



Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Children's World Academy



2241 rue Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: April 29, 2015

Time: 6:50 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.

Present:

Julieta Ascencio, Rebecca Best, Sonia Bouchard, Milena Brunetta Anita Coretti, Mario Coverini, , David Estok, Karen Heather, Josée. Beauchemin, Andrea Intrevado, Michelle Johnstone, Mathieu Lavallée, Maria Martinez, Néomie La Roque, Jennifer Millen, Elisa Sebastiano, Sandra Vidonne, Devon Warnock

Absent with Reason:

Frank Di Bello, Claudio Mazzuca, Johanne Moreau

Absent without Reason:

None

Guests:

Avila Erindi

Meeting Agenda

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| 1. Welcome / Regrets | | J. Millen |
| 2. Adoption of the Agenda | | J. Millen |
| 3. Minutes from March 31, 2015 | | J. Millen |
| 4. Questions from the public | | |
| 5. Correspondence | | |
| 6. Continuing Business | | |
| 6.1 Uniform Sub-Committee updates | (I; D) | J. Millen / D. Estok |
| 6.2 Playground Sub-Committee updates | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok |
| 6.3 Major School Change | (I; D; DE) | J. Millen / D. Estok |
| 7. New Business | | |
| 7.1 Junglesport – Service Contract | (I; D) | D. Estok |
| 7.2 Lunch Supervision Fees (2015-2016) | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok |
| 7.3 Kindergarten Release Time | (I; D) | D. Estok |
| 7.4 Consumable Fees (workbook fees) | (I; D) | D. Estok |
| 8. Standing Reports | | |
| 8.1 Principal | | D. Estok |
| 8.2 Daycare Report | | K. Heather |
| 8.3 Teacher’s Report | | S. Bouchard |
| 8.4 PPO | | E. Sebastiano |
| 8.5 Regional Parent Representative | | A. Intrevado |
| 8.6 Commissioner | | F. Di Bello |
| 9. Field Trips | | Staff |
| 10. Members’ Open Forum | | All |
| 11. Adjournment | | |

1. Welcome

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda. Motioned by S. Bouchard and seconded by M. Lavallée.

Resolution # 2015-04-02 All in favour. Motion passed

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting. Motioned by R. Best and seconded by S. Bouchard.

Resolution # 2015-04-03 All in favour. Motion passed.

4. Public Question Period

No questions from the public.

5. Correspondence

Bus Safety Annual Campaign

This year the campaign includes kindergarten workshops, Bus Safety posters, and a website with scheduled learning activities.

Home Schooling Policy

Has been received and will be circulated to Governing Board members.

6. Continuing Business

6.1 Uniform Sub-Committee Updates

The CWA try-on dates for school uniform purchase through the new supplier, have been booked for May 15 (Kindergarten orientation day) and June 03 and 04, 2015. In an effort to ensure that the try-on / purchase process works smoothly, parents will be invited to attend on a specific date. The price list will be sent out to parents next week.

6.2 Playground Sub-Committee Update

The Sub-Committee met with the consultant from BC2 and answered a range of questions regarding natural versus artificial surfacing for the playground renewal project. Three other local schools currently have artificial turf fields. A parents' forum will be arranged as soon as possible so parents can become informed about the process and materials selected for the playground renewal.

WHEREAS the Governing Board of Children's World Academy has created a Playground sub-committee composed of parents and staff to review playground improvement and make recommendations to the Governing Board regarding this matter, and

WHEREAS the Playground sub-committee has conducted a thorough review of the material options (artificial and natural), and

WHEREAS the Playground sub-committee has found that the choice of artificial field turf best suits the needs of the CWA community in terms of functionality, practicality, cost, and safety, and

Be it therefore resolved that the Governing Board of CWA agrees in principal, on the recommendation of the Playground sub-committee, to approve the initiation of the selection and installation of an artificial turn field, as part of the playground renewal project.

WHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, on a motion by S. Bouchard and seconded by D. Warnock approval for the selection and installation of an artificial turn field be accepted.

Resolution # 2015-04-06.2 All in favour. Motion passed.

6.3 Major School Change Consultation

Ms. Millen explained the context of the last major school change, the recommendations that were submitted by CWA as the result of the consultation within the school community. She then introduced the documentation, explained the process and the responsibilities of sub-committee members involved in the current Major School Change consultation.

Motion to form a sub-committee to prepare and present to the Governing Board, a consultation brief with the CWA response to the Major School Change as requested by the LBSPB. Motioned by D. Warnock and seconded by S. Bouchard. The members of this subcommittee are: M. Martinez, M. Johnstone, D. Warnock, A. Erindi, N. La Roque, R. Best, D. Estok, J. Millen.

Resolution # 2015-04-06.3 All in favour. Motion passed.

