



Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Children's World Academy



2241 rue Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: Tuesday, April 19 2016

Time: 6:45 pm

Present:

Rebecca Best (RB), Josée Beauchemin (JB), Anita Coretti (AC), Melanie Flores (MF), Frank Di Bello (FDB), David Estok (DE), Karen Heather (KH), Michelle Johnstone (MJ), Nadia Longo (NL), Maria-Francesca Martinez (MFM), Jennifer Millen (JM), Emmanuel Tremblay (ET)

Absent with Reason:

Julieta Ascencio, Maureen Besley, Mélanie Bougie-Richer, Anila Erindi, Suzanne Joly, Elisa Sebastiano, Christopher Sweetnam-Holmes, Devon Warnock

Absent without Reason:

Guests:

Harkamal Gahunia, Dale Stewart, Joanne Vasquez

Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, March 22 2016

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)	D. Estok
6.2 Uniform Survey To Parents	(I;D;DE)	J. Millen
6.3 School Board Strategic Plan	(I;D;DE)	D. Estok
6.4 Submission Regarding Transportation	(I;D;DE)	J. Millen / D. Estok
6.5 Fund-Raising Guidelines	(I;D)	J. Millen / D. Estok
6.6 Summer Rental Contracts (City of LaSalle)	(I;D;DE)	D. Estok
6.7 Parking Lot Safety	(I;D;DE)	D. Estok
7. New Business		
7.1 Junglesport Service Contract	(I;D;DE)	D. Estok
7.2 Supply Lists	(I;D;DE)	D. Estok
7.3 McGill Research Project	(I;D;DE)	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 NL seconded by MJ.

Resolution # 2016-04-19

All in favour.

Motion passed.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of March 22, 2016 with changes noted by AC and seconded by RB.

Resolution #2016-04-19

All in favour.

Motion passed.

4. Public Question Period

Parents had concerns on the following issues:

- I. *Update regarding the change in CWA's transportation fees.*
GB members are in the process of writing a follow-up letter to the Advisory Committee and will attend their meeting on April 26.
- II. *The possibility of reinstating the Daycare User Committee.*

“The mandate of the daycare parents’ committee may focus on the quality of daycare services, the rules of operation, specific situations or special projects, changes that need to be made or any other aspect of the daycare. The committee may also contribute to the development of innovative projects. Meetings of the committee are conducted by the daycare coordinator.”
www.education.gouv.qc.ca/fileadmin/site_web/documents/dpse/formation_jeunes/daycare.pdf

It was proposed that an information session be given sometime during the next two months informing parents of the user committee. New kindergarten parents could be invited to attend during Kindergarten Orientation.

- III. *Does CWA have a policy regarding guidelines for substitute teachers?*
DE informed GB members that in the past there was a system in place for substitute teachers to report back to classroom teachers; a rating scale was used and classes were recognized for proper behaviour with substitutes. DE said that he will review reinstating this system with the staff.

- IV. *Why IB funds were being used for non-educational outings, i.e. going to the movie?*
A decision about the use of outstanding IB fees was communicated to CWA parents by email from DE on February 19, 2016. DE mentioned that it has been common but not frequent practice for teachers to take students on field trips intended as group rewards. Sometimes parents are asked to pay for the full cost of such trips, and sometimes they are subsidized with IB fees.
- V. *Supplies are going missing and parents are being asked to replace them.*
KH explained that students usually stay in their own classrooms during after-school daycare and they are encouraged to respect other people's property. Supplies do go missing, even those clearly identified with the owner's name.
- VI. *Can art smocks or old shirts be required for everyone as the uniform is being damaged by the paint?*
The art teacher Laura Stulginskis proposed the solution of collecting old shirts that will be kept in the art room for students to use if they do not come with smocks to wear. On the basis of this suggestion, a call will be put out to parents to donate old dress shirts for this purpose.

HG proposed to launch an initiative club throughout the daycare to empower girls and boys through the Girls Action Foundation.

5. Correspondence

QFHSA News: discusses Bill 86

6. Continuing Business

6.1 Budget Consultation

Motion to approve Response to Consultation on LBPSB's policy of Budget Priorities 2016-2017 by MJ seconded by NL.

Resolution #2016-04-6.1

All in favor.

Motion passed.

6.2 Uniform Survey to Parents

- JM had a discussion with owner of MONI and they agreed to modify some of the sizing as well as make other adjustments;
- MONI will be present at the May 20th Kindergarten Orientation;
- Fitting sessions in June for the rest of the student population;

- JM thanked parents for responding to the survey and will communicate the results with them.

