

Westmount Park School | Governing Board Meeting Minute of 17th January 2023

Meeting started at 4:25pm.

Attendees:

- Holly Kusiewicz(P)
- Chrisoula Pappas (VP)
- David Weiss (Teacher Member)
- Marie Alexiou (Teacher Member)
- Deborah Mete (Daycare Tech)
- Shalani Bel (Parent Member)
- Rony Wahed (Parent Member)
- Nicholas Lalli (Parent Member) Joined at 4:25pm
- Iulia-Cristina Ionescu (Parent Member) Joined at 4:31pm
- Jennifer Maxwell (Community Rep.)
- Sophie Antippa (Alternante Parent Member) Joined at 4:28pm

1. Welcome (10 minutes)

1.1 <u>Public Question Period</u> None

1.2 Additions to the Agenda None

1.3 <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> Mr. Nicholas moved, Mr. Rony seconded, no abstainments, all in favour hence approved.

1.4 Approval of the December minutes

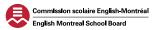
The following two months GB meeting dates were corrected to:

Feb 21st and Jun 13. Mr. Nicholas moved, Ms. Deborah seconded, no abstainments, all in favour hence approved.

2. Business arising from the minutes

None





3. Business requiring approval (10 minutes)

3.1 Safe School action plan

Ms. Holly screen shared her presentation with GB and submitted the Safe School action plan. Social worker services are available at WPS and our social worker comes to the school every Thursday. The social worker services are on a referral basis for students of our school and any parents with such referrals are urged to contact administration of the school to receive the social worker services.

Ms. Holly will discuss with our social worker to check provisions around broadcasting <u>the referral-based availability</u> of the social worker now at WPS.

GB requested to ask any parents with referral for social worker services to contact school management. Bus monitor is still at one person but management still looking for more staff. Staff shortage still present. WPS has many measures implemented currently to ensure a safe school eg. Lunch monitors, consultation events and programmes, diversity and inclusivity sessions, parents evening, school and classroom visits plan amongst many others.

Ms. Shalani mentioned that although we are happy our school has good measure in place for preventing bullying and racism it is possible that they do happen, and many such cases are not reported to teachers and management. Ms. Holly added that they encourage everyone to report such incidents as nothing can be done if left unreported.

Mr. David moved, Mr. Rony seconded, no abstainments, all in favour hence approved.

4. Items requiring discussion (25 minutes)

4.1 Lockdown/ Code Silver

Ms. Holly presented the details of the lockdown drill. This drill is conducted every year in all EMSB schools in the aim to ensure students are aware of what to do in the event of such emergency. It is a quick drill lasting between 5 to 10min and contains no simulations. It is done in an age-appropriate way e.g using a skunk puppet and having lollipops for the K4 and K5 classes. A letter will be sent out to parents before and after the drill for parents to communicate and prepare students as needed. Parents are requested to contact Ms. Holly for any concerns in this relevance.

4.2 Selection criteria for Principal (do after reports)

GB members discussed the 2023 selection criteria for Principal (in the absence of the principal and vice principal) and collaborated on the criteria points. Ms. Shalani will draft the final version of the 2023 criteria based on the discussions and feedback of the GB.





5. Reports (25 minutes)

5.1 Principal's Report

- Pyjama Day Fundraiser on January 9th
- January 11-13 Cycle 1 is participating in a Stop Motion Workshop
- Respect Presentation by Mr. Svens for cycle 1-3
- Sun Youth Lunch Sports begin this week for grade 5 and 6
- Many teachers participated in the Kinesthetic Learning Classroom Workshop (Learning through movement)
- Three teachers attended a conference in Las Vegas
- Two Teachers will be attending two FSL workshops at the board
- Tutoring will begin shortly online and in person

5.2 Teacher's Report

Special Events

- Pyjama Day Fundraiser was held on Monday January 9th. Pre-k and K were able to raise \$498
- Svens Telemaque will be coming to school on January 18th to give motivational and inspirational talks to students from Grades 1 6.

Kindergarten cycle:

• Puppeteer Jesse Stong will visit Room 04 and Room 05 for a Social Skills Through Puppetry workshop on January 19.

- Finished Langue-mobile (French animated classes)
- Lawyers from BLG continue to come read to the students bi-weekly
- Students celebrated Martin Luther King day on Monday January 16th
- We will do special activities for Lunar new year (assembly and customs and traditions)
- Dog therapy for targeted students will continue

Cycle 1:

- Room 115 is participating in Stop Motion Jan 10-12.
- Grade two will be having a clown workshop on Jan 18th and 25th
- Grade 2 will be going to the Verdun Circus School on Jan 27th
- Author Akila Newton will be doing a presentation for Cycle 1

Cycle 2:

- Grade 3 and Cycle Two Rise classes will be going to the Montreal Biodome on Friday January 27th
- W.I.N.G.S Senior class will have an Art Educator from Concordia in their class for 10 weeks

Cycle 3:

- Grade 6 has been working on a French recipe book which will be getting published by Studentreasures.
- Room 314 Grade 6 will start their Dolls for Hope project. Other Grade 6 classes may do it as well.
- Grade 5 had their New Years brunch that was cancelled from before Winter Break.





