



Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Children's World Academy



2241 rue Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: May 26, 2015 (rescheduled for June 1, 2015)

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Present:

Julieta Ascencio, Rebecca Best, Sonia Bouchard, Milena Brunetta, Anita Coretti, David Estok, Andrea Intrevado, Néomie La Roque, Mathieu Lavallée, Maria Martinez, Claudio Mazzuca, Jennifer Millen, Elisa Sebastiano, Sandra Vidonne, Devon Warnock

Absent with Reason:

Josée Beauchemin, Mario Coverini, Frank Di Bello, Karen Heather, Michelle Johnstone, Johanne Moreau

Absent without Reason:

None

Guests:

None

Meeting Agenda

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| 1. Welcome / Regrets | | J. Millen |
| 2. Adoption of the Agenda | | J. Millen |
| 3. Minutes from April 29, 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 |
| 6.4 Consumable Fees | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok |
| 7. New Business | | |
| 7.1 Supply Lists | (I; D) | D. Estok |
| 7.2 School Calendar for 2015-2016 | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok |
| 7.3 CWA Librarian Position | (I; D; 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

Mario Coverini, Frank Di Bello, Karen Heather, Josée Beauchemin, Michelle Johnstone, and Johanne Moreau send their regrets. Maria Martinez volunteered to be secretary.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda, with the addition of *7.3 CWA Librarian Position*.

Motioned by S. Bouchard and seconded by M. Brunetta.

Resolution #2015-05-02 All in favour. Motion passed

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting.

Motioned by D. Warnock and seconded by A. Intrevado.

Resolution # 2015-05-03 All in favour. Motion passed.

4. Public Question Period

No questions from the public.

5. Correspondence

Pearson Educational Foundation Newsletters: April 2015; May 2015

Thank you letter from LBPSB for CWA's response to the 2015-2016 Budget Consultation

E-copy of Three-year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables (2015-2018). CWA asked for two amendments (see Resolution#2015-03-07.2) but received neither.

GB will write a letter of inquiry for clarification on the inclusion of the requested amendments.

Letter from CPC Chair regarding cuts to the education budget, along with copy of letter to modify and send to our MNA once resolution is passed by our GB.

6. Continuing Business

6.1. Uniform Sub-Committee updates

As was the custom established by Top Marks, CWA's new uniform supplier, Moni, was present at the Kindergarten orientation, providing parents with an opportunity to order uniforms for August pick-up or delivery. The initial orders seemed to go well.

A second round of try-on dates were scheduled for June 3 and 4.

Specific information regarding pricing / ordering has been sent out to parents.

6.2 Playground Sub-Committee updates

D. Estok provided an update on the activities of the playground subcommittee. Highlights included:

A public meeting for parents was held on May 25 as advertised. Only 2 CWA parents attended the meeting other than sub-committee and GB members. Questions about whether materials were hypo-allergenic, fencing, access to the larger community were asked, and Francois Hebert was in attendance to help answer these questions.

A meeting was held with representatives from *Field Turf* on May 14 to review details of proposal and plan the next steps.

The site survey will be done during week of June 8; following that, any levelling or repairs to asphalt will be arranged.

The completed project, including a four-foot perimeter fence will cost school approximately \$25,000. These costs do not include the field turf product which has been generously donated by the company, *Field Turf*.

6.3 Major School Change

The initial meeting of the sub-committee is scheduled for the week of June 08, 2015.

6.4 Consumable 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 with an itemized invoice for this fee. The cost of a key item on the invoice, **Reproducibles**, is variable and is a general charge

for all photocopying done locally as well as printing done through the school board throughout the year. The cost of art materials will vary as well. However, in all cases, the actual costs *Reproducibles* alone is greater than the amount billed to parents.

Motion to adopt the consumable fees for 2015-2016.

Motioned by M. Lavallée and seconded by D. Warnock.

Resolution # 2015-05-06.4 All in favour. Motion passed.

