

**Willingdon Governing Board**  
**Meeting Agenda - Tentative**

March 25, 2021  
18h30, Zoom

Attendance: Carmen Nicolas, Maya Doughan, Kathleen Usher, Lara Belinsky,  
Gabriel Latino, Cornélia Mandoiu, Eric Lamoureux, Lucas Reindler, Aurora  
Flewwelling-Skup, Tracy Lyall, Tanya Savickey (EDP), Matt Follett, Monique  
Imbeau, Karen Negrete (Home and School), Christina Prentas

Regrets: Joe Lalla, Nick Abatzios

- I. Chairperson's Remarks/Welcome
  - Eric began with the Land Acknowledgement.
- II. Approval of the agenda
  - Monique moves to approve the agenda, Matt seconds. Unanimous
- III. Approval of minutes from January 28, 2021 and February 22, 2021
  - **January 28, 2021 meeting:** Tracy moves to approve the minutes. Dr Kat seconds. Unanimous.
  - **February 22, 2021 meeting:** Mme. Marie Noelle's grade level has been fixed (from grade 2 to grade 1).
  - Cornelia moves to approve the minutes, Lucas seconds. Unanimous.
- IV. Business Arising
  - a. Ratification of E-vote on Budget Building Process
    - Voted online to approve Budget Building.
    - Dr. Kat moves to ratify, Matt seconds. Unanimous decision.
  - b. COVID update from Carmen
    - Since last meeting, there was a new case the week of March 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.

- School Board and Public Health have sent new guidelines in regard to Variant.
- Measures are more severe (ex: closing entire class, same school bus).
- Students have their 2 masks per day. Students come in with their morning mask and HR teacher will provide second mask using a tweezer after lunch.
- School has only received masks for March. Expecting new delivery this coming week.
- It was pointed out that many teachers have been eating outside or somewhere outside of the school in various schools. The guideline is that teachers must always wear masks, but if they are over 2 meters apart from others, they can remove masks. Public Health released new rules today stating that teachers must always keep masks while teaching and suggest shifts in staff room to avoid overcrowding.
- Questions about the quality of masks given to students. They have been breaking quite easily. Feedback has been given to government.

c. Renovation Project update

- School Board has helped write up the grant and has submitted it to the government.
- Other part of the project (digging up of the yard), no news yet.

V. New Business

- No new business.

VI. Question period

a. GB communications

- Parent has reported by email that GB is not doing a good job communicating with the parent community. Parent states they are receiving better communication from their older child's high school.
- It was suggested to review the document from the high school that was sent to parents in order to evaluate if there is anything more we can be doing as GB.
- Questions were raised about the purpose of the GB email address.
- Our internal rules state that questions must be sent to GB email at least 24 hours before GB meeting. They must then attend GB meeting.

- It was expressed that next year when setting internal rules, the use of GB email address should be clarified with parent community. It is not a debate platform, but rather a place to bring up issues or questions that can be discussed during GB if they are present.

## VII. Reports

### a. Principal

#### **Registration**

- Registration for 2021-22 was first week of February. 80 registrations this year, which means 2 K classes closed for next year. 115 registrations last year for K. May be due to temporary stays not being possible this year or parents keeping their children at home due to Covid and K not being mandatory. The hope is that for more registrations to come in so that we can keep one more class opened.
- The issue of opening a Pre-K to keep our numbers up was discussed.
- 5 Ks in the long run would be ideal in order to keep our two campuses full.

#### **Calendar**

- School Board has just submitted calendar for next year to commissioner. Means we will most likely not have a calendar for another month.

#### **Teachers**

- Approved second resource teacher (on paper). Still have not found anyone for the post.
- Grade 4 class still without French teacher.
- EMSB is doing a virtual interview blitz this week. Lara and Carmen will participate.
- Transition to High School program has started. Parent workshop coming up.

### b. Vice-Principal Junior Campus

- English storytelling festival April 7<sup>th</sup>. Similar to Art Oratoire. Winning students will be going to Regional storytelling festival (French and English).
- Government tutoring program has started this week. Will go until June 11<sup>th</sup>.

- Art therapy program starting again on April 6<sup>th</sup>. About 20-30 students taking part in this.
- c. Vice-Principal Senior Campus
- Nothing to report
- d. Home and School
- Domino's Pizza fundraiser coming up. Will take place outside.
  - 3 remaining Froyo days.
  - Photo days confirmed! Junior campus April 19<sup>th</sup> , Senior campus April 12<sup>th</sup> . Will take place outside.
  - 4000\$ approved to spend on Art Therapy.
  - Family support fund: Thoughtful Thursdays every second week, will soon move to monthly.
  - True Earth fundraising to help support fund.
  - Grad committee. Upcoming Kindness campaign, 30 days of acts of kindness.
  - Flowers donated to all teachers.
  - Dr. Kat moves to approve True Earth fundraiser, Christina seconded, Unanimous decision.
- e. Teachers/MTA
- No strike on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Instead it will be a sort of manifestation! Hoping for support from families.
  - Strike days: Possible that at the end of May it does become a reality.
- f. EDP
- Nothing to report
- g. PAC
- h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative

- Push to get Parents Committee on steering committee for change in EMSB
- Low enrollment in East End still an ongoing issue.
- Big push for non-teaching staff increased budget.
- Proposal of permanent Ped-Day after Halloween if it is during the week.
- Parents conference coming up April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- i. School Commissioner:
  - No report

VIII. Varia

IX. Adjournment

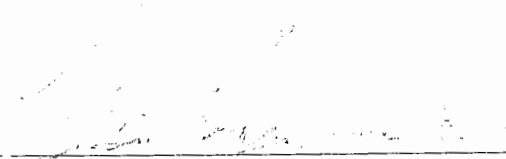
- Matt moves to adjourn at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Gabriel Latino



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Chairperson's signature