5.3 Daycare Report

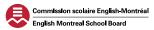
- Ped day January 23 -Art Activity (am) and Tobogganing (pm) Students will be participating in a winter art activity in the morning, and after lunch, will head outdoors to enjoy tobogganing, followed by some hot chocolate.
- As of January 9 th 2023, we have enrolled approximately 10 more students in our Base daycare program.
- Daycare registrations for the 2023-2024 school year on Mosaik is available from January 16-27 th . New registrations (Pre-k Gr 6) will have to make an appointment with Ms. Deborah to register.

5.4 Regional Parent Committee Report

Mr. Rony submitted the following for the PC report:

- There was a presentation on "Prevention on Mental Health" by student services department.
- There was also a presentation on Bill 96 information session.
- Procedures for e-voting were re addressed and discussed by the PC.
- Discussion around student ombudsman resolution and simplified procedures discussed for approval.
- Followed by various school and committee reports.
- The copy of the agenda is as follows and any further details of specific points will be available for parents in this weblink of the EMSB: <u>https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/about/governance/meeting-minutes</u>





2022-23 Meeting #3 EMSB Parents' Committee Thursday, January 12, 2023 Presentation @ 6:30 pm Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m Via Zoom Montreal AGENDA			
ACTION REQUIRED		Ітем	Тіме
Call to Order	1.	WELCOME- LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	(2 min
Adoption	2.	ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	(1 min
Presentation	2.1	BILL 96 INFORMATION SESSION	(60 mir
Information	2.2	ADDRESSING PROCEDURES FOR E-VOTES	(2 min
Adoption	3.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2022	(1 min
Update Discussion Discussion/Approval Discussion/Approval Information	4.	BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 4.1 PARENT CONFERENCE 4.2 INTERNAL RULES -PART 2 REVIEW- BASED ON COMMENTS RECEIVED 4.3 SUB-COMMITTEE ON EMSB PC MARKETING (SOCIAL MEDIA) -VOLUNTEERS 4.4 MOTION ON TAXATION COMMITTEES -TO BE CONFIRMED 4.5 TRIPS OUTSIDE OF CANADA- CONFIRM INFO - CONFLICTING INFO	(5 min (20 mi (20 mi (20 mi (15 mi
Approval Consultation Approval Approval	5.	New Business 5.1 Motion to move in-Camera 5.1.1 Student Ombudsman (names are confidential until council approval) 5.1.2 Motion to return from In-Camera 5.2 Student Ombudsman Resolution	(1 min (15 mi (1 min (2 min
Information	6.	SCHOOL REPORTS (PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN REPORTS IF YOU WILL NOT BE PRESENT) (ANY MEMBER MAY SHARE CONCERNS, OR SHARE ANY POSITIVE EXPERIENCES AND/OR BEST PRACTICES)	(25 mii
	7.	PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD (IF ANY PUBLIC IS PRESENT-ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ARE ADDRESSED TO/ AND ANSWERED BY THE CHAIR) A) ALTERNATES B) PUBLIC	(5 min (2 min
Information Information Information Information Information Information	8.	Committee Reports (Please submit your written reports 8.1 Parent Commissioners' Report 8.2 Treasurer's Report 8.3 EPCA Report 8.4 Anti-Racism Sub-Committee 8.5 Focus Group on Enrollment – M. Corsi & T. Speranza – no meeting 8.6 Youth Sector Network Sub-Committee– no meeting 8.7 Sexual Misconduct Prevention Sub-committee– no meeting	(6 min (3 min (5 min (5 min (0 min (0 min (0 min
Information Information	9.	BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS 9.1 TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE - NO MEETING 9.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES- NO MEETING	(0 min (0 min
Information Information	10.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 10.1 REGULAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 2, 2023- VIA ZOOM 10.2 EXECUTIVE MEETING: TBD - VIA ZOOM	(1 mir
Approval	11.	ADJOURNMENT	(1 mir





5.5 PPO Report

Ms. Shalani and Ms. Sophie submitted on behalf of the PPO:

- Movie night scheduled for Jan 27, 2023, emails will be going out to parent body.
- Clothing swap planning underway.
- Any other ideas from parents and school welcome.

6. Varia

None

8. Adjournment

Ms. Marie moved and Mr. Rony seconded, , all in favour hence adjourned.

Date of next meeting February 21st, 4:15pm