



Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Children's World Academy



2241 rue Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: November 18, 2015

Time: 6:25 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.

Present:

Julieta Ascencio (JA), Maureen Besley (MB), Rebecca Best (RB), Mélanie Bougie-Richer (MBR), Anita Coretti (AC), David Estok (DE), Anila Erindi (AE), Melanie Flores (MF), Karen Heather (KH), Suzanne Joly (SJ), Nadia Longo (NL), Maria Martinez (MM), Jennifer Millen (JM), Christopher Sweetnam-Holmes (CSH), Emmanuel Tremblay (ET), Devon Warnock (DW)

Absent with Reason:

Josée Beauchemin, Sonia Bouchard, Frank Di Bello, Michelle Johnstone, Elisa Sebastiano

Absent without Reason:

None

Guests:

A. Wood

Meeting Agenda

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| 1. Welcome / Regrets | | J. Millen |
| 2. Adoption of the Agenda | | J. Millen |
| 3. Minutes from October 20 | | J. Millen |
| 4. Questions from the public | | |
| 5. Correspondence | | |
| 6. Continuing Business | | |
| 6.1 Open House post-mortem | (I; D; DE) | J. Millen |
| 6.2 Service Contracts for Italian Teachers | (I; D) | J. Millen |
| 6.3 LBPSB Consultations (Enrollment Criteria) | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok |
| 6.4 Major School Change Update | (I) | J. Millen / D. Estok |
| 7. New Business | | |
| 7.1 Calendar Review | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok / J. Millen |
| 7.2 Student Late Policy | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok |
| 7.3 Review of Admission Policy | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok |
| 7.4 Review of IB fees | (I; D; DE) | R. Best |
| 8. Standing Reports | | |
| 8.1 Principal | | D. Estok |
| 8.2 Daycare Report | | K. Heather |
| 8.3 Teacher's Report | | Staff |
| 8.4 PPO | | E. Sebastiano |
| 8.5 Regional Parent Representative | | M. Johnstone |
| 8.6 Commissioner | | F. Di Bello |
| 9. Field Trips | | Staff |
| 10. Members' Open Forum | | All |
| 11. Adjournment | | |

(I) Information; (D) Discussion; (DE) Decision

1. Welcome

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda. Motioned by DW and seconded by AE.

Resolution # 2015-11-02

All in favour.

Motion passed

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting. Motioned by NL and seconded by AE.

Typo corrections of syntax to be made.

Resolution # 2015-11-03

All in favour.

Motion passed.

4. Public Question Period

- A. Wood came for an update regarding the transportation policy for CWA. Unfortunately, no precise information could be given as school is still waiting for the school board's response

5. Correspondence

There was a correction made to the budget code for the Governing Board's operating funds. This did not affect the allocation, which is \$587 for the current school year.

Teachers sent a letter to parents thanking them for their support in organizing the human chain on November and for their on-going support .

6. Continuing Business

6.1. Open House Post-Mortem

- JM thanked the parents for volunteering their time during the open house;
- JM asked for comments regarding the flow of the evening;
- PPO members also helped during registration;
- a lot of feedback came back and will be used for future reference;
- review of open house tabled until after the new year and MSC;
- great team effort and student ambassadors were very motivated;
- there were 160 registrations;
- number of siblings have gone down to 23 in number;
- more registrations may take place until December 1.

6.2 Service Contracts for Italian Teachers

- Italian program has begun with 80 registrations (lower than last year);
- there is one group less however trying to fit everyone who is on the waiting list;
- there are maximum 20 students per class. JM commented that it can be at times very chaotic and asked if parent volunteer could help out. DE will inquire about this possibility;
- Egidio Nazzari - 4.5 hours/week for 20 weeks; and
- Petronilla Cerchiara - 1.5 hours/week for 20 weeks.

Motion to accept the service contract for Mr. Nazzari for 4.5 hours per week.

