

Minutes of Willingdon Governing Board – Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30 in Staff Lounge

Present: Laura Primiano, Kathleen Usher, Laurice Morcos, Nick Batzios, Lucas Reindler, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Karyn Moffatt, Cornelia Mandoiu, Eugenia Carystios, Silvana Crigna, Eric Lamoureux, Lara Belinsky, Margo Stewart (Home and School), Jordana Moscovitch (daycare)

Regrets: Joe Lalla, Matt Follett, Kim Gregus

1. Principal's Remarks/Welcome/Appointment of Secretary

Principal Crigna welcomed everyone to the first Governing Board of the school year and asked Aurora to read aloud the land acknowledgement. She also asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda.

Principal Crigna presented the agenda. Lucas asked to move up the report from Home and School from 8c to 8a. Eric moved the adoption of the agenda, seconded by Lara.

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting.

Nick moved the adoption of the minutes, seconded by Aurora.

4. GB Designations

a. Chair.

Aurora moved the nomination of Eric, seconded by Lara. Approved unanimously.

b. Treasurer.

Eric moved the nomination of Laura, seconded by Kathleen. Approved unanimously.

5. Business Arising

a. COVID response update

Monitoring will continue – Parents notify the school of positive tests and the principal tracks and does follow up. Rapid tests continue to be distributed. Self-isolation continues as a response. Staff & students can return to school 5 days after being symptom free. If there are groupings of cases in the school, it will be monitored.

6. New Business

a. Internal Rules for GB meetings

Brief discussion of moving meeting end time to 8:30 and a correction of typos took place.

A move to accept the guidelines with a minor revision of typos was accepted unanimously.

b. Meeting Schedule:

September 20, October 18, November 29, January 24, March 14, April 18, and June 13

Laurice moved the acceptance of this year's meeting schedule, seconded by Kathleen. Approved unanimously.

c. Meeting format: virtual vs in person

Principal Crigna proposed the 1st meeting of the year (September 20) be in person and the last meeting of the year (June 13), with the rest being virtual. There was a brief discussion, and the motion was accepted unanimously.

d. Presentation of Annual Report 2021-2022 by past GB Chairperson, Ms. Aurora Flewwelling-Skup

Acceptance of the report was moved by Laura and Seconded by Kathleen and was approved unanimously.

e. Community Representatives

The need to find one to replace our previous representative from EDP was discussed. The board was asked to forward ideas of good representatives to Eric.

f. Parent Advisory Committee Chairperson

We need to also find someone willing to take on this role. A brief discussion ensued.

g. Upcoming School Outings

Currently the list is incomplete, but it will be submitted as soon as it has been completed. The delay is in part due to the raising of the cost of bussing, which is limiting options. Frustration was expressed at this situation, which of course comes on the tails of the pandemic restrictions which kept field trips from happening at all over the past few years.

Grade 2 is going apple picking Sept 28

Grade 4 has a 1-day camping trip w Lara potentially September 29th.

Cycle 3's x-country race is October 6th

Girl's cycle 3 soccer is underway

Karen moved to approve the current tentative list and Lara 2nded. It was approved unanimously.

7. Question Period

There were no questions submitted

8. Reports

a. Principal

Principal Crigna reported that it has been a good start to the year. The school is almost fully staffed, a few replacement staff positions (non-teaching) should be filled soon.

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)

VP Cornelia Mandoiu reported that the pre-k has adapted well. Entry and dismissal procedures are going well and enrollment is maintaining its numbers.

c. Vice Principal (Senior Campus)

VP Eugenia Carystios reported that she is settling in to her new role and the students are doing great.

d. Home and School

Events for the year to be voted on:

- 8 Pizza lunches
- 8 Froyos
- Halloween events including Haunted House and Pumpkin contest
- 3 Food drives for Le Grand Pas

Upcoming events

- Food Drive - October 6
- Photo Day - October 20
- Book Fair - November 23
- Pizza & Froyo dates to be determined shortly

Fundraising & Spending

- Purchased cookies for pre-K and Kindergarten as a welcome gift
- Coordinated and paid for Corn Roast on Sept 14

Family Support Fund

- Mini Bistro lunches are supplied each Wednesday. Hoping to offer more
- School supplies purchased and distributed
- We will be doing a Family Funds Support Drive soon. Goal of 11k

Grad Committee

- First Grad meeting will be held within in the next two weeks to form Grade committee

Exec positions

- New exec committee has been formed
Co-Chairs: Karen Negrete and Margo Stewart
Communications: Andrea Archibald
Treasurer: Ashley Baker
Website Coordinator: Kristy Ceuvas
Family Support Fund Coordinator: Daniela Fietta
Secretary: Veronica Santaguida
Member at Large: Ania Muller

e. Teachers/MTA

Kathleen reported as the MTA rep that the teachers are gearing up for a new round of negotiations but that the previous collective agreement still hasn't been fully implemented. Special needs students are a particular focus of the upcoming negotiations.

Kathleen reported that Green Committee is up and running and there's lots of student enthusiasm. Science classes are largely happening outside at Sr. campus and indoors at Jr. She's looking for new science mentors to sign up to come in to talk to students.

Nick reported that music is off to a smooth start. Singing and ideas are coming together. Great things will come our way. Grade 5 choir has started and recorder lessons are up and going.

Laurice reported that there's lots of enthusiasm and lots of cooperation among teachers.

Lara says she is enjoying watching the grade 5's come alive in the field outside Sr. campus. She reported that PE is up and running despite the bussing road blocks. It's fun to be planning things again like x-country, cycle 5 soccer and lunchtime basketball and grade 3 & 4 basketball league. The walking shuttle is on Thursday at 8:25.

f. B.A.S.E. Daycare

Jordana Moscovitch reported that the daycare has a good team who are really here for the kids. There are snacks, indoor field trips like Sportball on Oct 3rd and that the daycare is full.

g. Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

No report

h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative

No report

i. School Commissioner

No report

9. Varia

Aurora asked about resources for "special needs" students and was told all the available resources are being applied.

10. Adjournment. Lucas moved to adjourn at 8:22.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2022, at 6:30 pm

Principal's signature



Chairperson's signature

