



Willington Governing Board Agenda

Thursday, January 25 6:30 p.m.

Present: Carmen Nicolas, Eugenia Carystios, Halah Al-Ubaidi, Nadine Collins, Monique Imbeau, Kathleen Usher, Nick Batzios, Benedict Bohn, Harpreet Parmar, Daniel Quinn, Karen Kleihauer, Kristin McNeil, Alex Ruax, Natasha Holden, Karyn Moffatt

Regrets: Peter Mckelvie, Christina Prentas, John Stein, Lisa Collymore, Joseph Lalla, Aurora Flewwelling-Skup, Laura Primiano

Minute-taker: Karyn Moffatt

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement
Read by Kathleen Usher

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Nick Batzios

Seconded By: Karen Kleihauer

3. Approval of Minutes of December 5, 2023

Moved By: Kristin McNeil

Seconded By: Monique Imbeau

Adopted Unanimously

4. New Business
 - a. Educational Project Approval

Presented by: Carmen Nicolas

Moved By: Kathleen Usher

Seconded By: Monique Imbeau

Adopted Unanimously

- b. Budget Approval

Presented by: Carmen Nicolas



Moved By: Kristin McNeil
Seconded By: Nick Batzios

Adopted Unanimously

c. ECA Approval
Presented by Eugenia Carystios
Two after school activities, Kids Chef Italia (Tuesdays) and DIY Jewelry (Fridays) will be offered

Moved By: Kathleen Usher
Seconded By: Monique Imbeau

Adopted Unanimously

d. Kind Kids Approval
Presented by: Carmen Nicolas
A program for grade 1 & 2 students to increase pro-social play skills and emotional IQ will be offered for 40 min a week for 8 weeks during English class. If the program goes well it may be continued but would target grade 1 only.

Moved By: Monique Imbeau
Seconded By: Natasha Holden

Adopted Unanimously

e. Red Cross Babysitting Course Approval
Presented by: Eugenia Carystios
Babysitter training to be offered during an upcoming ped day.

Moved By: Nick Batzios
Seconded By: Kristin McNeill

Adopted Unanimously

f. Swimming K Classes Approval
Presented by: Benedict Bohn
Pre-K, K, and Grade 1 students will go to the YMCA-NDG for swim lessons.

Moved By: Karen Kleihauer
Seconded By: Natasha Holden



Adopted Unanimously

5. Question Period

No questions were raised

6. Reports

a. Principal

Carmen Nicolas provided an update on the open house and the registration period for new and returning students, tax forms, term II report cards, parent teacher interviews, post-strike catchup initiatives, and bus strike.

Motion to extend the meeting at 8:30

Moved by: Kathleen Usher

Seconded by: Karen Kleihauer

Adopted Unanimously

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus)

Included with the senior campus update

c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus)

Eugenia Carystios provided an update for both campuses on the school survey in November, exploration enrichment activities, open house, and outdoor play changes with the weather.

d. Home and School

No update

e. Teachers/MTA

Kathleen Usher provided an update on the MTA and upcoming vote on the agreement in principle.

Kathleen Usher presented on teacher-led ECA activities, science classroom activities, and the upcoming annual camping trip

Nick Batzios presented on music activities, including a new choir, as well as a grade 6 field trip to the symphony orchestra.

Benedict Bohn shared that gym and science classes are going well.



- f. B.A.S.E. Daycare
No report
- g. Parent Advisory Committee
Alex Ruax shared parent concerns regarding difficulty understanding BASE invoices and the fee structures.
- h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative
Kristin McNeil presented a summary of the PC meeting on Jan 11.
- i. School Commissioner
No report
- j. Community Representatives
Halah Al-Ubaidi presented a summary of ongoing challenges in the community including lack of affordable housing, community space, and food security, and reported on current and recent community activities

Nadine Collins echoed these concerns and provided an update on activities by women on the rise.

- 7. Principal Selection Criteria
Motion to remove last two lines criteria.
Moved by Kathleen Usher
Seconded by Karen Kleihauer

Adopted Unanimously

Motion to revise criterion 9 to read, "Be an advocate for students of all needs, abilities, and identities".

Moved by Kathleen Usher
Seconded by Karen Kleihauer

Passed with 1 abstention

Motion to accept the document as revised.

Moved by Benedict Bohn



Seconded by Karen Kleihauer

Adopted Unanimously

8. Varia

9. Adjournment

Monique Imbeau moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33

Governing Board Chair

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