Motioned by AE and seconded by MBR.

Resolution # 2015-11-06.2.1

All in favour.

Motion passed.

Motion to accept the service contract for Ms. Cerchiara for 1.5 hours per week.

Motioned by DW and seconded by AC.

Resolution # 2015-11-06.2.2

All in favour.

Motion passed.

6.3 LBPSB Consultation (Enrollment Criteria)

- since no comments were issued to DE, it was proposed that the Governing Board support the fact that the enrollment criteria policy remain unchanged. Noted that CWA maintains its position of being permitted to select perspective students through using its own admission criteria (entrance evaluations).

Noted that our admission policy does result in the school having a lower than average number of students following IEP's; however, CWA does support students requiring such a program.

Motion to maintain enrollment criteria policy for 2015-2016.

Motioned by DW and seconded by KH.

Resolution # 2015-11-06.3

All in favour.

Motion passed.

6.4 Major School Change Update

- DE congratulated JM on her presentation at the MSC public hearing;
- commissioners asked why we were reluctant to endorse moving to a new physical location:
 - no mandate from parents to move to a new location;
 - investment in infrastructure;
 - parents and staff opposed to split school notion;
 - explained information about IB requirement for possible second accreditation for split school;
 - why we thought we could expand into the space occupied by Terre des Jeunes if that school was expanding itself;
 - asked if parents from our community would be willing to absorb possible increase in IB fees.

7. New Business

7.1 Calendar Review

- due to a possible strike day scheduled for the first week of December, DE requested to move Pedagogical Day of December 2 for the IB testing day to another day.

Motion to possibly move the IB testing day to another day in the event that December 2 becomes a strike day.

Motioned by CSH and seconded by MB.

Resolution # 2015-11-07.1

All in favour.

Motion passed.

7.2 Student Late Policy

- Due to high number of students still arriving late to school, at times 5 students per class, the staff proposes the reinstatement of daily detentions at recess. These detentions will take place on the same day of the student arriving late. M. Lavallée will supervise these detentions. These daily recess detentions are intended for any unexcused lates.

Motion to approve revised student late policy with a recess detention given out on the same day for any unexcused lates.

Motioned by DW and seconded by ET.

Resolution # 2015-11-07.2.

All in favour.

Motion passed.

7.3 Review of Admission Policy

- CWA's admission policy is in review. First round of discussion took place with the following points:

-Mr. Estok presented a draft proposal to revise our admission policy.

-The revisions would allow for evaluation of candidates at other times than the single date in December (which is currently the case).

-This would allow exceptional circumstances to be addressed, and permit candidates to be evaluated if they were not able to be present on the scheduled day for evaluations in December.

-Some discussion ensued, and it was decided to table this proposal for further discussion at a future meeting.

7.4 Review of IB Fees

- RB informed the GB that the breakdown of fees for families with 3 children or more amounted to only \$5.00. Families were not happy with this breakdown.

- proposed that there be a fee breakdown of \$340.00 for the first 2 children, and 10% discount (\$-34.00) for the third and/or the fourth child

Motion to offer a 10% discount to families with more than 3 children for the 2015-2016 school year to correct our well-intended act to support our families. A letter will be sent to parents informing them of this change. Lastly, fees will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Motioned by DW and seconded by MF.

Resolution # 2015-11-07.4

All in favour.

Motion passed.

8. Standing Reports

8.1 Principal's Report

Highlights included:

- The library is now running with parent volunteers. Our librarian, Tina Hausen is here on Wednesdays. Thank you for Laura D'Adamo and Nathalie Tremblay for helping to

coordinate the volunteers;

- Pasta night was a huge success with well over 200 people in attendance and almost zero waste. Thanking all who volunteered that night, Villa Toscana for the food, the Reid family for their donations of Alouette's tickets and jersey, and dishes donated by two individuals who wish to remain anonymous;
- Remembrance Day assembly took place today organized by Mr. Clahane and Ms. Rutherford and for Ms. Kathleen who sang impromptu version of *Amazing Grace*;
- First term reports sent home today;
- Grade 6 symposium scheduled for next Monday, November 23;
- Lock down drill also scheduled for the week of November 23;
- A grant application has been submitted as part of a program run by the National Bank to fund educational and community-based project. The maximum amount that could be awarded is \$15000. Should this application be successful, the proceeds will be used to help pay off the field. Results announced in February.

