



# Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Children's World Academy



2241 rue Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

**Date:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016

**Time:** 6:45 pm

## **Present:**

Julieta Ascencio (JA), Maureen Besley (MB), Josée Beauchemin (JB), Mélanie Bougie-Richer (MBR), Anita Coretti (AC), Frank Di Bello (FDB), David Estok (DE), Anila Erindi (AE), Melanie Flores (MF), Karen Heather (KH), Michelle Johnstone (MJ), Suzanne Joly (SJ), Maria Martinez (MM), Jennifer Millen (JM), Elisa Sebastiano (ES), Christopher Sweetnam-Holmes (CSH), Emmanuel Tremblay (ET), Devon Warnock (DW)

## **Absent with Reason:**

Nadia Longo, Rebecca Best

## **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 January 27</b>		J. Millen
<b>4. Questions from the public</b>		
<b>5. Correspondence</b>		
<b>6. Continuing Business</b>		
6.1 Budget Consultation	<b>(I; D; DE)</b>	J. Millen / D. Estok
6.2 Uniform Survey to Parents	<b>(I; D; DE)</b>	J. Millen / D. Estok
6.3 Bills 86	<b>(I; D;)</b>	J. Millen/ D. Estok
6.4 Submission Regarding Transportation	<b>(I; D; DE)</b>	J. Millen / D. Estok
<b>7. New Business</b>		
7.1 Strategic Plan Consultation	<b>(I; D)</b>	D. Estok
7.2 Capital Projects	<b>(I; D; DE)</b>	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 MJ and seconded by JB.

**Resolution # 2016-02-23**

**All in favor.**

**Motion passed.**

## 3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of January 27, 2016 by EM and seconded by AC.

**Resolution #2016-02-23**

**All in favor.**

**Motion passed.**

## 4. Public Question Period

## 5. Correspondence

None

## 6. Continuing Business

### 6.1 Budget Consultation

- Document was received on January 27 for review and consultation;
- The letter of recommendation is due on March 31, therefore, any suggestions are due by March 14 and letter will be approved on March 22, our next GB meeting.

## 6.2 Uniform Survey to Parents

- Uniform sub-committee will be using ‘Survey Monkey’ to survey parents on their experience with MONI, our uniform supplier. The data will be used to address any issues that require modifications.
- Survey will be launched after the March Break.

Motion to approve the uniform survey as presented by JYM by AE and seconded by MJ.

**Resolution #2016-02-6.2**

**All in favor.**

**Motion passed.**

## 6.3 Bill 86

- Discussion has begun with concerned stakeholders of the English School Boards regarding Bill 86 and its’ implications;
- Public Hearings have been delayed due to the change in the Minister of Education. Sebastien Proulx was recently appointed to replace Pierre Moreau who is on sick leave;
- Public Hearings that have already taken place are longer than expected therefore the final decision will not be given as scheduled in April;
- CPC has published their brief;
- Council of Commissioners Brief was approved last night (February 22, 2016) and it will be made public.

## 6.4 Submission Regarding Transportation

- With minor modifications, motion to accept the GB letter to Transportation Services regarding CWA Transportation Reconsideration by SJ and seconded by DW. See Annex

**Resolution #2016-02-6.4**

**All in favor.**

**Motion passed**

## 7. New Business

### 7.1 Strategic Plan Consultation

- School Board has drafted a new strategic plan for 2015-2020 term;
- Staff is in the process of developing their own school success plan;
- GB members have been asked to provide feedback regarding this strategic plan (the document can be viewed on the Board’s website under the consultation link);
- The responses are due by April 15.

## 7.2 Capital Projects

- DE presented CWA's Capital Projects for the 2017-2018 school year;
- Projects fall under two categories; those under \$50,000 and those over \$50,000;
- Some projects listed are recommendations made from the Board (example boiler replacement) and others are from CWA's personnel (example additional blinds to block sunlight in the classrooms);
- Unfortunately, no projects were granted from the 2016-2017 list;
- FD, our commissioner, informed the members that the ministry contributes approximately 3 million dollars to the board to maintain 55 buildings. It is at the Board's discretion to determine which buildings or projects are deemed the most important;
- With little changes from last year's document, GB members re-established the list of priorities while respecting those made by the Board.

