

Willingdon Governing Board

Minutes

November 30, 2021. 18h30, Zoom

Present: Carmen Nicolas, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Joseph Lalla, Nick Batzios, Monique Imbeau, Maya Doughan, Tracy Lyall, Laura Primiano, Cornelia Mandoiu, Eric Lamoureux, Matt Follett, Laurice Morcos, Lara Belinsky, Mike Creamer

Regrets: Lucas, Kathleen

- I. Chairperson's Remarks/Welcome
- II. Approval of the agenda. Approved by consensus
- III. Approval of minutes from October 26, 2021. Nick's family name should be spelled "Batzios". Approved by consensus with corrections
- IV. Business Arising
 - a. COVID Response Update. Carmen explained that there has been one positive case this day. The person was not in the school, so no one has been put at risk.

Staff has been trained in how to do the rapid tests. 114 parents at Junior and 74 parents at Senior have accepted to have their children receive rapid tests. If a child needs a test, parents will be called first.

The school will be offering vaccinations at school December 17. At each campus, about 12 forms have been sent in to allow for vaccination. Each campus has 140 doses available.
 - b. Field trip list approval. Carmen presented the list of field trips to be approved. Parents pay for more recreational field trips, while the Ministry pays for cultural trips. Grade-level teams decide which trips should be proposed for each grade. Matt moved to approve the list of field trips for 2021-2022. Seconded by Cornelia. Unanimous.
- V. New Business
 - a. Approval of the annual report and resolution. Carmen presented the annual report of the Educational Project. Because Ministry exams have been cancelled for the past two years, the school has no data for the report, and the report states that. This coming year, it is expected that the exams will take place.

A resolution for this report was presented, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS Article 36 of The Education Act requires that The School develop an Educational Project that is coherent with the School Board's Commitment-to-Success Plan;

WHEREAS Article 37 requires that The School produces an annual report of its achievements concerning the objectives of the Educational Project for submission to the School Board;

WHEREAS the period covered by the Educational Project is harmonized with the Commitment-to-Success Plan period covered by the School Board;

IT WAS MOVED BY Eric Lamoureux and seconded by Tracy Lyall AND RESOLVED THAT the Annual Report on the Educational Project 2020-2021 be approved by the Governing Board, and that it be communicated to all stakeholders.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of the Sexuality Education Plan 2021-2022. Carmen presented the plan. A resolution for this plan was presented, which reads as follow:

WHEREAS section 85 of the Education Act states that the curriculum plan for the compulsory content in Sexuality Education must be approved by the school's governing board;

WHEREAS the principal, together with a committee of school staff and professionals from the health and social services system, have made recommendations for the implementation of the Sexuality Education Program and the information for the implementation of the Sexuality Education plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY Eric Lamoureux and seconded by Cornelia Mandoiu AND RESOLVED THAT the 2021-2022 Sexuality Education Curriculum Plan be approved, as presented, by the Governing Board and that it be communicated to all parents on the school website.

The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Budget presentation (Fund 6). Carmen explained that the budget previously presented lacked the Fund 6 Budget provisions, relating to government funding for supplementary allocations. The Special Needs Budget has been increased, covering the Wilson tutor. Funds are also allocated to schoolyard needs from Cour Ecole Vivante. A small fund exists for workshops for parents (Support to Parents), although it was not used last year. This year we will do workshops on sexual identity and stereotypes. This fund also covers the Transition to High School workshops. The

Support for FSL is for tutors for out-of-province students to better deal with French. The Homework Assistance Program funding has been used to pay tutors in classes. Ecole Inspirante supports field trips and guest speakers; this year, it is supporting the RESPECT campaign and cultural outings. The Joining Forces fund helps make links to community programmes that help students stay in school. The In School We Move funds have been helping make recesses more active for students. The Sortie Milieu Culturel funds have been spent largely on the Maison Amerindien outings. The Milk Program funds cover in-school milk. The Campaign Against Poverty funds help support struggling families and provide students with snacks and hot lunches when needed. Eric Lamoureux moved the approval of the budget, seconded by Laura Primiano. Unanimous.

VI. Question period

No questions were presented.

VII. Reports

- a. Principal. Carmen updated the GB about the status of the grant for renovating the schoolyard. The government did not approve the grant, but Willingdon will apply again.

Concerning the creation of a pre-kindergarten, we had Material Resources visit the school last June to see if we have the necessary bathrooms. The only classes that could work would be the two classes nearest the office, but there was construction required. This is likely to happen only next year.

Concerning the replacement of EDP by a BASE daycare, the first meeting was held with the school board team to see how to proceed. There will be the need for a GB letter giving permission to install a BASE daycare in Willingdon. There will be a presentation in January to show how it will operate, which will later be shared with parents. Jen in EDP has been asked to survey her staff about who has the proper certification and who intends to stay.

Kindergarten registration online will begin at Willingdon this coming year, involving a Google form for parents to take appointments to register.

Willingdon is hoping to be a pilot school for paying fees online through Mozaik.

The RESPECT campaign in December will cover disabilities of all sorts. In January, the topic will be LGBTQ people.

Mike has returned and is working at Senior campus due to his cane.

- b. Vice-Principal Junior Campus. Maya explained that there had been a fire drill in EDP. Junior campus has new printers and laptops. Grade 4 vaccinations will be happening in January. Games Club is being set up for students with behavioural problems. Concerns were raised by parents about crowding on the shuttle bus in the age of COVID
- c. Vice-Principal Senior Campus. Mike explained that there were 35 students who competed in a Math competition last week, several of which performed very well.
- d. Home and School. Since no representatives were able to attend, Aurora read out the report, which was appended to these minutes. All agreed that Home and School are doing a fantastic job!
- e. Teachers/MTA. The teachers invited a speaker Eric Michaud on Quebec history and culture. He will teach the students on how to tell stories, to prepare for the storytelling competitions.

In November, parent-teacher meetings were held and went well.

We also had a visit from a Pedagogical Counsellor Nicolas Doyon about teaching drama to students.

We have been talking to a animator to offer workshops to parents on parenting skills and transitions to pre-school.

We had a Ubisoft workshop on video games and animation.

Music Club is coming along well, as are the Choirs.

Nothing to report from MTA.

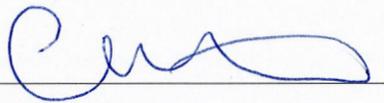
- f. EDP. Nothing to report.
- g. PAC. Aurora presented a report from Virginie Chambost, who could not attend. Another parent is helping out with PAC. They are focusing on playground beautification and the Parents Green Committee.
- h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative. Tracy explained that the last meeting went well. A moment of silence was held for the student who was killed recently. COVID concerns were discussed. All shared local initiatives.
- i. School Commissioner. Mr Lalla explained that the EMSB still boasts among the highest student success rates (90.3% vs 81% for all school boards public and private). Congratulations to all teachers and staff. Online education continues for students who

have medical reasons to learn from home. Without government funding, the EMSB has had to fund it alone.

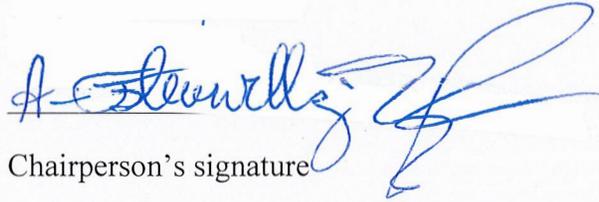
VIII. Varia. Aurora reinforced the appreciation from parents for the efforts of teachers and staff.

IX. Adjournment. Lara moved to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Lamoureux

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Principal's signature

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Chairperson's signature