7. New Business

7.1 Supply Lists

D. Estok explained that the Supply lists are much the same as in past years, and that the school continues to substantially subsidize the items included on the supply lists. Some discussion was had about this cost to the school, especially in light of the cutbacks to some of our educational programs and services.

There has been a growing issue with the attitudes of some cycle 2 students towards ownership & responsibility of these classroom materials.

In the new school year, parents of students who lose items purchased for them through supply list fees, will be asked to cover replacement costs.

A covering letter will be sent to parents with Supply Lists, indicating fees guidelines, and informing parents that they have the right to opt out of this plan if they so choose.

Motion to approve a \$5 increase in School Supply fees for 2015-2016. Fees for K - Grade 2 will be increased from \$30 to \$35, and fees for Grades 3-6 will be increased from \$25 to \$30.

Motioned by A. Intrevado and seconded by S. Bouchard.

Resolution # 2015-05-07.1 All in favour. Motion passed.

7.2 School Calendar for 2015-2016

D. Estok explained the changes that have been made to the 2015-2016 school calendar:

- There will be 4 **local** Ped days (instead of three) in anticipation of the Federal election being delayed. The October 19 Ped day would otherwise have been a board-wide Ped day. It is not an additional Ped day.

- Open House is moved earlier to November 12, and relies on parent volunteers.
- Portfolio Night is on November 19.
- Entrance Evaluations are scheduled for December 2.

Motion to approve updates to the CWA school calendar (2015-2016).

Motioned by R. Best and seconded by S. Vidone.

Resolution # 2015-05-07.2 All in favour. Motion passed.

7.3 CWA Librarian Position

D. Estok informed the GB of LBPSB's decision to terminate all non-tenured positions in response to the government's recent budgetary cutbacks. Elementary schools have been informed that school librarian positions will be terminated, including CWA's school librarian position. The LBPSB will continue to employ 3 tenured librarians who will be assigned to high schools.

Reaction to this information was immediate and the GB made a number of suggestions regarding getting our school community involved in fighting this decision, as well as LBPSB's recent decision to eliminate the Kindergarten specialist teaching.

Concrete measures for addressing the issue will be revisited at the June GB meeting.

8. Standing Reports

8.1 Principal's Report

Highlights included:

The **Comedy Night fundraiser** raised around \$4000. Thank you to all who supported this event, especially Liz Sanniti, who worked extremely hard to make it a success.

We are revising our practice regarding **lice checks**. A group of parent volunteers is being trained by the nurse to conduct regular checks at specific times (in September and after major holidays) during the school year.

Thank you to all parents who helped out with the **English book fair** in May, and to Ms. Patricia who organized this important event for the school. There were almost \$6000 in sales which translates into \$3300 worth of books for classrooms.

Kindergarten parents enjoyed the **Beatles tribute concert** last week. It was a great success. Students from the grade 4 choir also performed.

Kindergarten orientation went well on May 15. Currently, our enrollment for next year is 546.

JungleSport took place during the week of May 18-29. Thank you to Ms. McDougall and Mr. Walker for organizing this event.

One more set of **Chromebooks** and a cart has been purchased for grade 5, completing the 1:1 student-device ratio for all of cycle 3.

We extend our congratulations to **Jadwiga Skulska** who has announced her retirement at the end of this school year. Ms. Skulska has had a long and venerable career at CWA, and as a senior staff member here, was an important part of the work done by the school to establish the IB program. Her experience, knowledge and wisdom will be greatly missed by all at CWA.

The CWA **Garage Sale** will be held on June 6, starting at 10:00 a.m. Dominos is generously donating pizzas for the event.

The draw for the **PK Subban Jersey Raffle** will take place this Friday. Thank you to Tony Marinaro for providing the autographed jersey.

Ivy Kwan has been chosen as our **Volunteer of the Year**. Ms. Kwan has been a daily presence in the school this past year, helping in classrooms, reading to students, helping with field trips, school events, book fairs, fund-raisers, and so on. She has been one of three parents who have organized volunteers as a volunteer coordinator, and has been a tremendous help throughout our school community.

