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## **Westmount Park School | Governing Board agenda**

21<sup>st</sup> February 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) – absent.
- *Julien Feldman – Commissioner – joined at 4.33pm.*
- Shalani Bel (Parent Member)
- Rony Wahed (Parent Member)
- Nicholas Lalli (Parent Member)
- Iulia-Cristina Ionescu (Parent Member)
- Jennifer Maxwell (Community Rep.)
- Sophie Antippa (Alternante Parent Member) – joined at 4 :39pm.
- Mana.M – Guest parent
- Joanne - Guest parent
- Ellison Caitlin - Guest parent
- Tribikram.A - Guest parent
- Ankur.S - Guest parent

### **1. Welcome (25 minutes)**

#### **1.1 Additions to the Agenda (1 minute)**

None

#### **1.2 Approval of the Agenda (1 minute)**

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

#### **1.3 Approval of the January minutes (3 minutes)**

Ms. Marie moved, Ms. Cristina seconded, no abstainments, all in favour hence approved.



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## 1.4 Public Question Period (20 minutes)

- Commissioner Julien Feldman

Mr. Feldman shared his advocacy for families who get rejected from schools due to the lack of resources particularly special needs students and it was well received by the GB.

- Bill 96 related questions:

Ms. Bel asked questions on behalf of parents around the effects of Bill 96 to which Mr. Feldman shared his broad ranging and general views on how this may affect many people and the status quo.

- Can a temporary worker renew their English eligibility under Bill 96?

We are waiting for government approval.

Any temporary stay before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, can renew for 1 year and any temp stay after June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 can only have eligibility up to 2 years and then cannot renew.

- What is the EMSB doing about environmental sustainability?

Schools are taking their own initiatives on sustainability and the EMSB acknowledges them.

WPS has a "Green Committee in school, no plastic utensils for hot lunches, composting program, recycling, gardening, reducing waste etc are some initiatives.

## 2. Business arising from the minutes (5 minutes)

### 2.1 Approval for two class day trips:

Grade 6 is going to Ottawa and Grade 5 to Quebec City. David moved, Deborah seconded, and it was unanimously approved by e-vote on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 then re-approved at a revised price on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

## 3. Items requiring discussion (25 minutes)

### 3.1 Staff letter to EMSB

Ms. Marie read the letter to the GB and there were discussions about the reason for the letter and details around its contents. The GB unanimously is in full support of this letter and its contents in its entirety and is happy to endorse this letter to the EMSB. Further discussion on this subject are under consideration. The letter was shared with Mr. Feldman and asked for him to advocate on our behalf, as he did for Westmount High School.



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### 3.2 Communication

- use of Class Dojo

Mr. Rony covered this under the PC report, where discussions took place at the PC for the approval of Class Dojo for empowering parent teacher communication after the software's management can meet and fulfil all the IT risks raised by the EMSB. [Further discussions and updates on this subject will be submitted to the GB by Mr. Rony.](#)

- EPCA information session on Bill 96, Wed. March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 – 8pm. Registration:  
<https://membership.qcgn.ca/en/calendar-of-events/detail/information-session-bill-96/38749>

Due to time restrictions this was not discussed but this session is due to take place on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

### 3.3 Enrolment

- How does the registration compare to previous years at this time?  
[Tabled for next meeting.](#)
- Any data on weighted enrolment?  
[Tabled for next meeting.](#)

## 4. **Business requiring approval (30 minutes)**

### 4.1 Budget building process (due March 24<sup>th</sup>)

[Ms. Holly submitted the budget and discussed details with the GB. Ms. Bel asked some points of clarification which Ms. Holly responded to, and further discussion took place around this subject. Following the discussions, the board collectively agreed to attach more documentations and justifications. Ms. Holly will prepare a revised version for next GB meeting for approval based on the feedback received.](#)

### 4.2 Academic and Career Guidance Content

The academic and career guidance contents were presented by Ms. Holly to the GB. The objective of this is to better prepare students for the future (cycle 2). The document was shared with the GB in advance for review. Ms. Marie moved, Mr. Rony seconded, no



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abstainments, all in favour hence approved.

