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## Westmount Park Elementary School | Governing Board Agenda

Date: October 22, 2024

Start time: 4:06pm

Present: Rony, Mujdat, Caitlin, Chrissy, Marco, Deborah, Tina, Christine, Sophie, Joanne, Islam (guest), Kassaye (guest), Estelle (guest), Nite Ka (guest), James (guest) and Cristina (4:30pm)

Missing:

### 1. Welcome

#### 1.1- Public Question Period

None

#### 1.2- Additions to the Agenda

School fence (4.2), school resources (4.3), mental health (4.4) added by Rony

#### 1.3- Approval of the Agenda

1. Tina, 2. Mujdat, approved.

#### 1.4 Approval of the June Minutes

1. Tina, 2. Deborah, approved.

### 2. Business arising from the minutes

None

### 3. Business requiring approval

#### 3.1 Election of Secretary

Caitlin was nominated by Rony, moved by Ms. Tina, seconded by Mujdat, all in favour, approved.

#### 3.2 Election of Chair

Rony was nominated by Caitlin, moved by Ms. Tina, seconded by Mujdat, all in favour, approved.

#### 3.3 Election of Treasurer

Mujdat was nominated by Rony, moved by Ms. Debora, seconded by Ms. Tina, all in favour, approved.

#### 3.4 GB Meeting Dates

November 28, 2024      December 19, 2024

January 30, 2025      February 20, 2025

March 27, 2025      May 1, 2025

June 5, 2025

1. Caitlin 2. Deborah, all in favour, approved.



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### 3.5 Approval of Daytime Field Trips

1-3 proposed field trips per class, blanket approval was granted for all no-cost field trips (including library visits, park visits, circus school). Permission forms will be required for trips off the school ground. Cost incurring field trips will be discussed and need approval. 1. Rony 2. Mujdat, all in favour, approved.

### 3.6 Community Reps

Invitation to join GB will be sent to Jennifer Maxwell (Tynsdale), the Greene Centre, Andrew Muselin (Westmount City Recreation), Big Brothers, Big Sisters

### 3.7 Fundraising activities

Blanket approval granted for student led fundraising activities that 1. directly benefit students or 2. are fundraising for charitable donations. 1. Rony 2. Deborah, all in favour, approved.

### 3.8 Additional ped day March 21<sup>st</sup>

Additional PED Day approved for March 21 as per the collective agreement. Will be added to the school calendar. 1. Caitlin 2. Mujdat, all in favour, approved.

## 4. Items requiring discussion

### 4.1 Rules of Internal Procedures and Guidelines for Conduct

A month is granted to add, discuss and note any changes, rony to include in next GB meeting.

### 4.2 School Fence Project:

October 1 there was a meeting with Material Resources (EMSB), the job will be put up for tender shortly. Timeline: as early as spring 2024, updates on this project will be discussed in other GB meetings.

### 4.3 Resources for Teachers:

Present situation: The teaching staff is fully staffed, assigned 2 additional full-time behaviour technicians and ESL tutoring twice weekly. There are 55 teachers and 51 techs/daycare staff.

### 4.3 Mental Health and Well-being:

The question was asked how mental health is monitored in students as it is increasingly a pressing concern. Presently, the theme of mental health is addressed through the anti-bullying framework and gaged by a survey to upper year students. There are resources to students including the ability for family referrals to the school social worker who is at the school every Thursday.

Christina will continue to represent the uniqueness of our school and speak to the need for resources and the September to January jump in the numbers of students.



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## 5. Reports

### 5.1 Regional Parent Committee Report

General Assembly held on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### 1. Parent Commissioner Elections:

- a) Elementary – Merika (delegate Honoré-Mercier)
- b) High school – Jessica (delegate Royal West)
- c) ACSES – Julie (delegate John Caboto)
- d) Non-designation – Jennifer (delegate James Lyng)

#### 2. Executive Member Elections:

- a) Chairperson – Jason (delegate Rosemount)
- b) Vice-Chairperson – Katherine (delegate Westmount High)
- c) Treasurer – Stephanie (delegate Michelangelo/Macdonald High)

#### 3. EMSBPC Executive Committee Elections (3 vacant positions):

- a) Steven (delegate Merton)
- b) Giuseppe (delegate Our Lady of Pompei)
- c) Jessica (delegate Cedarcrest)

