

Willingdon Governing Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018 – 18h30, staff room

Attendance: Eric Lamoureux (chair), Carmen Nicholas (principal), Steve Spetsieris (vice-principal), Mark Ellinger, Lucas Reindler, Catherine Boire, Kathleen Usher, Lara Belinsky, Cornelia Mandoiu, Nick Batzios, Soula Malvadis

Guests: Tanya Savickey (EDP), Matt Follett (PAC), Joe Lalla (Commissioner)

1. Chair's Remarks
2. Approval of Agenda (K. Usher, L. Belinsky)
3. Approval of minutes from Jan. 30, 2018 (m. N. Batzios, S. Malvadis)
4. Business Arising.
 - a. No business arising
5. New Business
 - a. Consultation on Budget Building Process: Erik reviewed last year's priorities which were divided into overall budget priorities and the guiding principles criteria and related orientations (m. K. Usher, L. Belinsky)
 - b. Calendar (2018-2019) (C. Nicholas) Equalization Days will be added to the agenda for clarity. (m. C. Mandoiu, N. Batzios)
 - c. Agenda (C. Nicholas):
 - i. Biggest change will be to The Code of Conduct which will be written into six points with positive language, reflecting how we as a school want to communicate with our students and how we want them to communicate with each other
 - ii. There will be a clearer definition of what constitutes an act of bullying
 - iii. There will be small changes to the electric devices policy and the transportation policy sections
 - iv. A staff directory has been added
 - v. (m. N. Batzios, C. Mandoiu)
 - d. School Fees 2018-2019 (C. Nicholas):
 - i. Status quo on school fees, no change from last year
 - ii. Phys. Ed. Includes \$8 for t-shirt for special events and to promote school pride, and \$12 for the YMCA program in Kindergarten
 - iii. Gr. 3 Science Fair
 - iv. Discussion of School Fees Class Action suit, the position of the CPC, subsidies to French private schools while public schools need to charge for specialty programs to remain competitive
 - v. (m. N. Batzios, M. Ellinger)
 - e. EDP Request for Confirmation of Status (T. Savickey)
 - i. (m. C. Boire, K. Usher)
6. Reports:
 - a. Principal (C. Nicholas):

- i. Enrolment has risen to 570, with 24-26 homerooms, perhaps 27 to reduce class size. 105 Kindergarten students, so opening a 5th class.
 - ii. Audit was a success
 - iii. April 25th is Secretary's Day
 - iv. Exams are starting, meaning resource teachers will be out of classes and working with kids preparing for exams
 - v. Gr. 6 had 8 sessions of programs for the transition to high school, there is a parent session on May 8th
 - vi. Sec. 1 mindfulness and yoga was a success
 - vii. April 17th is the EMSB volunteer supper
 - viii. May 8th is the parent's Toolbox meeting
 - ix. May 17th: Kindergarten Parents welcome to K
 - x. May 18th: Starlight Express at Royal Vale with 4 schools
 - xi. After consulting the results of the Tell Them From Me survey, Kindergarten and Cycle 1 will eat in classrooms. Pilot Project starts April 27th.
 - xii. Camp will use one classroom and the yard over the summer.
- b. Vice Principal's Report (S. Spetsieris)
 - i. Money has been released from the EMSB to repair tilework on the top two floors
 - ii. Will follow up with the city re: work by the city in front of the school concerning the replacement of tree, gardens, etc.
- c. Home and School: no report
- d. PAC: no report
- e. Teachers/MTA (K. Usher):
 - i. April 19th Kids Helping Kids Concert will be broadcast live on Willingdon's Channel and will coordinate with the Toonie challenge to benefit the Children's Hospital
 - ii. Gumboots are coming!
 - iii. Fred Fox is coming to talk to students
 - iv. Rock Climbing has been a huge success
 - v. Halo Race is coming up in May
 - vi. Hockey League
 - vii. Jersey Day to honour the victims of the Humboldt tragedy
 - viii. Robotics groups are going to two events
 - ix. 8 Gr. 5 students are going to Youth Leadership with the We Day organization
 - x. Picasso Atelier
- f. EMSB Parents Committee Rep. (L. Reindler)
 - i. CPC has been rebranded as the EMSB Parents Committee with a new website to reflect this change: www.emsbparents.ca
 - ii. Parent Conference will be on May 5th, 2018, details on website
- g. School Commissioner (J. Lalla):
 - i. Will check the capacity of the school

- ii. Overall numbers in the EMSB are up this year
 - iii. Place Borden & St. Raphael's building currently owned by the EMSB are being used by the CDSM
 - iv. The EMSB website is going through a major upgrade to make it more user friendly and efficient for schools and parents.
7. Motion to adjourn (L. Belinsky)