P	Capital Projects (under \$50,000)	P	Capital Projects (over \$50,000)
1	Fence along the parking lot	1	Repair sinking floors
2	Electrical re-wiring (new circuit breaker)	2	Renovation of front entrance (security)
3	Additional blinds to block sunlight and or interior exterior reflective film	3	Bathroom upgrade (old section – include staff toilet first floor)
4	New cubbies	4	Replace drop ceilings in old section
5	Access ramp at the corner of the parking lot	5	Upgrade lighting in old section 3000 m2
6	New posts for volleyball and badminton	6	New fire panel
7	New drinking fountains (old section); include bottle filler	7	Boiler replacement
		8	Repair concrete base and new gym floor
		9	Energy management system

Motion to accept the proposed capital projects for 2017-2018 MJ and seconded by AE.

**Resolution #2016-02-7.2**

**All in favor.**

**Motion passed**

## 8. Standing Reports

### 8.1 Principal's Report

#### Highlights included:

- Teachers have voted to keep Kindergarten's 50-50 bilingual instruction status quo;
- Camp Jouvence is back on May 2, 3, 4 for grade 6 students;
- DE is outside ensuring that parents are following the parking rules;
- Students from Japan will be visiting the school and will give presentations about Japanese culture. They are expected to arrive on March 11;
- St. John's Brebeuf's church – will be forming a partnership with them to sponsor a Syrian family – coffee house at the church to raise funds; collecting goods as opposed to merely monetary funds. More information coming forward
- Soccer field Sub-committee is meeting on February 24 to discuss fundraising ideas to cover the cost of the turf;
- PPO events – Fair was outstanding – DE thanked Elisa for her dedication to the success of the event;
- Staff appreciated lunch from Hungry Box.

### 8.2 Daycare Report

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

<b>Daycare</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Champions for life is going well;</li> <li>➤ Income Receipts are being distributed;</li> <li>➤ <b>Unit on Building – Architecture</b></li> <li>➤ K's Parks and Playgrounds;</li> <li>➤ Gr. 1 – Houses;</li> <li>➤ Gr. 2 Towers &amp; Skyscrapers</li> <li>➤ Gr. 3 – Pyramids;</li> <li>➤ Gr. 4 – Walls;</li> <li>➤ Gr. 5 – Stadiums;</li> <li>➤ Gr. 6 – Bridges;</li> <li>➤ Students are engaged and having great fun!</li> </ul>
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### 8.3 Teachers' Report

#### Presented by J. Beauchemin. Highlights included:

Merci aux parents pour Staff Appreciation. We are very lucky to have such supportive and generous parents!

Grade	Highlights
Ks	➤ Today marked the 100 <sup>th</sup> day of school.
1	➤ Le module de recherché 'Je travaille, tu travailles, nous travaillons' est terminé. Les enfants ont fait de superbes recherches dans lesquelles ils ont pu comparer ici et ailleurs, maintenant, hier et dans le futur. Nous sommes maintenant dans 'manger santé' à nous le découverte des boîtes à lunch, ici et partout dans le monde.
2	➤ Module 'Comment c'est fait.' Les élèves adorent en parler. Plusieurs vidéos en ligne disponible, mail il faudrait plus de livres. Utilisation du Drive (GAFE) pour le travail d'équipe.
3	➤ We are having lots of discussion and reading lots of books related to Healthy Relationships. Empathy and Kindness are two concepts that keep resurfacing. This unit is particularly relevant this time of year and the children seem to appreciate it.
4	➤ Comic com today and students are proud of their work; ➤ Students creating story board et en français des bandes dessinées en liens avec valeurs dans les messages
5	➤ The students are working on their unit of 'Non-verbal language'. They are learning about sign language. We have a teacher presenting with her student who is hearing impaired this week.
6	➤ Students are learning about energy sources. They went to visit Beauharnois Hydroelectric Central.
Spanish	➤ Students in grades 4 & 5 just finished their small oral presentations in class and did great! The grade 3 students just finished their unit on Fairy Tales and they have now started reading in Spanish.
IB Coordinator	➤ Mme Bouchard et Mme France sont allées au WE DAY MONTREAL avec 14 élèves de la 6 <sup>ième</sup> année. Les élèves sont revenus enthousiastes et prêts à passer à l'action.

## 8.4 PPO Report

**Presented by E. Sebastiano. Highlights included:**

### 8.4.1 Recipe Book Fundraiser

- Proposed recipe book with contributions from the PPO parents to sell for \$10.00.
- Awaiting quote from printer of yearbook for text and illustrations;
- The launch of the recipe book (To be determined)
- Recommendations from the GB members are the following:

Thematic international cookbook;  
Ties well with unit of inquiry 'boîte à lunch, au tour le monde'  
Offer both CD and paper copy  
Have the students involved by designing the cover for the book

Motion to accept the recipe book fundraiser by MJ and seconded by DW.

