



Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Children's World Academy



2241 rue Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: Tuesday, March 22 2016

Time: 6:50 pm – 9:35pm

Present:

Julieta Ascencio (JA), Maureen Besley (MB), Rebecca Best (RB), Anita Coretti (AC), David Estok (DE), Anila Erindi (AE), Melanie Flores (MF), Karen Heather (KH), Michelle Johnstone (MJ), Nadia Longo (NL), Suzanne Joly (SJ), Jennifer Millen (JM), Elisa Sebastiano (ES), Christopher Sweetnam-Holmes (CSH), Emmanuel Tremblay (ET), Devon Warnock (DW),

Absent with Reason:

Josée Beauchemin (JB), Sonia Bouchard (SB), Mélanie Bougie-Richer (MBR), Frank Di Bello (FDB), Maria-Francesca Martinez (MM)

Absent without Reason:

Guests:

Antonella Verelli

Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, March 22 2016

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| 1. Welcome / Regrets | | J. Millen |
| 2. Adoption of the Agenda | | J. Millen |
| 3. Minutes from February 23, 2016 | | J. Millen |
| 4. Questions from the public | | |
| 5. Correspondence | | |
| 6. Continuing Business | | |
| 6.1 Budget Consultation | (I; D; DE) | J. Millen / D. Estok |
| 6.2 Uniform Survey to Parents | (I; D; DE) | J. Millen / D. Estok |
| 6.3 Strategic Plan Consultation | (I; D) | J. Millen/ D. Estok |
| 6.4 Submission Regarding Transportation | (I; D) | J. Millen/ D. Estok |
| 7. New Business | | |
| 7.1 Fund-Raising Guidelines | (I; D) | D. Estok |
| 7.2 Summer Rentals (QBBE; City of LaSalle) | (I; D; DE) | D. Estok |
| 7.3 GB Composition | (I; D; DE) | J. Millen / D. Estok |
| 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 by DW and seconded by AE.

Resolution # 2016-03-02

All in favour.

Motion passed.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of February 23, 2016 by KH and seconded by ET.

Resolution #2016-03-03

All in favour.

Motion passed.

4. Public Question Period

No questions

5. Correspondence

1. Request from Grade 6 parent to accommodate 2016 graduation date / time.
Discussion with parent ongoing
2. LBPSB Presentation – invitation also circulated to parents by LBPSB
3. School Parking Lot safety issues continue. This item will be added to the next GB meeting agenda.

6. Continuing Business

6.1 Budget Consultation

DE requested further input from GB members regarding suggestions to include in CWA's Budget Consultation response. Request was made for input by Friday, March 24th, 2016.

6.2 Uniform Survey to Parents

JM explained that the final version of the survey questions has been created and the upgrade to the survey software has been approved by GB and requested. Survey with cover letter will be emailed to parents and guardians within the next few days. The survey will be open / available for 2 weeks.

6.3 Strategic Plan Consultation

DE presented and explained LBPSB Strategic Plan Consultation information and web survey, and invited input from GB members by April 08, 2016.

6.4 Submission Regarding Transportation

Discussion of this item was held IN CAMERA. Guests were asked to absent themselves during the discussion.

7. New Business

7.1 Fund-Raising Guidelines

DE invited GB members to collaborate in the drafting of a CWA fundraising policy.

The following members volunteered to collaborate with Mr. Estok.

Elisa Sebastiano (ES), Maureen Besley (MB), Rebecca Best (RB), Anita Coretti (AC), Melanie Flores (MF), Suzanne Joly (SJ)

7.2.1 Summer Rentals - QBBE

Motion to approve summer school rental to Quebec Board of Black Educators for the use of three (3) classrooms and the occasional use of the school gym (8am-4pm, July 04-August 04, 2016).

Motioned by DW and seconded by ET.

Resolution # 2016-03-07.2.1

All in favor.

Motion passed.

7.2.2 Summer Rentals - City of LaSalle Day Camp

Further information from City of LaSalle to be requested in order for GB to discuss the summer rental of CWA premises by the City of LaSalle Day Camp.

7.3 GB Composition

Motion to maintain the current composition of the CWA Governing Board for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motioned by CSH and seconded by KH.

Resolution #2016-03-07-03

All in favor.

Motion passed.

8. Standing Reports

8.1 Principal's Report

Highlights included:

School visit and cultural presentations by Japanese students (through McGill SCS) was very successful. Thank you to Mme. Bouchard for organizing and coordinating the visit.

The Scholastic book sale resulted in \$6,000 in sales, with 70% of this returning to CWA in the form of books for classrooms. Thank you to Ms. O'Malley for organizing and coordinating the book sale.

Francofête is well underway. Thank you to Mme. Bouchard for organizing and coordinating everything, and thank you to the PPO for their financial support of this valuable cultural event.

Construction at *Terre de Jeune* will commence during the 2016 summer. On return to school in August, 2016, the rue Doyle entrance to the school yard will no longer be available.

LBPSB has scheduled a Digital Safety presentation.

Lakeside Academy is hosting an event for grade 5 - 6 students to prepare them to be safe in the high school environment.

8.2 Daycare Report

Presented by K. Heather. Highlights included:

Lunch

Everything is going well. The new lunch schedule will begin on March 14.

Team YMCA are the new soccer champions. Grade 5 are finishing up their completion. Players from the winning teams will compete in a “friendly match” against the staff—date to be determined.

Daycare

Students are working on the Architecture unit.

Ped Days

April 22, 2016 In-school ped day (Celebrating Earth Day)

May 06, 2016 Optional Outing ped day

May 20, 2016 In-school ped day (JungleSport in the afternoon)

Varia

Preliminary enrolment numbers for 2016-17 indicate the addition of 63 new Kindergarten students in daycare.