7. New Business

7.1 Junglesport – Service Contract

Junglesport is a facilitated climbing adventure for students to attend during Phys Ed. Classes and during additional periods in the school week. Mr. Estok explained that MELS sponsorship of the activity has been discontinued, so the cost has increased to \$15 per student this year.

Motion to approve service contract for Junglesport (19-29 May, 2015) at a cost of \$15 per student.

Motioned by D. Warnock and seconded by K. Heather.

Resolution # 2015-04-07.1 All in favour. Motion passed.

7.2 Lunch Supervision Fees (2015-2016)

CWA has charged the current annual Lunch Supervision fee of \$340 per student for at least a decade. D. Estok explained that LBPSB has recommended an across the board standardization of Lunch supervision fees. The new recommended annual fee is \$360 per student. Students who are enrolled in other daycare services will not be effected.

Motion to approve a \$20 increase in Lunch Supervision fees to \$360 per student in 2015-2016.

Motioned by N. La Roque and seconded by R. Best

Resolution # 2015-04-07.2 All in favour. Motion passed.

7.3 Kindergarten Release Time

D. Estok explained that LBPSB will be reducing specialist release time by 90 minutes per week in the Kindergarten grades. This will result in the weekly cancellation of 60 minutes of drama, and 30 minutes of phys. Ed. It was explained that the kindergarten lunch break would be extended by 18 minutes a day, and would be supervised by daycare staff.

A number of Governing Board parent members voiced their concerns over the negative implications this drastic cutback will have on the CWA kindergarten program in terms of early learning and development, and the effect of making the CWA program less attractive to new parents. It was further raised that the workload reduction will make CWA a less attractive option for specialist teachers. It was agreed that the wider educational community at CWA should be advised and informed of this decision by the LBPSB.

7.4.1 Consumable Fees (Workbook fees)

D. Estok explained that the current \$50 Workbook fee will remain the same for 2015-16. However, LBPSB now requires schools to provide parents for an itemized invoice for this fee. A key item on the invoice will be **Reproducibles** which is a general charge for all photocopying and printing throughout the year. The Workbook Summary list will be presented to the Governing Board for approval, at the May, 2015 meeting.

7.4.2 School Supply Fees

D. Estok explained that while CWA has traditionally provided school supplies to parents at a subsidized cost, parents are now offered the opportunity to opt out of the CWA school supplies package, and to purchase the items on the list at their own cost. The 2015-16 school supply lists for each grade level will be presented to the Governing Board for approval at the May, 2015 meeting.

8. Standing Reports

8.1 Principals Report

Green Initiative Summit

The Green summit was a huge success, and was broadcast on the Montreal nightly news. CWA hosted students from 8 elementary schools and 2 high schools. A very big thank you is extended to all of the staff and parent volunteers who made the event such as success. A special thank you is extended to Ivy Kwan and WalterTom for their help in sourcing the delicious, locally sourced, all-organic lunch, and the ceramic dishes which were washed and returned to the supplier.

Seniors Luncheon

Thank you to the volunteers and students who made this event such a treat for the guests.

Food Drive

The grade 1 food drive has once again provided the HOPE society with much needed resources.

Me-to-We

Grade 5 and 6 students enthusiastically embraced the Me-to-We campaign. The recent dress-down day raised \$700 which will be used to buy 15 goats as a contribution to building a more sustainable local economy. Together with the student council, the grade 5 and 6 students are also busy organizing the Used Book sale to raise more funds for the campaign.

Comedy Night

While sales are strong, there are still tickets available for this night of fun.

8.2 Daycare Report

Presented by K. Heather. Highlights included:

The Exploring Art Unit of Inquiry is finished and parents are invited to see the artworks at an exhibition next Monday afternoon.

The Destination Imagination school board competition was held on April 24, 2015. 56 students (8 teams) from CWA competed against 22 teams from across the LBPSB. Students had pizza and sorbet for lunch, and the competition was fierce. In the Fine Arts Challenge (Feary Tales) CWA teams took first and second place, and in the Animals and Habitat Challenge, a CWA team took second place.

On the May 15 Ped Day, students will visit Mount Royal to learn about the local ecosystems and the geology of the mountain with Les Amis de la Montagne Mont Royal.

Pediatric students from PAC will visit next week to present on *Sun Safety*.

Daycare educators are invited to an educational / motivational workshop at the LBPSB on May 14, 2015

The anticipated \$8 increase in Daycare fees will not occur before the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Fees will remain at \$7.30 until June 23, 2015.

Parents paying for school daycare services will be notified that the associated indexation of costs (as specified by the Provincial government and Revenue Quebec) will not apply to school daycare services.

8.3 Teachers' Report

Presented by S. Bouchard. Highlights included:

Kindergarten

The upcoming field trip to the Ecomuseum (May 4) will launch the final unit of inquiry ***Fur, Feathers, Scales***. Students have been discovering all the signs of spring on their Spring Nature Walks.

