

**Westmount Park School**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 2020**  
**Governing Board Minutes**

**Present:** Marco Gagliardi, Holly Kusiewicz, Giovanni Iammarrone, Deborah Mete, Christine Vidal, Kathleen Rooney, Nicholas Lalli, Marcel Proulx, Veronique Lescaut, Shalani Bel

**1. Welcome**

**1.1- Public Question Period**

Moved to end

**1.2- Additions to the Agenda**

**1.3- Approval of the Agenda**

Shalani Bel moved to approve, Nicholas Lalli seconded

**1.4- Approval of the Minutes (June)**

There was a meeting in June but we don't have minutes. If they are found, will approve them at a later time.

**2. New Business**

**2.1 Election of Secretary**

Shalani Bel volunteered

Veronique Lescaut moved to approve, Nicholas Lalli seconded. All in favour.

**2.2 Election of Chair**

Principal will work with Chair to create agenda. Usually they only cast deciding vote ie try to remain impartial.

Veronique volunteered.

Nicholas Lalli moved to approve, Marcel Proulx seconded. All in favour.

**2.3 Election of Treasurer**

Have money leftover from other years ~\$750.

Marcel Proulx volunteered

Nicholas moved to approve, Veronique seconded. All in favour.

**2.4 GB Meeting Dates**

EMSB meetings are the first Thursday of every month, GB meetings usually follow.

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** for next meeting

**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>**, then 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Christine Vidal moved to approve, Deborah Mete seconded.

**2.5 Approval for Daytime Fieldtrips**

Table this motion until we have more information from Public Health and School Board

**2.6 Community Reps**

Had two community reps last year. Non voting members who have a relationship with school.

One was from Tyndale (after school programs) and other from Westmount YMCA.

PPO chair would inform them of the meeting dates.

Giovanni will send contact details to Veronique

**3. Items Requiring Discussion**

**3.1 Rules of Internal Procedures and Guidelines for Conduct**



Marco will email GB manual to everybody. Guidelines for conduct follow rules of order. Previous GB had proposed a 10 minute limit for discussion of each topic.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1 Principal's Report (did last)**

August 31<sup>st</sup> Welcomed back the students from grades 1-6, progressive entry for Pre-k and K throughout the week. In order to respect classroom bubbles students remain in the same classroom and teachers move. Students eat lunch in their classrooms and stay in their bubbles for recess and for daycare. We are following all guidelines from sante publique and the schoolboard.

September 17<sup>th</sup> was our virtual curriculum night. We thought it went very well. We are starting to organize our virtual parent teacher interviews which will remain on the same dates as in the school calendar.

MEQ has now changed the student evaluation policy to 1 progress report and 2 report cards. Every competency for every subject will be evaluated in each term. Each term is worth 50% and the final exams are worth 10% of the school year.

Day care had a tie-dye themed ped day on September 18<sup>th</sup>

September 23<sup>rd</sup> stationary bikes started to be installed in the school hallways for energy breaks for students.

September 30<sup>th</sup> was student count day

Daycare ped days on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> had pyjama day and beach day themes

We decided to move our open house to February (this will give us the opportunity to prepare something virtual).

We have monthly updates on the construction/renovation progress of the Main Campus, currently we are on schedule.

We will be distributing t-shirts (PPO) on Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

##### Discussion:

Construction of main campus is currently on schedule to finish in July; no room for delay if another lockdown.

New evaluation scheme this year with only 2 report cards, 1 progress report. Those with final exams will be worth 10% of final grade. Shalani asked for contingency plan if school is online for exams. Marco doesn't believe Ministry exams will be cancelled again and there is infrastructure for online version but not online proctoring; Ms. Christine said that grade 4 exams that are EMSB (not government) may be cancelled or changed in response to circumstances.

##### **4.2 Regional Parent Committee Report**

None

##### **4.3 Teacher's Report**

###### Fundraising:

- Grade (south only) 5 classes are collecting candy donations to make Halloween treat bags to be sold for \$2

###### Special Events:

- All classes took part in the Terry Fox walk on Oct 2. We raised over \$1300 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Mr. Gagliardi and Ms Lori dyed their hair rainbow colors as a reward for students.
- Many classes discussed and participated in Orange Shirt Day on September 30 to recognize the harm caused by Canada's residential school system and honour survivors.
- The kindergarten team at both campuses have continued their tradition of having a weekly kindergarten party to celebrate the letter of the week, while still respecting Covid guidelines.
- The grade 6 classes at both campus completed "Chill Zone", an outreach program offered by the Trevor Williams Kids Foundation to help students recognize anger and teach coping strategies.

###### Committees:

- Ms Marie initiated the creation of a "Wellness Committee" at the north campus with the goal supporting mental health through small meaningful acts

###### Other:

- Many classes have student teachers both from Concordia (until Nov. 6) and McGill (until mid Dec.)

###### Discussion:



Shalani asked about shortage of student teachers/substitutes mentioned in EMSB emergency meeting in summer. Marco explained that there is no shortage of student teachers, but they can't be used as subs. EMSB is working with McGill, Concordia, and Bishops to develop a relationship to address province wide shortage of subs.

#### **4.4 Daycare Report**

Daycare students remain in their bubbles at both campuses

South: Pre-K&K, in a classroom, Gr 2&3 in a classroom and Gr 3-6 in the gym (all in respected bubbles)

North: Pre-K&K, in a classroom, Gr 2-3 in a classroom and Gr 4-6 in a classroom (all in respected bubbles)

- September 18, 2020 Ped day at both campuses. Tie-Dye T-Shirts, planned activity by the daycare educators.
- October 16, 2020 Ped day at both campuses. Camping/PJ Day. Educators set up in the gym, using tents, blankets, sleeping bags, flashlights, and mats to get the "camping experience". They played camping games, and sang songs.
- October 19, 2020 Ped days at both campuses. Beach Day was the activity planned once again by the educators. They set up in the gym. Students brought their beach gear for the day. Planned activities such as arts and crafts (painting an ocean and creating paper plate jelly fish). Dancing to music, Limbo, volleyball, and badminton.

#### **4.5 PPO Report**

Need to get from teacher rep on PPO

#### **6. Varia**

#### **7. Date of next meeting**

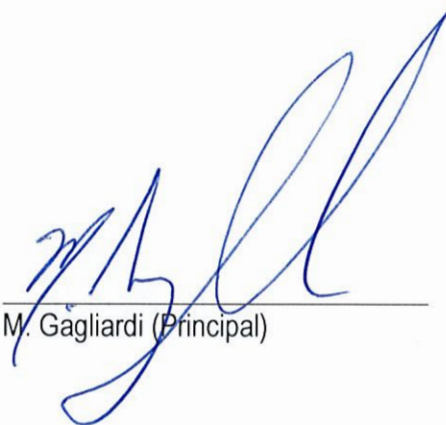
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

#### **Adjournment**

Nicholas moved, Veronique seconded.



V. Lescaut (GB Chair)



M. Gagliardi (Principal)