Adopted Unanimously

g. Bus for grade 5 Camp Approval

Kathleen Usher summarized the advantages of using a coach bus instead of a yellow school bus for longer trips, including reduced motion sickness, better luggage storage, and more experienced drivers for the recent grade 6 camp.

Be it resolved that GB moves the use of coach buses instead of school bussing for the grade 5 camp.

Moved by: Christina Prentas

Seconded by: Kathleen Usher

Adopted Unanimously

h. Renovations Updates

Included as part of the Vice Principal's Report below.

i. Base daycare field trips approvals(2)



Jordana proposed two field trips for all grades: (1) April 26 at Kazoom Cafe indoor playground at a cost of approx \$33-35 per child, and (2) May 17 at Funtropolis at a cost of approx. \$38-40 per child.

It was raised that the K4 students recently visited Funtropolis for a field trip. It was noted that it may be difficult to find an alternate location. It was decided to move to approve the trip and revisit at the next meeting if an alternate is found.

Be it resolved that GB moves to approve a field trip to Kazoom Cafe for the April 26 per day at a cost of approx \$33-35 per child

Moved by: Monique Imbeau

Seconded by: Nick Batzios

Adopted Unanimously

Be it resolved that GB moves to approve a field trip to Funtropolis for the May 17 per day at a cost of approx. \$38-40 per child

Moved by: Nick Batzios

Seconded by: Kristin

6 voted in favour and 2 abstentions

j. Wolverines logo reveal

Jonathan Stein shared the new logo for the Willingdon Wolverines

6. Question Period

A parent asked via email what steps would be necessary to propose that Willingdon become a homework free school for cycle 1.

- It was clarified that the process would involve raising this with the school administration as this is not within GB's mandate
- It was further noted that as French Immersion is an enriched program, it is more difficult to implement such initiatives without students falling behind.

7. Reports

a. Principal

Carmen Nicolas provided an update covering recent and ongoing activities, including that:



- Registration as well as second report cards and parent teacher interviews have recently taken place, and that daycare registration will open soon on Mozaik (information to go out to parents Fri Mar 22).
- The school is currently working on collecting passed due fees.
- The rattrapage program started this week; based on the teacher availability students with 65% or lower on their term1 and 2 summary were offered tutoring.
- A program to offer French reading tutoring to grade 2 students is being developed
- A cycle 1 winter concert was held on March 14 with two representations (one for gr 1 parents and one for gr 2 parents) with all students performing in both presentations.

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)

Peter Mckelvie provided updates on junior campus:

- Renovation: Main washrooms were finished over spring break. There is a lot to do this summer. The team is trying to get ahead: they updated locks on main doors, changed doors on upper floors, and made progress on electrical upgrades. Waiting for a timeline on the line painting for the school yard.
- The school has updated the flow of children through the school to reduce bottlenecks. Notably the grade 3 and 4 students are using the Terrebonne staircases to reduce collisions with smaller children.
- Technology: New computer cart coming, iPads that were being underused have been directed to the grade 1 classes
- The ECA program has been successful. Most recently offered Italian cooking on Tuesdays and Soccer on Fridays. Both sold out in hours. There will be no more activities this year as the warmer weather on the horizon will enable children to play outside but these activities will be kept for next year
- Play structures will re-open when the ground thaws and it is safe to do so.

c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)

Eugenia Carystios provided updates on senior campus:

- Willingdon to host the Storytelling festival. A finalist selected for french and a second winner (for English) will be selected next week
- There was a Black history month presentation



- The Canadian Red Cross Babysitting course was completed by 21 grade 5 and 6 students
- There was a Computer Game Design program with Grade 5 students
- The Art enrichment program at lunch has gone well
- The grade 6 camp was a success
- A new computer cart has been received
- There was a Marymount Band presentation
- There was a Pink shirt day presentation
- The Kindness calendar campaign has launched

d. Home and School

No update

e. Teachers/MTA

Monique Imbeau shared:

- Cycle 1 teachers have started their kindness campaign activities
- Grade 1's marked 100 days of school
- K5 celebrated their 100 days of school
- K4/K5 teachers held a planning day
- Speech Language Therapist consulted on activities and games; will meet again with K5 and Gr1 teachers to update strategies
- K5 tutor has started
- K4 field trip to Funtropolis; K5 to Musee des Enfants

Nick Batzios provided as highlights:

- Children are engaged with kindness month
- Spring concert invitation going out this Friday. Cycle 2 and 3 will be presenting Apr 18.
- There was a recent trip to Place des Arts to see the Montreal Symphony Orchestra

Jonathan Stein provided a recap on sports events:

- Hockey tournament in Laval; only EMSB school to participate; Students played well both in performance (Boys 4 wins; Girls 2 wins, 2 ties) and conduct
- Students will return to Laval for the Soccer tournament
- Ball hockey league for grades 3 and 4 starts soon



- Flag football for grade 4 (junior campus) and grades 5 and 6 (senior campus) is ongoing

Kathleen Usher noted that:

- Lunchtime soccer and baseball clubs are popular
- Cross country ski season was short lived due to weather
- Parent Follett came into to talk to grade 6 students about urban forestry
- Grade 6 students attended the Royal West Academy Science Fair.
- Cycle 3 students recently completed a paper making activity
- Grade 6 students will review solar eclipses. Glasses to be distributed. Using the theme to explore other areas: Eclipsing litter, pollution, hunger...
Entrepreneurship grant application
- Tree expos
- Grade 4 students are doing their first projects
- Grade 6 students did a research paper

Christina Prentas shared that:

- the Kindness calendar is going well
- Cycle 3 teachers offer thanks for appreciation week

Kathleen Usher noted there was nothing to report for MTA.

Aurora moved to extend the meeting to 9:30

f. B.A.S.E. Daycare

Jordana Moscovitch introduced herself as the new interim tech and shared that they are working to improve programming for the kids, that staff are to receive CPI training (some learning new material; some doing renewals) and that grade 5 and 6 students are back at junior campus and are doing a mentoring program with the younger kids.

g. Parent Advisory Committee

Nothing to report

h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative



Kristin McNeill provided a summary of the recent meeting.

i. School Commissioner

Joseph Lalla discussed the recent decision by the appeal court to uphold bill 21 overturning the lower court's decision. EMSB is reviewing this decision and considering its options taking into consideration the substantial costs considering we were the only school board to pursue this.

j. Community Representatives

Halah Al-Ubaidi presented updates of recent activities in the community, including free tax clinics; prom dress give-away, porch fest, CJLO radio program 11-12 Thursdays, CDN-NDG participatory budget (deadline Mar 25), bonhomme à lunette, QSCD.

8. Varia

Pancake breakfast this Saturday organized by Home and School

9. Adjournment at 9:16pm

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink are located at the bottom of the page. The signature on the left is a cursive name, possibly "Kristin McNeill". The signature on the right is a more stylized cursive name, possibly "Joseph Lalla".