6.3 School Board Strategic Plan

- Motion to accept previously approved response to consultation of LBPSB's strategic Plan 2015-2020 by MJ seconded by KH.

Resolution #2016-04-06.3

All in favor.

Motion passed.

6.4 Submission Regarding Transportation

GB is preparing a follow-up letter to the Transportation Advisory Committee that will ask the board to reinstate the free bus zone and accommodation busing as well as inform the members that safety will be jeopardized if GB's request is denied. Upcoming meetings that GB should be represented at include:

- I. Monday, April 25 at 7:30 pm– Council of Commissioners;
- II. Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 pm – Student Transportation Advisory Committee

6.5 Fund-Raising Guidelines

Committee to meet regarding guidelines.

6.6 Summer Rentals (City of LaSalle)

As per request by GB at the March meeting, DE provided additional information about the City of LaSalle Day Camp.

- I. 75 students;
- II. Camp bringing their own equipment;
- III. Would be using the field turf - official request has been made to the city in case of damage to the turf;
- IV. Use of Gym, 1 classroom, multi-purpose room, room near the gym;
- V. July 4 – August 12 (Monday-Friday) from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm.

GB concerns:

- I. The last time that this camp was at CWA, teaching materials went missing or were damaged;
- II. Intervention needed to be done with the personnel of the camp;
- III. QBBE already approved to use CWA from July 4 – August 4;

Motion to accept the City of LaSalle Day Camp to use CWA grounds from July 4 to August 12 by MJ, seconded by MM.

Resolution # 2016-04-19-6.6

All opposed.

Motion not passed.

Due to security, lack of adult supervision, past experience, and QBBE already using the facilities, GB did not approve request.

6.7 Parking Lot Safety

It is improving, but incidents are still occurring before 7:30 in the morning. The possibility of asking other organizations to help with informing parents about road safety: Police / Fire station, and the City of LaSalle

7. New Business

7.1 JungleSport Service Contract

Dates: 2 weeks in May 16 – May 27

Time: during gym times and other times

Students involved: for all students

PPO will subsidize cost: \$10.00 per student

Motion to approve JungleSport service contract from May 16 – May 27 for all students by JB and seconded by ET.

Resolution # 2016-04-7.1

All in favor.

Motion passed.

7.2 Supply Lists

- It is no longer financially feasible for CWA to subsidize school supply costs of \$35.00. Parents will be asked to buy all the supplies for their children.
- If the parents want, they can still purchase from Éditions Vaudreuil. The supplier can still provide the service that CWA received in delivering the supplies to the school. If more parents buy in, will prices be discounted?
- Specific school supplies that will be required will be charged as a consumable fee.
- More information to come in May regarding the supply lists.

7.3 McGill Research Project

- Graduate student of Educational Psychology, Katie Cohene, a McGill student, would like to recruit students with ADHD, ADD, or ASD for a study as part of doctoral research.
- Currently conducting research in LBPSB elementary and high schools.
- Part of this initiative is to understand the strengths and weaknesses in these areas and how they relate to daily living skills and predict academic success in math.
- This examination will help inform educational researchers and practitioners, so that they can better tailor future programs.
- Participating students, selected by the school, will be asked to complete these activities during school hours over two separate 45 minute sessions. Parents are free to decide to have their child participate or not.
- Arrangements will be made with classroom teacher in order to choose the best times.

Motion to accept this project by RB, seconded NL.

Resolution #2016-04--7.3

All in favor.

Motion passed.

8. Standing Reports

8.1 Principal’s Report

Highlights included:

Event	Information
Soccer Tournament to raise funds for the turf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proposed dates for tournament on June 10,11,12 ➤ \$30 to participate ➤ For CWA students only – grades 4, 5, 6 only ➤ PPO involved in selling food and beverages – proceeds to PPO

Motion to approve soccer tournament by AC, seconded by ET.

Resolution #2016-04-8.1.1

All in favor.

Motion passed.

Event	Information
Green Summit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In-house session during Ped day activity in Daycare. ➤ All grade 3 students who are part of the Roots and Shoots Club have been invited to participate.
Spring Concert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Thursday, June 2nd – Broadway theme
Volunteer Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wednesday, May 11; ➤ Staff will be selecting a Parent Volunteer of the Year who will be honored at the luncheon.
Scholastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Patricia O’Malley is planning the next English Book Fair on May

English Book Fair	18 – 20,
Grade 6 Trip to Jouvence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ May 3-5 – Parent info meeting this week on Thursday at 6:00 pm. ✚ Grade 6 Bowling Fund Raiser raised \$1500.
PPO's Toilet Paper Fund Raiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Parents are being asked to participate in fundraiser. ✚ If quota is not met, there will be a fee to pay.

