



Willingdon Governing Board Minutes

Thursday, May 16 6:30 p.m.

Present: Carmen Nicolas, Eugenia Carystios, Peter Mckelvie, Monique Imbeau, Kathleen Usher, Nick Batzios, Christina Prentas, Daniel Quinn, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Alex Ruax, Karyn Moffatt, Laura Primiano, Karen Kleihauer Joseph Lalla, Margaret Small

Regrets: Halah Al-Ubaidi, Nadine Collins, John Stein, Kristin McNeill

Minute-taker: Aurora Flewwelling-Skup

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
 - a. Kathleen Usher read the Land Acknowledgement written by Willingdon Students

2. Approval of Agenda
 - Update on Terrebonne Bike Path was added as item 4.b.
 - Item 5.e. was amended to read Event Approval.Adopted unanimously

Moved: Karen Moffatt

Seconded: Karen Kleinhaur

3. Approval of Minutes of March 21st Meeting
 - Moved: Karen Kleinhaur
 - Seconded: Laura PrimianoAdopted unanimously

4. Business Arising:

- a. Ratification of e-votes

Brief discussion of procedure with Google Forms as a way of casting e-vote.

Moved: Kathleen Usher

Seconded: Karen Kleinhaur

Adopted unanimously

- b. Update on Terrebonne Bike path

There was a brief follow up on the consultation around the creation of the Terrebonne bike path. Daniel Quinn reported on an informal meeting with city officials and School Commissioner Lala followed up. Though it is not official, it seems that at present there is no clear indication that any of the 3 motions about the bike



path's creation, passed at Willingdon Governing Board will be followed up on in the near future.

Concern continues to be raised around the stop signs at Royal and Terrebonne.

5. New Business:

a. School Supply lists approval grade 1 to 6

Moved: Kathleen Usher

Seconded: Nick Batzios

Adopted unanimously

b. School fees approval grade 1 to 6

Principal Nicholas explained the change in the fees is due to changes to the history textbooks. Brief discussion ensued,

Moved: Aurora Flewwelling-Skup

Seconded: Laura Primiano

Adopted unanimously

c. Lunch fees approval and invoicing process

Principal Nicholas explained the planned changes to the collection of lunch fees. For a variety of reasons Base Daycare will now invoice parents 2.79 a day monthly for the lunch monitor fees. Parents will now have the option of paying online. This should simplify the process. Parents will be sent a letter of explanation.

Moved: Monique Imbeau

Seconded: Karen Moffat

Adopted Unanimously

d. Field trips approval

Vice Principal Carystios reported that the K5 classes will be going to CEPsum May 29th instead of the previously planned trip to the Parc Olympique. The cost of the trip is \$45.

Moved: Kathleen Usher

Seconded: Laura Primiano

Adopted Unanimously

e. Event approval

Vice Principal Carystios gave a point of information that the Shakespeare presentation that had been previously scheduled for the Jr campus had been rescheduled to June 13th.



Jordyn Sugar will be presenting at Jr & Sr campus on Tuesday, June 4th.

Moved: Karen Moffat Seconded: Laura Primiano
Adopted Unanimously

f. Sports Tournament Approval

Vice Principal Carystios presented the following Sports Tournaments:

May 24 – Gr 5 hockey Tournament

May 29 Cycle 2 Hockey Tournament

June 4th Cycle 3 flag football playday

June 12 Cycle 2 flag football playday

The school will cover the cost of registration and bussing

Moved: Aurora Flewwelling-Skup Seconded: Christina Prentas

Adopted Unanimously

g. ABAV (Anti-bullying/Anti-violence) end of the year report

Principal Nicholas presented the report, which will be published on the website.

There was a brief discussion of the need for more psycho/social support for students post pandemic and the hard work of administration and staff in helping to cope with the new reality we are presented with.

6. Question Period

A parent question about the drop-off parking at Jr campus was introduced. The parent was advised to ask the city, as this isn't something under the purview of the school.

7. Reports

- Principal
 - Principal Nicholas announced she is excited for the new challenges she is moving on to at Westmount High School, but sad to be leaving Willingdone. She thanked the Governing Board for eight years at Willingdon of good teamwork and cooperation
 - She mentioned the many activities coming up at the end of the year.
 - The school is staffing for next year and preparing class lists.
 - May 17th is the welcome to Kindergarten event for next year



