



# Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Children's World Academy



2241 rue Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

**Date:** Wednesday, January 27 2016

**Time:** 6:45 pm

## **Present:**

Julieta Ascencio (JA), Maureen Besley (MB), Rebecca Best (RB), Sonia Bouchard (SB),  
Mélanie Bougie-Richer (MBR), Anita Coretti (AC), Frank Di Bello (FDB), David Estok (DE),  
Karen Heather (KH), Nadia Longo (NL), Maria Martinez (MM), Jennifer Millen (JM), Elisa  
Sebastiano (ES), Emmanuel Tremblay (ET),

## **Absent with Reason:**

Anila Erindi, Mélanie Flores, Suzanne Joly, Christopher Sweetname-Holmes, Devon Warnock

## **Absent without Reason:**

## **Guests:**

Antonella Verelli

## Meeting Agenda – update for January

<b>1. Welcome / Regrets</b>		J. Millen
<b>2. Adoption of the Agenda</b>		J. Millen
<b>3. Minutes from November 18</b>		J. Millen
<b>4. Questions from the public</b>		
<b>5. Correspondence</b>		
<b>6. Continuing Business</b>		
6.1 Submission Regarding Transportation	<b>(I; D; DE)</b>	J. Millen / D. Estok
6.2 Review of Motion re IB fees	<b>(I; D; DE)</b>	J. Millen / D. Estok
6.3 Uniform Survey to Parents	<b>(I; D;)</b>	J. Millen/ D. Estok
6.4 Bill 86	<b>(I; D)</b>	J. Millen / D. Estok
<b>7. New Business</b>		
7.1 Service Contract - Francisation	<b>(I; D; DE)</b>	D. Estok
7.2 Service Contract - Recreation	<b>(I; D; DE)</b>	D. Estok / K. Heather
7.3 Principal Criteria	<b>(I; D)</b>	J. Millen
7.4 Budget Consultation	<b>(I; D)</b>	J. Millen/D. Estok
<b>8. Standing Reports</b>		
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
<b>9. Field Trips</b>		Staff
<b>10. Members' Open Forum</b>		All
<b>11. Adjournment</b>		

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

## 1. Welcome

## 2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by RB and seconded by NL.

**Resolution # 2016-01-27**

**All in favour.**

**Motion passed.**

## 3. Adoption of Minutes

- Modifications were proposed and accepted for points 6.1, 6.2, and 7.2.

Motion to adopt the minutes of December 18 by SB and seconded by MJ.

**Resolution #2016-01-27**

**All in favour.**

**Motion passed.**

## 4. Public Question Period

AV spoke at the end of the meeting.

## 5. Correspondence

- Enrollment Policy – magnet school acceptance
- January 11 Annual Report from Pearson Education Foundation
- January 14 Principal Criteria
- January 21 Pearson Education Foundation Letter
- January 27 Budget Consultation

## 6. Continuing Business

### 6.1 Submission Regarding Transportation

- Discussion on-going to propose different transportation scenarios for CWA students;
- Presently, only zone 32 is free busing. An accommodation fee is charged for transportation within our other zones.

### 6.2 Review of Motion re IB fees

- IB fees, as outlined in parent forms, are intended for the following:

- 60% of costs associated with certain field trips to support the units of inquiry
- Release time for professional development for teachers;
- IB coordinator;
- Spanish Program
- Materials associated with unit of inquiries

Motion to rescind resolution #2015-12-07.1.1 by SB and seconded by ET. All in favour

**Resolution #2016-01-6.2.1**

**All in favour.**

**Motion passed.**

Motion to reallocate the IB fees that would have been used for field trips from September to December 2015, thus increasing the subsidy for the remainder of the field trips of this school year by AC and seconded by RB.

**Resolution #2016-01--6.2.2**

**All in favour.**

**Motion passed.**

- CWA's school deficit is based on daycare cuts as well as part of the cost of the new sports field; in the past, daycare funds have been used to cover many expenses and could have covered the cost of part of the installation of the field turf.
- JM proposed that a sub-committee be formed once again to look into funding for the outdoor sports field. AE, AC, RB, ES and DE will be part of this group.

### 6.3 Uniform Survey to Parents

- The uniform survey to parents will be done by the end of February.

### 6.4 Bill 86

- bill is tabled, school boards and parent committees are in consultation
- sweeping changes are proposed to how school boards are governed
- additional changes proposed that could affect Governing Boards

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 Service Contract – Francisation

New motion to accept the extension of Francisation Service contract for Mme. Laurence Pierre-Toussaint (Resolution #2015-09-08.2.3) of 3 days a week from January and April (15 hrs/week for 12 weeks) as presented by DE by MJ, seconded by SB.

**Resolution # 2016-01-07.1**

**All in favour.**

**Motion passed.**

### 7.2 Service Contract- recreations

New motion to accept the extension of Recreation Service Contract for Ms. Liz Sanniti (Resolution #2015-09-08.2.4), from daycare funds, comprised of 5 hrs/week for 24 weeks as presented by DE by NL and seconded by RB.

**Resolution # 2016-01-07.2**

**All in favour.**

**Motion passed.**

### 7.3 Principal Criteria

With some modifications, motion to accept revised principal criteria by SB and seconded by KH.

**Resolution #2016-01--7.3**

**All in favour.**

**Motion passed.**

### 7.4 Budget Consultation

- Document is available on the LBPSB website;
- There are 4 questions to answer for the board as feedback;
- Comments or suggestions required before next GB meeting of February 23;
- Submission of recommendations is due end of March;
- Individuals can also submit recommendations.

