

Willingdon Governing Board
Meeting Minutes

February 22nd, 2021
18h30, Zoom

Attendees: Nick Batzios, Lara Belinsky, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Eric Lamoureux, Gabriel Latino, Tracy Lyall, Cornélia Mandoiu, Genevieve Moore, Karen Negrete (Home and School), Carmen Nicolas, Laura Primiano, Lucas Reindler, Kathleen Usher, Ian and Kim Hodgkinsons (parents).

Regrets/Absent: Christina Prentas, Joe Lalla

1. Approval of Agenda

- Moved by Kathleen Usher
- Seconded by Gabriel Latino
- Passed unanimously

2. Playground Renovation Proposal

Context was provided by Principal Carmen Nicolas that the EMSB is planning a 2-million-dollar renovation of the Junior campus foundation and yard drainage and other basic infrastructure of the yard. The specifics of this renovation project remain to be confirmed due to complications within the EMSB's decision-making process and with the securing of city permits and the call for tenders to do the work. As a result it is not clear if the work will necessarily take place this coming summer. However, it was explained that this project provides an opportunity to move ahead with redesigning the school yard.

To that end, a planning committee for a redesign of the yard has been gathered, including Dr Kat, Cornelia, Christina, Mme Marie from second grade, Lara and Carmen, joined by a parent who is also a landscape architect Colin J. Hanley. It has met weekly since the new year and developed a plan for the long-term renovation and beautification of the schoolyard. Further to that, Ms Nicolas asked the Governing Board to pass a motion in support of her application for a supplementary grant from the Ministry of Education for a redesign of the Willingdon Junior Campus schoolyard. Since the official deadline for application had already passed, but there is some encouragement from the Ministry to apply nonetheless, this special meeting was required to get in the application as quickly as possible.

The grant, which could be as much as \$90 000 would allow for a first phase of this redesign to take place at the same time as the EMSB work on the infrastructure of the yard. This would also allow for some of the EMSB funds to go towards beautification of the yard instead of just recreating it as it is. It was made clear that the full redesign of the yard is likely to be done in phases over the next few years.

Ms Nicolas shared a Power Point presentation with some of the design ideas the committee has come up with. She added that the Governing Board will be updated as to the progress of this project at every meeting.

There was some discussion and then the following motion was presented:

The Willingdon Governing Board moves to approve the application for the schoolyard beautification grant for \$90 000 from the Ministry of Education.

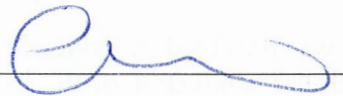
- Moved by Lucas Reindler
- Seconded by Nick Batzios
- It was passed unanimously.

3. Aurora Flewwelling-Skup moved adjournment at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted by Aurora Flewwelling-Skup.



Signature of Chairperson



Signature of Principal