- Families of students who are struggling are being met with by the whole team to make plans and find solutions
 - Case conferences are happening with high schools for outgoing students
 - The audit of student files has taken place
 - There will be a financial audit of the school in June
 - June 7th will be the end of term for the gathering of grades and report cards will begin being prepared.
 - A French consultant is coming in for the May 17th Ped day to talk about moving more completely away from the French workbooks to a more project based pedagogy. This has already been undertaken at Sr campus, so the focus is on Cycles 1 & 2 now.
 - A new literacy consultant has been hired All teachers were released from teaching to meet with the consultant. The plan is for earlier interventions for literacy in French to begin soon.
 - An English literacy specialist came in on a ped day to do training with teachers as well.
 - History workbooks are being phased out as many of them were out of date. There is now a website for resources in both French and English and teachers will have more autonomy to supplement with their own researched materials.
 - Due to renovations at the Jr campus all classrooms will have to be packed up for the summer.
- Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)
Vice-Principal Mckelvie reported on
 - Literacy Week – lots of fun activities including 2 for 1 book fair and dress up as favorite book characters
 - The students were asked to participate in a food drive and were so successful dance parties are being planned at both campuses as a reward.
 - There are 2 fire drills left to do this year. One will take place during a lunch time and one will take place after school hours when Base is in session. Both will take place the end of May/beginning of June.
 - There was a grade 2 dental screening and there will be follow up
 - Grade 4 vaccinations took place. Gratitude was extended to the parent volunteers who helped out.



- “This 360” psycho/social learning program was brought into Jr campus and seems to have made a difference. Hope was expressed it can be brought back/used more extensively.
- Renovations will be taking place at Jr campus over the summer.

- Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)
 - March 22nd– Pink Shirt Day Presentation by Samara O’Gorman and Marymount Steel Pan Band Presentation at both campuses
 - March 26th – Rob Lutes musical presentation at Senior Campus
 - March 28th – Willingdon ELA Storytelling Event at Senior Campus
 - April 2nd – Shakespeare Show by Shakespeare Canada
 - April 3rd – Cycle 3 Cross-Campus Leadership Initiative began
 - April 4th – Caribou Math Competition (online due to Snow Day)
 - April 5th – EMSB Storytelling Festival at Willingdon
 - April 10th – Spring soccer team launched for Cycle 3
 - April 12th – Willingdon participation in the EMSB Choir Recording at Oscar Peterson – Eva the Louse
 - April 12-13 – Cyber Bullying Workshops for Cycle 3
 - April 19 – Earth Day Bake Sale Fundraiser
 - April 15th – Spring Concert (Cycle 2 and 3)
 - April 29th – Start of Grade 6 Exams
 - May 1st – Montreal Steppers in P.E. classes
 - May 3rd – EMSB Debating Competition at Willingdon
 - May 8th – HALO race day (Cycle 2 – all students and Cycle 3 – interested and qualifying students)
 - May 16th – Inaugural Willingdon Film Festival

- Home and School
Not present due to Film Festival

- Teachers/MTA
 - Kathleen Usher spoke eloquently of all the pressures being put on teachers at this time when they are dealing with what is widely recognized as a difficult time in education post pandemic. Changes to the history textbooks is an adjustment and professional autonomy needs to be maintained. Teachers at Jr campus have been given one day only to pack up their classrooms, which is unacceptable. The behavior tech the school has been in need of all



year is only starting on Mat 27th. There are too many unnecessary pressures being put on teachers who feel they are not being treated as professionals.

- She then switched modes to announce the honey sale on May 29th & 30th. Money from the sale will pay for the graduating class mural.
- Grade 5 camp is coming up June 6 & 7 – Pond Study!
- A parent is coming in to school to talk about renewable energy
- Grade 5 did their heart dissections
- Grade 4 are doing their rock cycle projects

- In Phys ED the Halo race took place. The organization of it where grade 5 & ^ qualified by doing the training hours ahead of time worked really well.

- Christina Prentas thanked Lara Belinski for her help with the cycle 3 leadership project as well as the teachers at Jr campus and the librarian all of which helped students give back to their community in ways that were positive for everyone, older and younger students alike.

- Monique Imbeau reported that
 - speech therapist meetings were taking place
 - The K5 sexual education module has been completed
 - Animations for the welcome to Kindergarten events are being planned
 - Rm 2 is not going to CEPSUM but will be doing an activity in the community
 - Planning for the Kindergarten graduation is underway

- Nick Batzios thanked everyone who was involved with the spring concert

- B.A.S.E. Daycare
 - Margaret Small reported it had been a tough year at Base with many staff being out for periods of time. She is happy to be back and looking forward to a new year. Special thanks was extended to the Willingdon teachers for all their help and support and the great team at Base.

May 16th there will be a Ped day trip to Funtropolis.

- School Commissioner



Mr. Lalla reported on the EMSB's continued work on combatting Bills 21, 40 and 96.

8. Adjournment

Nick Batzios called to adjourn the meeting at 8:51PM

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