## **5. Reports (20 minutes)**

### **5.1 Principal's Report**

- BHM Learning Initiatives (STEAM DOORS, presentations, virtual story times, Meet the Author, Tracking Black Canada, Westcan)
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Registration
- Tundra Basketball team
- Parent Teacher Interviews will be online and by request. Report cards will be available online March 1st .
- Lates: Students will be getting reminders
- Online tutoring started two weeks ago and going well
- Teacher workshops: Expressing Emotions through Dance workshop, STEAM Tool workshops
- Student award ceremony

### **5.2 Teacher's Report**

February Teacher's Report:

School Wide:

- In honour of Black History at WPS, CityTV News did a segment all about classroom projects and interviewed cycle 3 students to hear about their experiences.
- Resources from the Multicultural committee were shared with staff for BHM, as well as a STEAM door decorating activity, school-wide scavenger hunt and carnival event planned for the end of the month.
- Pink shirt day will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd as a school-wide initiative to speak out against bullying.
- WestCan Folk Dance Company came to school on a rotating schedule to teach dancing workshops with all classes as a celebration of Caribbean culture.
- We celebrated World Read Aloud Day on February 1st, and participated in a D.E.A.R. activity.
- WPS staff would like to extend a big thank you to the administration, Governing Board, and our lovely PPO for Staff Appreciation Week.

Preschool



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- Kindergarten prepared special activities for groundhog day: They made puppets, painted faces and crawled through tunnels to look at books, and had a groundhog food snack.
- Lawyers from BLG continue to read to the students bi-weekly.
- Kindergarten celebrated their 100th day of school celebration where they made crowns and banners, counted 10X10 treats for snacks, did 100 exercises, had a special visit from the Zero Hero and had a parade throughout the school with instruments.
- For this year's Valentine's Day celebration, Mrs Debbie Beitel (former WPS teacher) was a special visitor and read a story together, sang songs and danced with the children.

#### Cycle 1

- Rooms 114 and 119 (Grade 2) are working on a Multiculturalism project - celebrating our similarities and differences. Feb. 10th we held a "Bits and Bites" afternoon - students brought in snacks and desserts from around the world. They shared mini presentations on the snack and when it would be eaten (everyday or special occasions.) We also had a student perform a traditional dance from India and watched dances from other countries on the Smartboard.
- Rooms 114 and 119 (Grade 2) participated in a stop motion animation project. They worked in groups to create 2D settings and characters and had a movie premiere morning on January 25th. It was a great success.
- All Grade 2 students visited Verdun Circus School and are participating in a "clown" project as part of Ecole Montrealaise.

#### Cycle 2

- Grade 3 and 4 enjoyed their field trip to the Montreal Biodome and enjoyed learning about different animals and their habitats.
- Cycle 2 fundraiser was a success with a total of 1900\$ raised after expenses. This money will help support the Cycle 2 program as well as future field trips. 500\$ of fundraising amount will be donated to families in need within our school community before March break.
- Grade 4 continues to participate in the Youth Fusion theatre program with Mr. Mireck
- "All ABoard Games" workshop begins in February and continues through March, including several grade 4, 5 and 6 participating classrooms.

#### Cycle 3

- Leadership club sent goodies to the classes and made friendship bracelets with all classes during recesses



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- Malik Shaheed, a Canadian youth and community advocate, is speaking to school on February 28th as a part of Black History Month
- Grade 6 went to a Graffiti art gallery and made their own artwork
- Grade 6 is having a Pyjama Day school fundraiser on Thursday, March 2, 2023

### 5.3 Daycare Report

- Daycare registration for 2023-2024 school year is no longer available on Mozaik, although, parents may schedule an appointment with Ms. Deborah in the daycare office before May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Tax slips for both daycare and lunch program will be available on Mozaik as of Friday, Feb 24, 2023.
- Ped Day Feb 17, 2023- Students participated in creating a Picture Frame using a family photo.
- We welcome Ms. Sandhya and Ms. Nimisha to daycare. They are currently tutoring students after school who may need some extra help. Tutoring occurs daily between 2:45-4:00 pm.
- We also welcome a new educator Ms. Huda who has been hired as a replacement should need be.