8.2 Daycare Report

Presented by K. Heather. Highlights included:

The third IB session will finish on June 5th.

The final Chartwell's meal for the year will be served on June 5th.

The daycare end-of-year show, *Around the World in Song and Dance* will be held on June 17th at 4pm.

Daycare registration for next year is ongoing. Forms are due by June 02, 2015.

The Ped day on June 1st will be held at school and is a team challenge day with a Father's Day craft activity. Pizza lunch will be served.

Daycare staff attended an early morning LBPSB workshop on May 19th. It was motivational, short and satisfactory for most of the staff. We all made it back in time for lunch!

8.3 Teachers' Report

Presented by S. Bouchard. Highlights included:

Kindergarten

We are well into our unit *Fur, Feathers and Scales*, and are wrapping up our year-long unit on *Seasons*. The Beatles concert was a huge success, and we will visit Camp Pioneer in June.

Grade 1

27 mai au jardin botanique pour le règne végétal. Semis et expériences en classe. Sunday (Google Forum) pour évaluer les connaissances antérieures. Élèves commencent à utiliser leur compte GAFE.

Grade 2

Début du nouveau *Sur les traces du passé*.

Grade 3

We will visit Héritage St Bernard in Chateauguy on June 4th, as part of our unit on *Forests of the World*. Students will learn about factors that affect forest life.

Grade 4

As an introduction to our final unit of inquiry (*Healthy Body, Healthy Mind*) students visited Camp Bout-en-train in Chertsey, QC, on May 29th.

Grade 5

Grade 5 enjoyed their visit to Musée du Fier Monde. They have started the unit on *Oceans*.

Grade 6

Camp Jouvence was a huge success. MELS French and English exams are over and students are currently doing their Math exams.

Spanish

Hispanic Week will be held later this month. All classes will complete special in-class activities during the week. The Grade 4 unit, *Vamos a Comer*, will be coming to an end soon. So far students have really enjoyed it.

Space Club

Students are working on a video to show at the Talent Night.

8.4 PPO Report

Presented by E. Sebastiano.

2015-2016 Year book is completed and is ready for printing.

The Garage Sale is scheduled for the weekend of June 6th. We have accepted a Pizza donation and other items that we will sell. We are advertising the sale and tables for rent through Craig's List, Kijiji, door-to-door visits, and flyers in mail boxes.

8.5 Regional Parent Representative Report

Presented by A. Intrevado. Highlights included:

1) Special Needs Advisory Committee: **SNAC**

On Feb 22nd QESEC (Quebec English Special Education Commissioners) was created from special needs parent commissioners to produce a common united voice to MELS. QESEC created a letter of recommendations which was endorsed by the English Parents Committee Association...to be presented to MELS.

SNAC agreed to share the content of the IEP resource kits with all the special needs committees from other Quebec English School Boards

2. LBPSB Summer school will be held at St. Thomas & LCCHS
3. TOPS was a success at Lakeside Academy
4. Robotics competition at JRHS was a success
5. Most of the conversation continues to revolve around Major Schools Change
6. LBPSB parents committees are sending out a petition to retain librarians
7. New study on the efficiency of Quebec School Boards

Posted by Mike Nalecz - LPHS Wednesday at 1:07pm

Favorable press for LBPSB (radio- canada Fr)

A recently leaked study indicates that the Quebec government can achieve economies of \$147 million in school boards. Something more difficult to do for those who are efficient, like LBPSB. Also difficult to do when you have a monster sized school board like the CSDM in which economies of \$83 million are said to be available.

<http://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelles/societe/2015/05/26/001-commissions-sco...>

The results show that LBPSB is:

3rd most efficient SB in Quebec.

1st place amongst the school boards on the Island of Montreal and

1st place amongst all English school boards in Quebec.