8.2 Daycare Report

Presented by K. Heather. Highlights included:

- lunch is going well, session 2 starts November 30;
- still in science unit and students are having a blast;
- Stepping Stones is still going fine with students exploring empathy - brochure was given to parents during open house;
- clubs started already on Friday;
- November 20 Ped day in school – Theme is celebrating Child National Day through games to promote diversity and uniqueness and to send a postcard to PM Trudeau;
- Dec 2 tentatively booked for Kinadapt.

8.3 Teachers' Report

Presented by D. Warnock. Highlights included:

Grade	Highlights
Ks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unit 'What's School All About' has ended; Students went out on their Autumn Nature walk and collected nature specimens; - Launched new Unit 'Let the Celebrations Begin' and learnt all about the history of Remembrance Day.

1	- Nous travaillons fort dans le cadre de notre module 'Mon quartier'. Les enfants ont fait de superbes présentations orales pour parler de leur maisons. Nous faisons la différence entre éléments humains et naturels et tâches de comprendre ce qui nous entoure dans notre quartier.
2	- Nous travaillons présentement sure notre module de recherche : ' À moi le monde'. Nous étudions les composantes qui constituent une culture et explorons les cultures du monde et de notre communauté.
3	- The students have shown themselves to be inquirers and researchers through their summative evaluations of Aboriginal Peoples by going beyond in their poster designs, dioramas and modelling clay and Google Drive slides.
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5	- Students are learning about Immigration and their family histories. They are currently interviewing their family members and friends.
6	- Symposium is next Monday! Looking forward to learning more about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
Phys. Ed	
Spanish	- The teachers from Spain shared videos of their students speaking Spanish. They also did a listening activity which the students really enjoyed.
Music	
Art	

8.4 PPO Report

Presented by D. Estok for E. Sebastiano.

- PPO financial statement: pasta night \$1600 and Lamontagne \$5403.00 (50% of total sales)
- \$10 000 must be set aside for the soccer field
- December 4 Movie Night
- RB asked if some fundraising campaigns be directed for the community. Staff also feel that students should take action in doing something for the less fortunate and to help within their community. Every student has a community service card that SB manages.
- Idea such as 'Adopt a School' from Indigo's campaign is something that can be looked into for next year to support a school in need of extra books for their library;

8.5 Regional Parent Representative Report

Presented by R. Best. Highlights included:

- very informative;
- major school change;
- general communications of website to transmit information to parents;
- goals for region 3:
tangible goals of last year .. . nothing specific...
- mandate in the spirit of communication, parents are to represent parent community and not GB;
- suggestions were discussed as to ways of reaching out to our parent community and informing parents that they too have a voice;
- D. Meloche spoke of selling purple hockey tape for men's cancer (looking outside our community) – LBPSB foundation supporting cancer - more information to come;
- within the CWA community, GB members need to be more visible to the parent community by possibly wearing badges so parents know whom to talk to;

8.6 Commissioner Report

Presented by F. Di Bello. Highlights included:

Not present

9. Field Trips

None to report

10. Members Open Forum

- uniform questionnaire tabled to December meeting
- CSH commented on the awful state of the Québec flag at Terre des Jeunes and that the school should replace it. Not only does it lack respect to the province, it also bears false representation of our school.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

All in favour.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Martinez

Secretary

Signed by:

Jennifer Millen

Governing Board Chairperson

David Estok

Principal