## 8. Standing Reports

### 8.1 Principal's Report

#### Highlights included:

- DE was impressed with the quality of work from the grade 6 students and teachers; The students were professional and well-versed during their exhibition on Human Rights that took place Thursday, Jan. 21. Special guest Tom Rhymes was also very impressed.
  - CWA's annual Christmas Campaign to support students at Verdun Elementary school raised over \$6000.
  - Lynn Closs will be away on leave until the end of March. Joanne Luther, office agent from Beurling Academy will replace her.
  - As per the language of instruction in Kindergarten, discussion with staff has taken place whether or not to make a change to full immersion vs the current status of bilingual. Teachers will vote tomorrow, January 28, and results will be presented to GB at the next meeting.
  - PPO is organizing events and recognition for Staff Appreciation week. (February 8 – 12).
  - Johanne Moreau retired as of December 18. An excellent teacher and principled person, she will be recognized this coming Friday (January 29).
  - Laura Stulginskis having shared the art post with Joanne Moreau, will now be full-time.
- DE thanks parents who have been contacting Mme. Bouchard regarding the actions that their children are taking outside the school. These actions are on display near the daycare opposite the middle staircase. Examples of taking actions can be done inside or outside of school.

### 8.2 Daycare Report

#### Presented by K. Heather. Highlights included:

<b>Lunch</b>	➤ Soccer Mania has started for grades 5&6
<b>Daycare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Champions for Life (K-2) started this week (January 25) - evaluation of basic physical skills for those students who parents chose to participate in the study by Concordia;</li> <li>➤ Starting unit next week – Building and Architecture. Each grade level will study 1 structure/building, its' history and design. The students will build their own.</li> </ul>
<b>Ped Days</b>	➤ January 22 – Outdoor Carnival Day.
<b>Varia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Friday Clubs start the week of January 29 and will run for 7 weeks. Students have already chosen their clubs. Clubs included: ping pong, dance, jewelry making, book-making, weaving, sports, salt dough, popsicle stick crafts, and others. There is no cost to parents.</li> </ul>

### 8.3 Teachers' Report

Presented by S. Bouchard. Highlights included:

Grade	Highlights
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1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Dans le cadre du module « Je travaille, nous travaillons », nous apprenons beaucoup sur les métiers. Nous aimais avoir nos parents conférenciers en classe! Nous travaillons fort à trouver les outils que les gens utilisent et recherchons comment on exerçait les métiers autrefois</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Nous venons de terminer le module « En avant la musique ». Nous aimons écouter, chanter et danser au son de différents styles de musique. C'était aussi un bon moyen de contrer la grisaille de janvier. Nous débiterons ' Comment c'est fait' qui explore la transformation des objets. Les élèves se montent motivés à écrire des histoires avec les Chromebooks.</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Students have been exploring Folklore and are beginning their lap book project wherein they compare two versions of the same story from different parts of the world. They were eager to start.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Our students will be takin on the roles of cartoonists and creating their own comic books which will be showcased at the Grade 4 Comic Con.</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For our Unit on Religions, we are learning about similarities and differences. Students started researching a religion for a presentation.</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ After weeks of hard work, the students presented their Human Rights Exhibition projects to classmates, teachers, and their parents.</li> <li>➤ It was a great success! Articles and pictures are posted on the school's website.</li> </ul>
IB Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A big Thank You to the PPO for their financial support for the 2016 Francofête which will take place from March 14 – 24.</li> <li>➤ Author Bertrand Gauthier will be presenting.</li> </ul>

### 8.4 PPO Report

Presented by E. Sebastiano. Highlights included:

- Postponing the delivery date for the Toilet Paper Fund raising to the first week-end of June on the same day as the Garage sale;
- Cardigan Sale (pants and tops as well) scheduled for end of February;
- Lamontagne Fundraiser was profitable; however, difficulties arose with orders.

## 8.5 Regional Parent Representative Report

### Presented by R. Best. Highlights included:

Bill 86 key points discussed are the following;

- What recommendations for the MEES;
- CPC makes the decisions;
- Significant changes to the School board and GB level;
- Parents involvement proposed profound implications;
- January 28 meeting at John Rennie HS with constitution lawyer

## 8.6 Commissioner Report

### Presented by F. Di Bello. Highlights included:

- Director General, Michael Chechile, publically congratulated the grade 6 students on their Human Rights Exhibition at the Council of Commissioners meeting;
- The closing of Riverview and Lakeside schools has been postponed until December 2016. Schools have been given an opportunity to find more students or other ways to use the building.

## 9. Field Trips

None

## 10. Members Open Forum

Schedule for upcoming meetings:

Month	Day	Time
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February	Tuesday, 23	6:45 pm
March	Tuesday, 22	6:45 pm
April	Tuesday, 19	6:45 pm
May	Wednesday, 18	6:45 pm
June	Wednesday, 8	6:45 pm

- Update in teacher negotiations: Teachers voted in favour of the proposed collective agreement; PTU teachers voted in favour to continue Work to Rule;
- The grade 5 ski trip and the grade 6 Camp Jouvence trip are currently not scheduled to take place;
- Grade 6 parents request the permission to take the grade 6 students to Camp Jouvence. Parents can do so on the week-end but not under Children's World Academy nor during a school day;
- On-going issue with parents still parking in the school lot during school hours.
- École Terre des Jeunes will be contributing a new play structure as part of the expansion that will take place to their building. Start date can be as early as this summer, but it is not determined.

On behalf of GB, we thank Johanne Moreau for her dedication to CWA and wish her a well-deserved retirement.

Our condolences to Neomie La Roque on the passing of her husband, and to Melanie Flores on the passing of her father-in-law.

## 11. Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.**

**All in favour.**

Respectfully Submitted

Maria-Francesca Martinez

Secretary

Signed by:

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Jennifer Millen

Governing Board Chairperson

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David Estok

Principal