#### 4. Transportation and Safety Advisory Committee Election:

- a) Stephanie – (delegate Michelangelo/Macdonald High)

#### 5. PC Sub-Committees

- a) Anti-Racism
- b) Sexual Misconduct Prevention
- c) EMSB/PC Marketing

#### 6. EPCA Elections:

- a) Katherine (delegate Westmount High)

#### 7. Next meeting: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024



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### 5.2 Teacher's Report

Whole School - Terry Fox Walk, Dibels testing, carnival, Fred Fox presentation, I Love to Read Week, Orange shirt day, Rosh Hashanah, Enuf sustainability workshops

ECA clubs have started - yoga club with grade 4, and choir club for cycle 2 students at lunch

#### K4

- K4 will go pumpkin picking in Westmount Park during the week of October 28-31.
- The K4 classes will participate in an interactive activity led by an EMSB dietitian on November 19. Students will learn about the different food groups that make up Canada's Food Guide.

#### K5

- Letter celebrations every Friday where all the K students gather together for an activity and a special snack.
- The BLG law firm has begun their bi-weekly reading to the students on Thursday afternoons.
- Students had their own K gathering to talk about Orange shirt Day with information slides and a story.
- Some of the classes made apple crisp in the slow cooker.
- Kind Kids social skills program is coming to an end next week (8 sessions)

#### Grade 2

- Exploring many activities in outdoor learning.
- Day of the Dead Presentation
- Hallowe'en stations

#### Grade 6

- Grade 6 scavenger hunt
- Terry Fox presentations

#### Specialists -

- Winter sing along performance( Simon)

### 5.3 Daycare Report

Daycare special activities have begun. Soccer for Gr 2 and 3 and Robotics for Gr 5 and 6. This year rates were raised to \$9.50 a day and \$15 for PED days, Blanket approval granted for the daycare to go on outings using the STM service. 1. Rony 2. Tina, approved

### 5.4 PPO Report

#### Terry Fox Walk:

Went well, there were more than 30 parents. The kids were very excited to see the signs and have the parents cheering. The apples and juice were appreciated.



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**Picture Day:**

Went well, should have brought food, was very busy. Was a lot of work. 3 people was the right number of volunteers.

**October Newsletter**

Got good feedback from parents. It's a lot of work and could potentially be done only every couple months. If it could be shortened to 1-2 pages, that would be good.

**Scholastic Book Fair:**

Volunteers could be given more direction and the kids could be encouraged to go to volunteers more.  
The teacher wishlist could be better explained.  
Check out and shopping areas should be better separated  
A volunteer for price check help

**October Pizza Day:**

There were a lot of new volunteers but it went well  
The cutting of the pizza was crowded  
Next month volunteers should be told to arrive at 11  
More clarification that it's ok that not all the kids are getting pizza  
Lunch monitors should be given more instructions on how it works  
Second shift there weren't enough people who stayed back to divide the pizza

Other business, questions, suggestions

Holiday Movie Night

Move it to January and call it winter movie night



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### 5.5 Principal's Report

- September 12<sup>th</sup> we held our curriculum night
- September 30<sup>th</sup> was our carnival day as well as the national day for truth and reconciliation
- We currently have 41 homerooms, we have 617 students, we have 1 full time VP and a 50% staff assistant
- October 11<sup>th</sup> was picture day
- October 17<sup>th</sup> we had our Terry fox run
- There was also a soccer tournament held in October.
- Progress reports were available to parents online on October 11
- We celebrated I love to read week (October 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Steel Pan has started working with students once again
- We recently hired 3 tutors to work with students
- We are actively completing Jordan's Principal's requests to support our indigenous students
- Music therapy is being offered to our Wings classes 1 day per week
- We have implemented movement breaks for preschool, cycle 1, and cycle 2
- We have partnered with big brothers and big sisters once again this year – also included is a donation of bicycles for students
- We have re-ignited a partnership with Selwyn house – learn to skate program for grades 3-4
- We have also started a teacher mentorship program within our school

### 6. Additional allowed question:

James (guest) shared an update on his petition to the city of Westmount for the school gate. Many in favor. The city needs a follow up stating the fencing needs, how it is beneficial to staff and students. Plans will be drawn and sent.

### 7. Varia

#### 8. Date of next meeting

November 28, 2024 at 4pm.

### 9. Adjournment

5:17 1. Tina 2. Deborah all in favour, approved.