Grade 1

Nous terminons le module «***Animaux en danger***». Visite au Biodôme (métro) s'est très bien déroulé. Ramasse les déchets dehors en vue d'aider l'environnement et d'éviter le plastique dans l'eau.

Grade 2

Nous sommes vers la fin de notre module «**A moi le monde**». Les élèves sont engagés dans leur travail sommatif afin de pouvoir présenter lors de notre mini expo le 6 mai.

Grade 3

We are working on our creations for **Creative Minds**. We will have a mini-exhibition for other students. Guepe is coming soon for our next unit of inquiry, on **Deforestation**.

Grade 4

We are wrapping up our unit of inquiry on **Rocks and Minerals**. The students are getting very involved by bringing in rocks and analyzing their composition.

Grade 5

On April 29th, we went to *Le musée du fier monde* for our unit of inquiry on industrialization.

Grade 6

Students have started their end of year exams and are getting ready for the trip away to Camp Jouvence. The high school mini-day went very well, and the Me-to-We campaign raised enough money to buy 15 goats

Art

Module sur **Autoportrait** en cours.

Space Club

The last video conference was held on April 21st and was on the Solar System. We will be visiting the Planetarium on May 20th as an end of year activity. From May 04 to June 15 we will be focusing on preparations with the four students attending Space Camp in Turkey.

IB

The school-wide, learner profile focus on **Taking Action** is encouraging and engaging students in coming forward with self-initiated actions.

8.4 PPO Report**Presented by E. Sebastiano.**

The PPO is pleased to announce that they will provide students with a free pizza lunch in June.

TCBI Frozen Yogurt will be available on the last Friday in June, 2015.

The Yard Sale has been scheduled for June 06, 2015.

The PPO will soon present the Governing Board with a grid of potential fundraising opportunities for discussion and approval.

8.5 Regional Parent Representative Report

The meeting was cancelled this month and the Major School Change was discussed instead.

8.6 Commissioner Report

No report

9. Field Trips

9.1 Ratified Field Trips

Grade	Grade 6
Date / Time	Monday, April 27, 2015 (9:30. - 1:00)
Purpose	Transition to High School - LBPSB High School Mini Day
Destination	Various Lester B. Pearson High Schools
Transportation	School bus / Staff car pool / Parent transportation (depending on destination selected)
Cost	NIL
Supervision Ratio	1:7 (10 adults : 72 students)

Grade	Kindergarten:
Date / Time	Monday, May 4, 2015 (8:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)
Purpose	Related to Furs, Feathers, and Scales Unit
Destination	Ecomuseum – Ste. Anne de Bellevue
Transportation	School bus
Cost	\$8
Supervision Ratio	1: 4 (24 adults : 80 students)

Motion to approve 2 ratified field trips. Motioned by S. Bouchard and seconded by J. Beauchemin.

Resolution # 2015-04-09.1 All in favour. Motion passed.

9.2 New Field Trips

Grade	5 and 6 (selected students)
Date / Time	Thursday May 14, 2015 (8:05am – 11:45am)
Purpose	GMAA Halo Road Race: Individual competition – x-country
Destination	Mount Royal Park
Transportation	School bus
Cost	\$ 10
Supervision Ratio	1:7 (6 adults : 40 students)

Grade	4, 5, 6 (selected students)
Date / Time	03 June, 2015 (8:15am – 2:15pm) N.B: Rain date: 04 June
Purpose	Track and Field meet
Destination	Riverdale H.S.: Sources and Gouin
Transportation	School bus
Cost	\$ 12
Supervision Ratio	1:12 (8 adults : 96 students)

Grade	All grades (Daycare)
Date / Time	15 May, 2015 (8 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
Purpose	Appreciation of nature and geology
Destination	Mount Royal Park
Transportation	School bus
Cost	\$20
Supervision Ratio	1:12 (10 adults : 120 students)

Grade	2
Date / Time	Various dates/times
Purpose	Dégustations: Découvrir le goute du monde
Destination	In-class
Transportation	Nil
Cost	\$3
Supervision Ratio	In-class

Grade	5 and 6
Date / Time	May 20, 2015 (11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
Purpose	Introduction to astronomy with scientific outlook on our universe
Destination	Planetarium de Montreal
Transportation	Car pool
Cost	No cost to students (by generous donation)
Supervision Ratio	1:4 (4 adults : 16 students)

Motion to approve 4 new field trips and 1 in-class activity. Motioned by D. Warnock and seconded by M. Brunetta.

Resolution # 2015-04-09.2 All in favour. Motion passed.

10. Members Open Forum

Nil

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. All in favour.

Respectfully Submitted

Michelle Johnstone

Secretary

Signed by:

Jennifer Millen

Governing Board Chairperson

David Estok

Principal