### 5.4 Parent Committee Report

The last PC meeting was held on Feb 02, 2023, and Mr. Rony submitted the following to the GB:


1. There was a presentation on hybrid style parent conference that will be held by the EMSB where specialist will be invited to speak to parents of topics of interest. Parent can join from home or in person. Details on this will be provided later.
2. There was discussion on the budget building process for 2023 and 2024 which is due on March 24 for part one.
3. There were discussions around improving parent teacher communications through the use of Class Dojo app.
4. The EMSB presented the 2023 -2024 school calendar and it was welcomed by many as the EMSB was able to align several holidays with other institutions.
5. There was a presentation on Bullying in support of ACSES resolution
6. The agenda is as follows and more details and minutes are available in the following weblink: <https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/about/governance/meeting-minutes>



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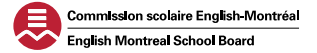
	<b>EMSBC Parents' Committee</b> <b>Thursday, February 2, 2023</b> <b>@ 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. - Via Zoom</b> <b>Montreal</b>	2022-23 Meeting #4
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**AGENDA**

ACTION REQUIRED	ITEM	TIME
Call to Order	1. WELCOME- LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	(2 min)
Adoption	2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	(1 min)
Adoption	3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2023	(1 min)
Approval	4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	(2 min)
Update	4.1 INTERNAL RULES	(5 min)
Update	4.2 PARENT CONFERENCE	(5 min)
Discussion/Approval	4.3 SUB-COMMITTEE ON EMSB PC MARKETING (SOCIAL MEDIA)	(25 min)
	4.4 BILL 96 STATEMENT	
Presentation/ Consultation/Approval	5. NEW BUSINESS	(30 min)
Consultation/Approval	5.1 BUDGET BUILDING PROCESS 2023-2024- DUE MARCH 24 <sup>TH</sup> (PART 1)	(20 min)
	5.2 SCHOOL CALENDARS 2023-2024 - RECOMMENDATION FOR MARCH BREAK	
Approval	5.3 BULLYING – IN SUPPORT OF ACSES RESOLUTION	(20 min)
Discussion/Approval	5.4 PARENT TEACHER COMMUNICATION	(7 min)
Information	6. SCHOOL REPORTS <u>(PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN REPORTS IF YOU WILL NOT BE PRESENT)</u> (ANY MEMBER MAY SHARE CONCERNS, OR SHARE ANY POSITIVE EXPERIENCES AND/OR BEST PRACTICES)	(25 min)
	7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD (IF ANY PUBLIC IS PRESENT-ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ARE ADDRESSED TO/ AND ANSWERED BY THE CHAIR)	(5 min)
	A) ALTERNATES	(2 min)
	B) PUBLIC	
Information	8. COMMITTEE REPORTS <u>(PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR WRITTEN REPORTS</u>	(6 min)
Information	8.1 PARENT COMMISSIONERS' REPORT	(3 min)
Information	8.2 TREASURER'S REPORT	(5 min)
Information/Approval	8.3 EPCA REPORT	(5 min)
Information	8.4 ANTI-RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE	(5 min)
Information	8.5 FOCUS GROUP ON ENROLLMENT – M. CORSI & T. SPERANZA	(5 min)
Information	8.6 YOUTH SECTOR NETWORK SUB-COMMITTEE	(5 min)
	8.7 SEXUAL MISCONDUCT PREVENTION SUB-COMMITTEE	(5 min)
Information	9. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS	(0 min)
Information	9.1 TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NO MEETING	(5 min)
	9.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES	
Information	10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING;	
Information	10.1 REGULAR MEETING: MARCH 2, 2023- VIA ZOOM	(1 min)
	10.2 EXECUTIVE MEETING: FEBRUARY 13, 2023 – VIA ZOOM	
Approval	11. ADJOURNMENT	(1 min)



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### 5.5 PPO Report

- Movie night was a big success.
- T-shirts sold for WPS as fundraising campaign and more T-shirt ideas in consideration.
- Purchased lunch for teachers during staff appreciation week.

### 6. **Varia**

None

### 7. **Date of next meeting March 21st, 4:15pm**

Adjournment

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