The results of this study provide more reason for us to be concerned over announced budget cuts. If we are already running tight in terms of administration, then any future cuts are most likely to affect delivery of services to students.

8.6 Commissioner Report

No report.

9. Field Trips

9.1 Ratified Field Trips

Grade	1
Date / Time	Wednesday, May 27 (8:15 a.m. – 3:00pm)
Purpose	To highlight concepts in the Module de recherche 'le règne végétal'
Destination	Jardin Botanique – 4101 Sherbrooke St. E
Transportation	School bus
Cost	\$8
Supervision Ratio	1:4 (20 adults : 78 students)

Grade	3
Date / Time	Thursday, June 4 (8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)
Purpose	To highlight concepts in the unit of inquiry 'The Forests of the World'
Destination	Héritage Saint-Bernard, 80 Boulevard D'Youville, Châteauguay, QC J6J 5T9
Transportation	School bus
Cost	\$11
Supervision Ratio	1:7 (12 adults : 78 students)

Grade	4 and 5
Date / Time	Friday, May 08, 2015 (9:00. - 2:00)
Purpose	LCCHS Leader Day (Student Leadership and High School Transition)
Destination	LCCHS, 240 9 th Ave, LaSalle
Transportation	School bus
Cost	NIL
Supervision Ratio	1:10 (15 adults : 152 students)

Grade	4 and 5 (selected)
Date / Time	Tuesday, May 26 (5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m)
Purpose	Recognition for Roots and Shoots projects
Destination	LBPSB Head Office, 1925 Brookdale, Dorval
Transportation	School bus / Parent car pool
Cost	NIL
Supervision Ratio	1:2 (2 adults : 4 students)

Motion to ratify 5 field trips.

Motioned by M. Brunetta and seconded by C. Mazzuca.

Resolution # 2015-05-09.1 All in favour. Motion passed.

9.2 New Field Trips

Grade	Kindergarten
Date / Time	Monday June 8, & Thursday 18, 2015
Purpose	Visit to a hobby farm as part of unit <i>Fur, Feather, and Scales</i> .
Destination	Camp Pioneer
Transportation	School bus
Cost	\$ 9.00
Supervision Ratio	1:4 (10 adults : 40 students)

Grade	1 (class 104)
Date / Time	June 5, 2015
Purpose	Intergenerational learning
Destination	Residence Floralties, 8200 George St., LaSalle
Transportation	Car Pooling
Cost	NIL
Supervision Ratio	1:5 (4 adults : 20 students)

Grade	2
Date / Time	June 5, 2015
Purpose	End of year celebration
Destination	Centre Notre Dame de Fatima
Transportation	School bus
Cost	\$10
Supervision Ratio	1: 10 (8 adults : 80 students)

Grade	2
Date / Time	June 15, 2015 (12:30-2:30)
Purpose	Literacy - Reading Project
Destination	Octogon Library, Ave Dollard, QC
Transportation	Car Pool
Cost	NIL
Supervision Ratio	1: 10 (8 adults : 80 students)

Grade	5
Date / Time	June 2, 2015 / June 22, 2015 (morning activity)
Purpose	Reward Activity
Destination	Cineplex Cinema at Agrignon Mall
Transportation	Walking
Cost	\$ 10.50
Supervision Ratio	1:10 (6 adults : 60 students)

Grade	5
Date / Time	June 2, 2015 / June 22, 2015
Purpose	For good work ethics
Destination	Dairy Queen, Dollard Ave, LaSalle
Transportation	Walking
Cost	\$5
Supervision Ratio	1:8 (3 adults : 25 students)

9.2 New Field Trips (cont.)

Motion to approve 6 new field trips / activities.

Motioned by C. Mazzuca and seconded by S. Vidone.

Resolution # 2015-05-09.2 All in favour. Motion passed.

10. Members Open Forum

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. All in favour.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Martinez (for Michelle Johnstone)

Secretary

Signed by:

Jennifer Millen

Governing Board Chairperson

David Estok

Principal