

Willingdon Governing Board Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2018 – 18h30, room 11

Attendance: Eric Lamoureux (chair), Carmen Nicolas (principal), Steve Spetsieris (vice-principal), Mark Ellinger, Lucas Reindler, Catherine Boire, Kathleen Usher, Lara Belinsky, Cornelia Mandoiu, Nick Batzios, Tanya Savickey (EDP), Matt Follett (PAC), Harriet Dove

Regrets: Steve Cunha, Soula Mavidis, Joe Lalla

1. Chair's Remarks
2. Approval of Agenda (m C. Boire, N. Batzios)
3. Approval of minutes from April 10th (m L. Reindler, J. Hill)
4. Business Arising.
 - a. Annual Report from 2016-2017 – this was prepared by chair Eric Lamoureux and is attached as an appendix to these minutes. (m C. Boire, J. Hill)
 - b. GB Scholarships – the e-vote was confirmed for the three \$100 scholarships to be presented by Eric Lamoureux (chair) at Thursday's graduation ceremony.
5. New Business
 - a. EMSB Town Hall Report – The members of GB who attended the EMSB Town Hall expressed their disappointment in this presentation. The GB is dismayed that Willingdon, although classified as a school in dire need of renovation (Très Mauvais, on the EMSB scale), will not see any investment for the next five years while other schools with less dire ratings are receiving funding now. The GB members who attended also felt deceived by the billing of this meeting as a "consultation" when in actuality it was a presentation of the Board's already chosen plan of action for the infusion of 41 million to be given to schools by the Quebec Government. The GB members have moved to draft a letter to be sent to the DG of the EMSB and to our commissioner, Joe Lalla, to express our dismay and disappointment in this process. (m L. Reindler, M. Ellinger)
 - b. Safe School Plan: The plan was discussed and approved. It is attached as an appendix here. (m L. Belinsky, M. Ellinger)
 - c. Budget and School Fees: In light of the new directives from the Ministry of Education regarding what parents can be charged for in school fees the principal, C. Nicolas, presented a revised budget and school fees. This change will reduce Willingdon's budget by 20k and as such the school will not be able to offer the same level of service unless the Board or the Ministry makes up some of that difference. GB will draft a letter to the Ministry of Education as an expression of the board's concern that these directives and the resulting loss of revenue will negatively impact Willingdon's ability to offer the stellar, specialized education it has become known for. The restructured fees were approved unanimously (m M. Ellinger, N. Batzios) and revised budget was also approved unanimously (m L. Belinsky, J. Hill) (both attached here)

6. Reports:

- a. Principal (C. Nicholas):
 - i. No report
 - b. Vice Principal's Report (S. Spetsieris)
 - i. K Graduation was a big success
 - ii. All Cycle 2 students will attend RoboCup 2018 at the Palais des Congrès June 20th and also attend a CodeMobile workshop while there
 - iii. The beautification of the lunchrooms with Louise Standjofski's Faites des Arts painting of bricks will continue.
 - iv. The top two storeys of the school will have new flooring installed in the hallways.
 - v. The ropes and rings were replaced in the gym
 - vi. Two new benches will be installed this week on the Royal side, one bench was purchased by the Grads of 2018, the rest of the costs were covered by greening grants the school was awarded.
 - c. Home and School: annual report attached here
 - d. PAC: M. Follett reported on the high cost estimate PAC received regarding the soundproofing and is now exploring other, local options.
 - e. Teachers/MTA (K. Usher):
 - i. The MTA is planning to respond to the new school fee directives to help protect their members' ability to deliver the competency-based constructivist Quebec Education Program with experiential and authentic pedagogy.
 - ii. The Grad Mural is now finished and has been mounted on the Royal side of the school
 - iii. H. Dove presented the preparatory workbook for Grade 3 that has been made and will be distributed to all Grade 2 students to work on over the summer to get ready to transition to Grade 3
 - iv. The year has been wonderful, great team of teachers and a great administration too!
 - f. EMSB Parents Committee Rep. (L. Reindler), No report
 - g. School Commissioner (J. Lalla): No report
7. Motion to adjourn (L. Belinsky)

