

2023-2024 Carlyle Elementary School GOVERNING BOARD Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 8th, 2024
Virtual Meeting – 5:00 PM
109 Carlyle Avenue, TMR, Qc. H3R 1S8

Attendance

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| Aronoff, Avigail | <i>Parent</i> | <i>Present</i> | Israel, Ellie | <i>School Commissioner</i> | <i>Regrets</i> |
| Chronis, Angela | <i>Teacher</i> | <i>Regrets</i> | Kennedy, David | <i>Non-teaching Staff</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| Benvenuto, Mario | <i>Vice-Principal</i> | <i>Present</i> | Berneaud, Olivier | <i>Parent</i> | <i>Regrets</i> |
| Lato, Vanessa | <i>Teacher</i> | <i>Present</i> | Lambiris, Davy | <i>Parent</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| De Guzman, Aira | <i>Teacher</i> | <i>Present</i> | Gruillon, Maria | <i>Parent</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| Abbate, Anna-Maria | <i>Teacher</i> | <i>Present</i> | Pasteris, Alessandra | <i>Parent (Central)</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| Gervasi, Priscilla | <i>Daycare Staff</i> | <i>Present</i> | Vourdousis, Dina | <i>Principal</i> | <i>Present</i> |
| Ishmael, Jerry | <i>Parent</i> | <i>Present</i> | N/A | <i>PPO</i> | |

1. Approval of Agenda

- Approval of agenda
- Motioned by A. Pasteris
- Seconded by V. Lato

2. Approval of Minutes (March 2024)

- Approval of minutes
- Motioned by A. Aronoff
- Seconded by J. Ishmael

3. Principal's Report

- Update

- March 25: Hired new tutor for 30 hours per week (Ms. Jennifer Macdonald)
- MEQ added teachers to tutor – paid for lunchtime and recess- 7-9 teachers are paid
- March 27: Virtual Interviews with parents took place
- April 4: Dan Laxer podcast / blogs began planning stage
- Slushie sales average \$300 per week - began April 10th
- April 11: Sports equipment inspected - A OK
- April 18: Grade 5 visited IB Exhibition at Michelangelo school to join efforts and share ideas
- April 24: Gr 6 French exams began

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- April 25: Socio – Com Mr. George Caperis showed a presentation on cyber responsibilities
- April 26: Steppers performed for grade 4 – Spiritual animator project
- April 30: Vax in grade 4 HPV
- May 1: Free Camp raffles came in- Raffle to come shortly
- May 3: Play based learning – Pre-K – Grade 2
- May 8: This 360 with Amen from Africa- entire school social emotional learning

- **Calendar 2024-2025**

- Tabled until next meeting in order to make sure important religious holidays are taken into account and there are no conflicts in scheduling.

- **Important Dates**

- **ABAV End of Year Report**

- Report was looked over and presented to members
- Motioned by D. Kennedy
- Seconded by M. Gruzzone

- **Principal’s Criteria Document “Finalize”**

- Members discussed and came to the collaborative conclusion that they can approve the document as presented with the condition that one last amendment be made by 4pm on Friday, May 10th, 2024. One last approval vote will then take place via email with a minimum of 24 hours to vote.
- Motioned by A. Aronoff
- Seconded by D. Kennedy

- **Merenda Hot Meal Price**

- Fee of \$6.25 to \$6.75
- Motioned by D. Kennedy
- Seconded by P. Gervasi
- Fee of \$6.75 to \$7.25
- Motioned by A. Abbate
- Seconded by D. Kennedy

- **Graduation (2 Certificates/Awards of \$50)**

- D. Vourdousis asked for a motion to keep traditional prizes for this year’s graduation
- Motioned by A. Aronoff

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- Seconded by A. De Guzman

- Graduation fee charge of \$75 per student

- Motioned by A. Pasteris
- Seconded by Aronoff

4. Teacher's Report

- March 18: Third term started
- March 27: P/T Interviews for term 2 took place
- April 4: Snow Day – QC Trip rescheduled
- April 8: Solar Eclipse – great discussions and activities were held in school leading up to this exciting and historical event
- April 10: QC Trip took place for Cycle 3 – big success
- April 10: Smoothie Wednesdays started
- 2 Dress Down Days were had in honor of Autism Awareness and Earth Day

5. Daycare Report

- May 6 - Ped. Day with tie-dye activity – great success
- Next week is daycare week – many special snacks to be given
- May 14 – Latin groove dance for all daycare students
- June 7 – last Ped. Day

6. PPO Report

- M. Gruzzone expressed that numerous parents are eager and willing to volunteer in helping to make the smoothies in order to allow the “Smoothie Wednesdays” to continue as long as possible. M. Benvenuto will be discussing with her pertaining to a decision.

- Not enough ice cream for this week

7. Proposals

7.1 New Parent GB Member

- New Governing Board parent needed to be elected/nominated since Rebekkah Williams is no longer part of GB.
- It was proposed by M. Benvenuto that M. Grullon take on the official role as parent and not just as PPO representative.
- Motioned by D. Kennedy
- Seconded by A. Pasteris
- All in favor

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7.2 June 10 Field Trip – Grade 6 – Camp Day (PPO)

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8. Commissioner's Report

- N/A

9. Varia

- Use of field

- A discussion was had and M. Benvenuto presented a document that clearly explained what the thought process looks like when making decisions about indoor/outdoor recess and having the field opened or closed.
- M. Benvenuto also explained that this is solely a school and/or administration decision. GB members can bring their concerns to meetings but do not hold any “decision making” power about these types of situations.
- D. Lambiris voiced his concern that the whole reason why he brought this forward is because he has gotten feedback that the field has been closed for the majority of 2024. He would like the field to be open as much as possible and he understands that certain calls need to be made by the school when exceptional and/or weather circumstances present themselves.
- V. Lato and D. Kennedy joined in the discussion by reassuring GB members that staff and administration very much want students to be outside as much as possible, with the ideal situation being that the field be open since many staff members agree that having the entire school population in the school yard solely is a huge safety concern. The concern about many students not having the appropriate weather wear was also mentioned (ie: snow pants in winter, rain boots in spring, jackets, etc.) and that sometimes, this is why a majority “rule” has to be applied where the field is closed.
- GB members agreed to allow students to be outdoors as much as possible, including having the field be open as much as possible all year around.

- Use of whistles

- A. Pasteris brought up the concern about the electronic whistles being used indoors. She proposed that maybe regular whistles be used instead since the decibel level is much lower.
- D. Vourdousis agreed and said that they would look into going back to using regular whistles.

- Expired Milk

- D. Lambiris brought up the concern and gave a heads up for it to be looked

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into.

- D. Vourdousis and M. Benvenuto agree to look into it immediately.

- Lunch Time/After School Activities

- A. Aronoff brought up the concern but just wanted to make sure that Hebrew classes were not cancelled for the rest of the year.
- M. Benvenuto stated and assured everyone that Hebrew classes would continue as planned – that they were cancelled for the last 2 weeks because of the organizers but that they would continue as planned.
- A. Aronoff also brought up the question of bringing back some after-school activities. A suggestion was made to put out a survey to see what the consensus is school wide.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by V. Lato

Recording Secretary, Carlyle Elementary School, 2023-2024 Governing Board

Avigail Aronoff, Governing Board Chairperson

Dina Vourdousis, Principal

Date: _____

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