Drop-off procedures and logistics need to be addressed before the end of the year.

8.3 Teachers' Report

Presented by S. Bouchard. Highlights included:

Grade	Highlights
Ks	Currently working with the 5 Senses unit, and beginning the Spring portion of the Seasons unit. Parent meetings began after the second report cards. Students continue to work on their French skills, and worked on St. Patrick's Day and Easter themes.
1	Nous avons terminé le module “manger santé” avec beaucoup d'apprentissages sur une saine alimentation tout en comprenant mieux les facteurs qui influencent ce qui se retrouve dans nos assiettes ici et ailleurs. Nous notre module sur les animaux en danger. Nous aurons la visite d'un animateur Ecomuséum.

Grade	Highlights
2	Module Comment c'est fait? les élèves ont bien appuis et ont beaucoup aimé faire leur présentation devant leur pains et devant les élèves de maternelle. Bonne participation durant la francofête. Quatre sorties à venir.
3	Grade 3 has been having some great discussions and activities on what makes for a healthy relationship. Role-play has been helpful in learning how to resolve conflicts more peacefully. Moreover, an important connection has been made between school yard behaviours and this unit.
5	Grade 5's are finishing our unit on non-verbal language. We are also busy working on the Grade 5 math exam! We really enjoyed the presentations by the Japanese students on non-verbal language in Japan.
6	We just ended our unit on electricity, with the presentation of our Power Plant Models. We will be starting our unit on TIC.
Spanish	Grade 3s will start exploring Spanish artists for their Creative Minds unit, which the kids always enjoy. Grade 4's will participate in their first Spanish Kahoot this week!
Francofête	Students met with the French Quebecer author, Bertrand Gauthier, and discovered songs from the francophonie. Thank you to the PPO for their financial support.

8.4 PPO Report

Presented by E. Sebastiano. Highlights included:

The Pizza and Subway lunch fundraisers are proving to be profitable.

The recent Friday night Fair raised a small profit, even though it was not a fund-raising event.

With the help of some grade 6 students, the PPO recently prepared and distributed small bags of vegetables to all of the children in the school. The kids loved it.

The Eco Toilet Paper fundraiser is about to begin

8.5 Regional Parent Representative Report

Presented by M. Johnstone. Highlights included:

Rebecca Best and Michelle Johnstone attended the joint Parent Rep meeting (attended by all 3 regions) to discuss a single response to the LBPSB Budget Consultation. After a lot of back and forth on each point and recommendation, a draft response was agreed upon, and is to be circulated to the 3 regional committees for approval before submission to the school board.

A student presentation was held after the joint meeting was concluded.

8.6 Commissioner Report

No report.

9. Field Trips

Grade	6
Date / Time	3 – 5 May, 2016
Purpose	Spending time outside with friends
Destination	Camp Jouvence; 131 Chemin de Jouvence, Orford, QC, J1X 6R2
Transportation	Bus
Cost	\$200 /student
Supervision Ratio	6:70 (1:11)

Grade	5
Date / Time	31 May, 2016
Purpose	Industrialisation and Immigration
Destination	Exporail –110 rue St Pierre, St Constance, QC, J5A 1G7
Transportation	Bus
Cost	No cost to students
Supervision Ratio	9:75 (1:8)

Grade	5
Date / Time	April 27, 2016 (8:15-11:30)
Purpose	
Destination	Écomusée de fier monde, 2050 Amherst, Montréal, H2L 3L8
Transportation	Bus
Cost	No cost to students
Supervision Ratio	9:75 (1:8)

Grade	2
Date / Time	203-204 = April 12, 2016 (8am-12pm) 201-202 = April 13, 2016 (8am-12pm)
Purpose	
Destination	Musée régional de Vaudreuil Soulages, 431 av. St Charles, Vaudreuil-Dorion
Transportation	Bus
Cost	\$5 per student
Supervision Ratio	4:40 (1:10)

Grade	2
Date / Time	202 & 203 = May 11, 2016 (8:45am-10:30am) 201 & 204 = May 31, 2016 (8:45am-10:30am)
Purpose	Community Resources
Destination	Octogon Library, 1080 Dollard, Lasalle
Transportation	Car pool
Cost	No cost
Supervision Ratio	10:40 (1:4)

Grade	2
Date / Time	June 08, 2016 (9am-12pm)
Purpose	L' espace m' attend
Destination	Cosmodôme, 2150 Autoroute des Laurentides, Laval, 47T
Transportation	Bus
Cost	\$8 per student
Supervision Ratio	8:79 (1:10)

Grade	2
Date / Time	June 15, 2016 (8:15-2:15pm)
Purpose	Insect Unit
Destination	Park Naturel du Bois de Liesse, St Laurent
Transportation	Bus
Cost	\$7 per student
Supervision Ratio	79:20 (1:4)

Motion to approve seven (7) field trips.

Motioned by RB and seconded by SJ.

Resolution #2016-03-09

All in favor.

Motion passed.

10. Members Open Forum

A number of items were raised

1. On the weekends, adults have been seen on the soccer turf consuming food & drinks
2. To minimise the chances of CWA students becoming victims of road accidents near and around the school, a suggestion was made to create a School Safety Plan to implement when school begins in August
3. A member asked how CWA educates the students about bullying at school, and another member asked how grade 6 students are being prepared for the possibility of bullying in high school.

DE explained the variety of measures implemented at CWA to educate students and the measures taken to minimize bullying within the school community.

4. A member raised the possibility of doing something within the school community to commemorate the memory and raise funds for the children of deceased parents.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:35.

All in favour.

Respectfully Submitted

Michelle Johnstone

for

Maria-Francesca Martinez

Secretary

Signed by:

Jennifer Millen

Governing Board Chairperson

David Estok

Principal