

Willingdon Governing Board

Minutes of Tuesday, November 21st, 2017 @ 6:30 in the staff room

Attendance: Eric Lamoureux, Carmen Nicolas, , Lara Belinsky, Kathleen Usher, Soula Mavidis, Cornelia Mandoiu, Mark Ellinger, Steve Spetzieris, Steve Cunha, Lucas Reindler, , Jayne Hill

Regrets: Harriet Dove, Nick Batzios, Catherine Boire

Guests: Luisa Carpio, Home and School co-president, Joseph Lalla, School Commissioner and Matt Follet, President PAC

1. Chairperson's Remarks/Welcome

2. Approval of the agenda – Commissioner's report was advanced to the beginning of the meeting. Modification and approval of agenda was moved by Lara, seconded by Mark. All in favour.
3. Approval of minutes from September 19th, moved by Jayne, seconded by Mark. Approval of minutes from last meeting (Oct. 24th) moved by Mark seconded by Lucas. All in favour.
4. *Moved to the top of the meeting - School Commissioner Report: Our commissioner presented his report that included a description of the new vocational centre's progress including a welding program. The Commissioner also followed up on a question posed at the September 19th meeting about a history of International Students in our schools. Joe provided GB with a mini-report on International and Temporary Stay students in our schools and helped us to distinguish between the two. Resource allocation for these two types of student was also discussed.

5. Business Arising:

a. Annual Report (C. Nicolas) - tabled

e. Student Enrichment Activities (C. Nicolas/ K Usher) – Both the Brila proposal for Cycles 2 & 3 and the Self-Regulation through Yoga for Cycle 1 proposals were presented. The Brila Contract approval was moved by Lucas, seconded by Mark. All in favour. The Cycle One Self-Regulation through Yoga proposal was moved by Lara, seconded by Mark. All in favour.

5. New Business:

a. 1) MESA Annual Report: the principal walked GB through the annual report and described the various elements. Lucas moved to approve and Jayne seconded. All in favour.

a, 2) Management and Educational Success Agreement (MESA) (C. Nicolas): The principal presented the MESA, explained the process and walked GB through the results and outlined the strategies the MESA team, made up of teachers and the principal, had developed in response to the results. Mark moved to approve the MESA and Lara seconded, All in favour.

b. Selection Criteria for the Appointment of the Principal (E. Lamoureux): No changes, Criteria was sent as is, Appendix attached.

6. Question Period

No questions.

7. Reports:

- a. Principal – The MESA has been developed and the report has been given to the PLC teams in their Cycle Groups for data analysis. The Reports and the Parent teacher Interviews have both been completed and Term 2 is off to a good start. The administration is currently conducting the usual Board-mandated Teacher Evaluations. The new resource model of co-teaching rather than pulling out has been put into action. There will be a lockdown drill in December, as mandated by the School Board.
- b. Vice-Principal – The EDP has the donation cheque for the school and will also pay for a new SmartTV. The Tell Them From Me Survey (TTFM) is ongoing, Lara will be conducting these as usual during Santé periods in the IT Lab. The VP met with student council to discuss ideas about how to make lunch a more pleasant and safer experience for all.
- c. Home and School – The various H&S activities and fundraisers from mid-October to Mid-November were presented. It was a busy month with Halloween, Photo Day, Book Fair, Recette en Pot fundraiser for the Family Emergency Fund. Upcoming events were discussed including the Old Brewery Mission card making video initiative and the associated sock drive; the Food Drive that will launch at the Pancake Breakfast community event on Saturday December 9th. The annual caroling for the NDG Food Depot takes place December 19th and Breakfast with Santa is happening on the same day.

*At 8:15 pm it was moved by Mark to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, Steve Cunha seconded, All in Favour.

- d. PAC – (Matt) The president of PAC provided GB with a follow up on the Uniform proposal put forward at the October 24th meeting, PAC will wait for communication from staff on the proposal idea following the next Staff Council meeting December 12th before taking any next steps.
- e. Teacher/MTA –(Lara) Teachers are very tired after a hectic few weeks of report writing and parent teacher interviews and are looking forward to a rewarding Term 2.
- f. EDP – Nothing to report
- g. Central Parent Committee Rep – Lucas our rep attended and presented his report.

Adjournment

Motion: End the meeting at 8:27. Moved by Mark. All in favour.

Next Meeting December 12th at 6:00pm for a holiday meal followed by a regular meeting