**Resolution #2016-02-8.4.1**

**All in favor.**

**Motion passed.**

### 8.4.2 Grade 6 Graduation Fundraiser

- Grade 6 parent approached PPO with a fundraiser possibility of selling Arbonne Natural Products. A duo package worth \$60 with a return of \$17 on every purchase;
- This fundraiser would go towards purchasing the grad t-shirts. In the past, they were offered for free from our former uniform supplier, Top Marks;
- PPO and the school already contribute funds for the graduation;
- GB needs to review the Fundraising Policy before a decision can take place. Discussion has been tabled until next meeting;
- JM proposes that the students take action in fundraising for their t-shirts or ask parents for the funds.

Motion to accept the grade 6 graduation fundraiser using Arbonne Natural Products by CSH and by DW.

**Resolution #2016-02-8.4.2**

**15 opposed, 1 abstention.**

**Motion did not pass.**



## 8.5 Regional Parent Representative Report

### Presented by M. Johnstone. Highlights included:

- The LBPSB Central Parent’s Committee has prepared an official Bill 86 Brief for the government. The brief was based on information gathered at a meeting of all LBPSB Parent Reps in January.,
- A second meeting for general consultations was held on February 18 and each of the Regional Parent Committees submitted briefs to the CPC.
- The brief is available at  
<http://cpc.lbpsb.qc.ca/documents1516/Bill86/Brief-Hearings.pdf>
- Other important information about Bill 86 can be found on the CPC website:  
<http://cpc.lbpsb.qc.ca/bill86.htm>
- The CPC is publishing a monthly online newsletter of its activities. It can be found on their website:  
<http://cpc.lbpsb.qc.ca>

## 8.6 Commissioner Report

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

- Feedback on LBPSB’s strategic planning document is due on April 15;
- Council passed a 3% increase of rental fee to pay the salaries of the caretakers as well as to contribute to the upkeep of the school;
- FD thanks teachers for their hard work.

## 9. Field Trips

<b>Grade</b>	6
<b>Date / Time</b>	Wednesday, February 10 and Friday, February 12 2016 from 8:15 am to 12:00 pm
<b>Purpose</b>	Unit of Inquiry on Electricity
<b>Destination</b>	Centrale Hydro-Électrique de Beauharnois; 80 Edgar-Hébert, Melocheville, QC H6N 0H1
<b>Transportation</b>	School Bus
<b>Cost</b>	Nil (fully subsidized by the school)
<b>Supervision Ratio</b>	4 adults: 40 students (Feb. 10); 4 adults: 34 students (Feb. 12) 1:10 on both days

<b>Grade</b>	Selected grade 6 students
<b>Date / Time</b>	Monday, February 22 from 7:45 am – 3:15 pm
<b>Purpose</b>	We Day ‘A celebration of youth making a difference in their local and global communities’
<b>Destination</b>	Théâtre St-Denis, 1594 St-Denis, Montreal

<b>Transportation</b>	School Bus
<b>Cost</b>	Nil
<b>Supervision Ratio</b>	2 adults:13 students 1:7

<b>Grade</b>	4
<b>Date / Time</b>	After March Break – date TBD from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.
<b>Purpose</b>	Monthly motivational class reward (401/403)
<b>Destination</b>	Quilles G. Plus 1277 Shevchenko, LaSalle
<b>Transportation</b>	Walking
<b>Cost</b>	Nil (\$6.25 covered from IB fees)
<b>Supervision Ratio</b>	7 adults:51 students – 1:7

Motion to rectify the grade 4 bowling trip (Class Dojo points) based on classroom behavior and not academics and the previously accepted 3 field trips by ET seconded by CSH.

**Resolution #2016-02-9.1**                      **15 in favor, 1 abstention (MM)**                      **Motion passed.**

<b>Grade</b>	Italian students of grades 4, 5, & 6
<b>Date / Time</b>	TBA as the initial date had conflicts with the exam schedule Time – 8:30 am – 1:00 pm)
<b>Purpose</b>	Appreciation of Italian art.
<b>Destination</b>	Musée des beaux arts – Exhibition on Pompei
<b>Transportation</b>	Public transportation
<b>Cost</b>	\$18.00
<b>Supervision Ratio</b>	4 adults:22 students – 1:6

Motion to accept the Italian class field trip to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts for students from grades 4,5, 6 at a date to be announced by MJ and seconded by AE.

**Resolution #2016-02-9.2**                      **14 in favor, 3 abstentions (MM, ET, JM).**                      **Motion passed.**

## 10. Members Open Forum

## 11. Adjournment

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

**All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted

Maria-Francesca Martinez

Secretary

Signed by:

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Jennifer Millen

Governing Board Chairperson

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David Estok

Principal