

## Willingdon Governing Board

### Meeting Agenda - Tentative

May 31st, 2022

7PM Zoom

Present: Michael Creamer, Laurice Morcos, Cornelia Mandoiu, Carmen Nicolas, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Kathleen Usher, Eric Lamoureux, Lara Belinsky, Joe Lalla, Monique Imbeau, Nick Batzios, Matt Follett, Laura Primeau, Tracy Lyall, Lucy De Petrillo

- I. Chairperson's Remarks/Welcome. Aurora welcomed all and read out the Land Acknowledgement
- II. Approval of the agenda. Aurora added under New Business: d: Resolution to approve the opening of Pre-Kindergarten classes at Willingdon. Table b: GB Annual Report. Kat moved to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Tracy. Approved unanimously.
- III. Approval of the minutes of May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Cornelia moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Laura. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Business Arising. None.
- V. New Business
  - a. Grade Level School Fees. Carmen explained that the school fees are traditionally set in May for the coming year by teachers with help from consultants. They are then presented to Governing Board for approval. Some concerns were expressed about the level of the fees, with many costs related to workbooks, which are being discouraged at Ministry level. Parents were asked to be aware that the items on this list of materials do not reflect the whole of the curriculum taught at Willingdon. If workbook pages are left unfilled, we must be aware that teachers do their best to cover everything, but time runs out. Changes in books have possibly added to the costs. Nick moved to approve the fees as presented for 2022-2023, seconded by Matt. 9 in favour, 1 abstention, none opposed.
  - b. GB Annual Report. Tabled until the next meeting.
  - c. Year End Financial Statement. Aurora presented the document to be filled in and voted on. Eric moved that the Governing Board give the outstanding balance of \$250 to outgoing students as scholarships, seconded by Matt. Approved unanimously. Eric moved the approval of the financial statement, seconded by Laura. Approved unanimously.
  - d. Resolution to approve the opening of Pre-Kindergarten classes at Willingdon. Carmen presented a formal resolution that Willingdon offer three pre-kindergarten classes for 2022-2023. Kat moved the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Laurice. Approved unanimously.
- VI. Question

period. No questions

## VII. Reports

- a. Principal. Carmen explained that there are several field trips going on these weeks. A sense of normalcy has returned after COVID. The kindergarten and Grade 6 graduations are being planned. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a school-wide celebration of RESPECT at the Senior Campus for all grades. Report cards are being filled out to be sent June 23. Grade 6 students are writing their English and Math exams. A volunteer appreciation lunch may be organized outdoors in the park on June 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Vice-Principal Junior Campus. Michael explained that every grade level at Junior campus has had activities or trips. Renovations will begin soon to create the Pre-Kindergarten classes with bathrooms.
- c. Vice-Principal Senior Campus. Lucy explained that the honey sale went well, with another coming on June 1 at Junior campus. The RESPECT campaign is covering cultural diversity this month, with staff members contributing. The Grade 6 students presented care packages to the homeless. Grades 5 and 6 went to Plein-Air Lanaudiere. Students are excited to end the year. Tropical Day is this week. The Grade 4s are coming to visit as well.
- d. Home and School. Their report was circulated. Governing Board expressed deep gratitude for efforts to revive the grounds of the school.
- e. Teachers/MTA. Kathleen explained that the MTA had its annual general meeting today. Parents are still asked to send in testimonials concerning the needs for resources for special needs children, as this will be a key negotiating point in the coming year.

Lara explained that the Grade 4 visit to Senior Campus will be occurring soon. Grade 5s will be asked to help welcome and integrate the Grade 4s.

Cornelia and Monique explained that the kindergarten students went to CEPsum. They are now preparing for their graduation on June 17, with parents invited, but with bubbles maintained for different classes. Thanks were given to Home and School for pizzas sent to teachers, which helped their lives enormously.

Nick explained that his students are using software to compose music and they are using more instruments as COVID restrictions are being lifted.

- f. PAC. No report.
- g. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative. Neither representative was able to attend the last meeting, but one will be there at the next.
- h. School Commissioner. Mr. Lalla explained that the EMSB has held a special board meeting to vote to launch a legal challenge to Bill 96. He also gave thanks to parents and staff for giving up their time to be involved.

VIII. Varia. A huge thanks for given to Carmen for her six years of excellent service to Willingdon and fond well-wishes for her future! As well, thanks were given to all the teachers and parents and members of the governing Board for their incredible service this year.

IX. Adjournment. Monique moved to adjourn at 8:10, seconded by Lara.

Respectfully submitted by Eric Lamoureux

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Chairperson's signature

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Principal's signature

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