

Willingdon Governing Board Agenda

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Carmen Nicolas, Peter Mckelvie, Eugenia Carystios, Kathleen Usher, Laura Primiano, Alex Ruaux, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Nick Batzios, Lisa Collymore, Daniel Quinn, Joseph Lalla, Karyn Moffatt, Karen Kleihauer, Christina Prentas, Jonathan Stein

Regrets:

Halah Al-Ubaidi, Lisa Collymore, Nadine Collins, Monique Imbeau

Minute-taker:

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda
Motion - Laura P.
Seconded - Aurora F-S

3. Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2023
Motion - Dr. Kat.
Seconded - Aurora F-S

4. Business Arising
 - a. Consultation regarding bike lane on Terrebonne
Peter McQueen - proposing the securing of Terrebonne for all forms of transportation
 - Terrebonne because it is in the middle of the two existing bike paths running from East to West
 - Active transportation to various schools, Benny facilities etc.
 - One way street to allow for more space
 - One way streets are safer for all people (helps reduce amount of incidents)
 - Most important new traffic light will be on Terrebonne and Canvendish will allow full stop for pedestrians to cross

- One side of street parking will be removed
- Installation is proposed for July 2024
- North side for cyclists going west
- South side for cyclists going east with row of parked cars with extension therefore students will have to be careful when being dropped off in front of school
- Plan is going ahead, but still some details to be decided upon
- Optional for seasonal bike path that gives parkers a break in winter
- 200 parking spots will be removed with this project out of approximately 15 000 parking spots in NDG (approximately 70 000 residents)

*Dr. Kat puts forward a motion that the traffic light on Terrebonne and Draper be removed and replaced with a 4-way stop and an additional 4-way stop be added to Royal and Terrebonne.

The main purpose for this motion is to make the crossing for our students safer when arriving and leaving school.

Seconded - Karen K.

*Passed unanimously

This will be put forward to the borough of NDG as a petition to be a part of the bike path project.

*Laura puts a motion forward to remove the bike paths during the winter months and the dates would correspond with the Fielding street bike path

Seconded - Aurora F-S

*Passed unanimously

*Aurora puts a motion forward to limit any potential parking vignettes to allow teachers to park between the hours 8am to 5 pm.

b. Consultation for Educational Project

- only 30 respondents to questions posed to parents regarding Educational Project

Any new issues:

- to have adequate support for students with IEP's
- to have adequate support for all students to be proficient in the french language
- social emotional student health issues have increased dramatically (90% of support staff dedicating their time to this)

What new activities, programs etc. would the community like to implement in the future at Willingdon?

- 1) School yard play plan trying to get staff and students on board to create a school yard with purpose (prioritizing positive play and social opportunities to help students have times/different locations to decompress during recess and lunch breaks with active staff supervision)
- 2) A program for parents and school staff to work together to help with the Social Emotional Learning within the school community

5. New Business

- a. Approval of the Anti-bullying and anti-violence plan (ABAV)
 - example: difference between conflict and bullying (teaching conflict-resolution skills)
 - see specifics that are within this very thorough document (document was approved by the Willingdon staff council)
Kristen moved to approve this document
Seconded - Laura P.
*Passed unanimously

*Aurora puts a motion forward to extend the meeting at 8:20 pm

Seconded - John Stein

- b. Approval of the Daycare Handbook (same as last year)
Dr. Kat moves to adopt this handbook
Seconded - Mr. Nick
- c. Approval of the preschool standards and procedures
Laura P. moves to adopt these preschool standards and procedures
Seconded - Aurora F-S
- d. Team Names
 - trying to increase school spirit and pride
 - Willingdon Wolverines
Karen K. moves to adopt Willingdon Wolverines as the new team name
Seconded - Kristen
- e. Ball Hockey Tournament in Laval & Sun Youth Flag Football
Aurora F-S moves to approve these two events
Seconded - Karen K.

f. Home & School Film Festival

- Students will be doing Home & School Activity that gives opportunity for students to create short films and have an evening to showcase some of the best films to Willingdon families
- Kristen moved to approve these events
- Seconded - Mr. Nick

g. Senior Campus Activities

- Free 10-week video game creation will be once a week during class for grade 5 students
 - Art enrichment "Explorations Program" - 2 students will be nominated from each classroom for cycle 3
- Mr. Nick moved to approve these activities at senior campus
Seconded - Laura P.

6. Question Period

Kristen asked about the lack of a crossing guard at senior campus.

This was inquired into by Eugenia C. and it is due to the strike of the FAE. A solution is in the works.

7. Reports presented by:

- a. Principal
- b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)
- c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)
- d. Home and School (not present to share)
- e. Teachers/MTA (Dr. Kat, Mr. Nick & Ms. Christina)
- f. B.A.S.E. Daycare (not present to share)
- g. Parent Advisory Committee (Kristen)
- h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative (not present to share)
- i. School Commissioner (Joe L. will send a full report by email)
- j. Community Representatives (not present to share)

8. Varia

9. Adjournment 9:30 pm

Motioned by Aurora



Principal



GB chair