

Willingdon Governing Board

Minutes of Tuesday, October 24, 2017 @ 6:30 in the staff room

Attendance: Eric Lamoureux, Carmen Nicolas, Catherine Boire, Lara Belinsky, Kathleen Usher, Soula Mavidis, Nick Batzios, Cornelia Mandoiu, Mark Ellinger, Steve Spetzieris, Steve Cunha, Lucas Reindler, Harriet Dove

Regrets: Jayne Hill

Guest: Lara Chauvin, Mary Ellen Headon Home and School, Tanya Savickey, Joseph Lalla

1. Chairperson's Remarks/Welcome
2. Approval of the agenda – Home and school report and our guest proposal was advanced to the beginning of the meeting. Modification and approval of agenda was moved by Steve, seconded by Mark. All in favour.
3. Approval of minutes from last meeting – tabled.
4. Business Arising:
 - a. Annual Report (C. Nicolas) - tabled
 - b. Secretary (E. Lamoureux) – Secretary from last year has declined the job offer and we do not have a secretary. Kathleen, Lara, Catherine and Mark have volunteered to take minutes. Motion: We will have a secretary who will take minutes on a rotational and voluntary basis. Moved by Kathleen, seconded by Catherine. All in favour.
 - c. Fundraising Projects (K. Usher) – See Appendix 1 . Motion: A blanket approval of all the fundraising efforts mentioned on the attached list. Moved by Lara, seconded by Mark. All in favour.
 - d. Field Trips (C. Nicolas/ K. Usher) – See Appendix 2 . A blanket approval of all the field trips mentioned on the attached list. Moved by Lara, seconded by Nick. All in favour.
 - e. Student Enrichment Activities (C. Nicolas/ K Usher) – see Appendix 3 for an update.
 - f. GB Workshop (C. Nicolas) – There is a workshop being offered by the EMSB for all parents and teachers who sit on Governing Board on Thursday, November 16.
 - g. Internal Rules (E. Lamoureux) - Motion: Governing board starts at 6:30 and ends at 8:15. If the meeting needs to be extended a motion must be passed to extend it. Moved by Nick, seconded by Lucas. All in favour.

Clarification for the next meeting: Does the chair vote?

5. New Business:

- a. Best Buddies Program Approval (C. Nicolas) – Christina Prentas, grade 5 teacher has started the best buddies program which instills values of inclusion at lunch, almost like an in school friendship club. The pilot program was very successful and they want to expand Motion: Run the best buddies program at Willingdon. Moved by Lucas, seconded by Nick. All in favour.
- b. Uniform Pitch (L. Chauvin) – see Appendix 4 for details This is an item that will be passed on to PAC, parental advisory committee. It must also be brought to staff council.

6. Question Period

Eric wanted clarification on the rainy day entry process.

7. Reports:

- a. Principal. L'Or du Roi Midas book has been published. Book launch is Thursday, October 26. We know have 2.8 resource teachers working. Human resources has granted us more resources because of our combined classes. Carmen is working on pedagogy projects, - looking at more co-teaching in classes, UDL Universal Design learning. First report card will be delivered on Monday, November 13. Parent teacher interviews are November 15, 16. We had 2 fire drills. Open House on Thursday, October 19 was successful. We had an afternoon session where potential parents could see children in action and then an evening session. Approximately 100 parents attended. MESA will be presented at the next governing board and then to the board on November 30th. Honey was delivered. Our new VP Steve has transitioned smoothly.
- b. Vice-Principal – There have been repairs to the fences outside. Friday, November 24, ped day there will be blinds replaced. Room 30 which was a storage room is now a usable space for ERC. We are getting quotes for new lights in the gym. We are looking at getting a TV in the mini gym. Snow removal has been booked for the winter.
- c. Home and School – see Appendix 5 . Items
that need to be addressed. 1. Mary Ellen and Luisa's term ends in June 2018, they are on the lookout for new parents to replace them. 2. They have a very healthy budget and would like to spend some money on something FUN for the kids and not necessarily something that the school needs. 3. They want to ensure that the family emergency fund is kept healthy and can be protected.
- d. PAC - regrets
- e. Teacher/MTA –Trottibus will be up and running soon. We have 5 routes and volunteers who will walk every day. Bathroom behavior speeches were given to each class by Steve, this was very appreciated by teachers. Free entry for cycle 2 and 3 has been and continues to be very successful. Cross country was a success. Grade 4 camp BET trip was amazing. Bee assemblies will be given on Thursday by grade 6s, they have worked very hard. They will be presenting to all the students.
- f. EDP – very healthy 1:10 counsellor : student ratio. The mini gym is very popular and is being used a lot especially in the mornings.
- g. Central Parent Committee Rep – Lucas our rep attended. Very political, very long, only elections, no topics discussed.
- h. School Commissioner: nothing to report

Adjournment

Motion: End the meeting at 8:05. Moved by Kathleen, seconded by Catherine. All in favour.