



Willingdon Governing Board Minutes

June 13, 2024

Present: Carmen Nicolas, Eugenia Carystios, Peter McKelvie, Monique Imbeau, Nick Batzios, Christina Prentas, Margaret Small, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Karen Kleihauer, Kristin McNeill, Karyn Moffat, Daniel Quinn, Alex Ruaux and Joseph Lalla.

Regrets: Halah Al-Ubaidi, Nadine Collins, Jonathan Stein, Kathleen Usher and Laura Primiano.

Minute-taker: Kristin McNeill

Meeting started at 7 pm.

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement, written by Willingdon students, was read by Daniel.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a) Change of date for 2025 Grad was added by Carmen as item 4b.

Moved: Monique Imbeau
Adopted unanimously.

Seconded: Karen Kleihauer

3. Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2024 meeting
 - a. Item 7 under Vice Principal report (Senior), the item referring to the Willingdon Student Film Festival was amended to remove "organized by sub-committee of the Graduation Committee."

Moved: Karyn Moffat
Adopted unanimously.

Seconded: Karen Kleihauer

4. Business Arising:
 - a. Ratification of e-votes.

Moved: Aurora Flewwelling-Skup
Adopted unanimously.

Seconded: Nick Batzios

- b. Graduation date for 2025 was moved from June 18 to June 19.



Moved by Monique Imbeau
Adopted unanimously.

Seconded Nick Batzios

5. New Business

a. Budget 2024-2025 approval

Carmen explained the breakdown of the budget (already adopted).

Moved by Monique Imbeau
Adopted unanimously.

Seconded by Christina Prentas

b. Annual Report

This was prepared by Daniel and read out loud by him at this meeting. A copy will be posted to the Willingdon website.

Moved by Karen Kleihauer Seconded by Aurora Flewwelling-Skup
Adopted unanimously.

c. Home & School services for 2024-2025

Motion to officially recognize H&S services for 2024-2025.

Moved by Aurora Flewwelling-Skup Seconded by Natasha Holden
Adopted unanimously.

d. Approval to deduct overpaid lunch fees

Because of the delay of school opening, strike days and snow days, a sum of \$15.25 will be compensated to families of junior campus students and \$10.70 for senior campus students. It was determined that it was too complicated to submit a cheque per parent/guardian so instead the amount will be deducted from the first invoice in September (for next year's lunch fees). Only Grade 6 students and those leaving the school will be reimbursed this school year.

Motion to approve the deduction of overpaid lunch fees:

Moved by Nick Batzios
Adopted unanimously.

Seconded by Monique Imbeau



e. Summer renovations update

All classroom light fixtures will be replaced at junior over the summer. Also, floor tiles will be replaced in all classrooms and the hallway in the front of the gym. As well, a new classroom will be installed. This is part of a two-year project, this being in year 2.

6. Question Period

There were no questions.

7. Reports

a. Principal's report

- Carmen thanked vice principals, Peter McKelvie and Eugenia Carystios; Margaret Small of BASE daycare, the teachers and parents.
- Term 3 report cards will be available June 21 on the portal.
- The envelope containing documents for next school year is being sent home and will also be posted on the website
- The Kindergarten students had their graduation on June 14.
- The Grade 6 students will have their graduation ceremony June 19 at Wagar.
- Financial audit is next week.
- Grade 2 teachers are working on eliminating workbooks to focus instead on reading strategies
- Bike path on Terrebonne remains an issue for Willingdon – also with St. Monica and Mackay. A Stop at Royal won't be possible for this year.
- Joe Lalla said he has attended rallies and public meetings. There is strong objection by the community. Nevertheless, the city is going ahead.
- Karen K suggested that if parents witness safety issues next school year, they should bring them forward. Joe said a letter from the GB could be sent to the borough, for example.

b. Vice principal report – Junior

- Peter reported that the after-school programs run by *Enfant et compagnie* (animal science, jewelry making, Italian cooking, indoor soccer, slime) were a success and recommends that these programs continue.
- 16 students from Grade 4, 5 and 6 participated in the wrestling program. The kids had a blast. He suggests that these types of athletic programs continue to be offered. He has seen for himself the more active kids are, the better they are in class.



- The dental group came in twice to serve Grade 2. This is a great program and provides a great savings for many families.
- The social-emotional learning program 360 came to a close. He saw a huge improvement in the schoolyard. Prizes were given out. Recommends time and money be put towards this.
- Two fire drills took place. It went well but the students need to listen better to instruction
- Tutoring took place.
- The Shakespeare event was a success.

c. Vice principal report – Senior

- Eugenia reported that Grade 6 volunteers took part in voice-overs for radio commercials and the EMSB greeting message. These are great examples of leadership opportunity, the feedback was good, and it should be continued.
- Grade 6 students felt supported in the ELA exams, math exams.
- Grade 6 transition to high school program went well. Good feedback from the coordinator.
- Kathleen Usher's report was delivered: Funds from the honey sale went to Alveole.
- EMSB alumna and pop singer Jordyn Sugar visited the school.
- The Grade 5 camp trip went well (there was a lot of foresight and attention to detail)
- Grade 6 mural painting: 2 new murals - one at senior mural, one at junior.
- Grade 6 graduation prep was underway.
- Grade 4 had a good visit to senior campus.

d. There was no Home and School report.

e. Teachers' report

- Monique reported that the Kindergarten classes did a field trip to Cepsum in May.
- The teachers are working at reducing pages in workbooks.
- Tutors were present.
- Kindergarten classes were preparing for their graduation.

f. BASE daycare

- Margaret thanked Carmen and Peter for their support while she settled into the post. She said she sees Willington as a family and hopes to be back next school year.
- She reported on some Daycare Week activity that included waterworks and said the kids had a lot of fun.




- g. There was no Parents' Advisory Committee report.
- h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative report.
 - Kristin passed around a summary of items she found most interesting to share with this GB. They were:
 - o A new Parc-École Project at Dalkeith Elementary School
 - o EMSB's Long Range Planning Committee's Proposed Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2024-2027 - which includes school enrolment numbers. Willingdon's enrolment numbers are declining.
 - o Consultation is underway on the opening of a new school for students with social and emotional challenges in the building of the current Nesbitt Elementary School.
 - o Introducing Alloprof: An online tool for parents that can help with homework, study habits.
 - i. School Commissioner report.
 - Joe Lalla thanked all volunteers and said they have a great relationship with the administration team.
 - He thanked Carmen and Peter for doing a wonderful job during their tenures at Willingdon.
 - He noted this is a School Election year and suggested that everyone make sure they are on the electoral list. He encouraged people to vote. It's a sign that we value our school boards.
 - The EMSB is still working on the case against Bill 40.
 - j. There was no Community Representatives Report.

Daniel thanked Aurora for her years of service on the Governing Board and for stepping in as chair when needed.

8. Adjournment.

Aurora called to adjourn the meeting at 9 pm.



Principal



Governing Board Chair