8.2 Daycare Report

Presented by K. Heather. Highlights included:

Lunch	Sports Field – initiated by grade 3 students, lunch tournaments have begun including soccer, hockey, badminton.
Daycare	Exhibition for units on Buildings/Architecture was a big success; New theme beginning – Green Theme in conjunction with Green Summit; Champions for Life: Session #2 has been delayed for 2 weeks due to scheduling difficulties with Concordia University.
Ped Days	April 22 – Green Summit (In School); May 6 – Contemporary Art & Sculpture Day with optional field trip to Musée de Lachine for grades 1-6 only (maximum 55 students). In school cost \$12.00 and field trip cost \$16.00. May 20 – In school Activity: AM – outdoor activities and PM use of Jungle Sport. \$15.00 / students
Varia	CPR & First Aid – 12 people – May 4 – May 11; 3 staff members are attending 10-week Vanier Course, 'Inclusion in Daycare'; Workshop series: Active Supervision started today (April 19, 2016) for all DC staff to explore different styles of supervision. This workshop might expand to lunch monitors in August.

8.3 Teachers' Report

Presented by J. Beauchemin. Highlights included:

Grade	Highlights
Ks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The Five Senses unit has ended; ✚ Continuing the seasons unit with the Spring portion; ✚ In the process of planning the last end of the year activities; ✚ Earth day activities this week.
1	✚ Les élèves sont passionnés par les animaux en danger. Nous apprenons beaucoup sur eux et sur les causes et conséquences de leur état menacés. Plusieurs enfants prennent de petites actions pour les aider.
2	✚ Visite du Musée Vaudreuil-Soulanges. Très appropriée pour notre module sur les traces du passé. Une maman archéologue viendra parler de son métier. Les élèves ont beaucoup apprécié la franco-fête et Bertrand Gauthier.
3	✚ Les élèves ont reçu la visite d'un photographe dans le cadre de leur nouveau module de recherche des Esprits Créatifs. Ils travaillent maintenant à leur propre création qu'ils présenteront aux parents et au

	reste de l'école le 11 mai prochain.
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5	✚ Students are learning about the industrial revolution. We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip.
6	✚ Getting ready for our trip to Camp Jouvence. We are currently learning about communication technologies. We had a very interesting talk with M. Cutler, the ethical hacker.

8.4 PPO Report

Absent : No report

8.5 Regional Parent Representative Report

No report was given as meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, on April 20, 2016.

8.6 Commissioner Report

FDB presented notes from the Council of Commissioners meeting of March 29, 2016 .

9. Field Trips

Motion to approve the 4 field trips by ET, seconded by RB.

9.1

Grade	6
Date / Time	Monday, April 25
Purpose	High School mini-day
Destination	LCCHS, Lakeside Academy
Transportation	LCCHS : School bus; LA : parents to drive
Cost	Nil
Supervision Ratio	8 adults - 72 students (1:10)

Resolution #2016-03-09.1

All in favor.

Motion passed.

9.2

Grade	3
Date / Time	June 7; 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Purpose	Studying Forest Ecosystems
Destination	Héritage St. Bernard, Lacolle – 480 D'Youville, Châteauguay, QC
Transportation	School Bus
Cost	Nil (completely covered by IB fees)
Supervision Ratio	10 adults – 78 students (1:8)

Resolution #2016-03-09.2**All in favor.****Motion passed.**

9.3

Grade	4
Date / Time	May 4 8:30- 11:50
Purpose	Motivation/Reward Movie 'The Jungle Book'
Destination	Angrignon Cinema
Transportation	Walking
Cost	Movie only \$2.75; Movie and Combo \$5.50
Supervision Ratio	10 adults – 75 students (1:8)

Resolution #2016-03-09.3**9 in favor, 1 abstention (MFM)****Motion passed.**

9.4

Grade	Grade 6
Date / Time	April 22 9:00 – 12:00
Purpose	LBPSB Basketball Tournament
Destination	Dorval Elementary School
Transportation	Carpool
Cost	\$4
Supervision Ratio	3 adults – 30 students (1:10)

Resolution #2016-03-09.4**All in favor.****Motion passed.**

9.5

Motion to approve two field trips by MJ seconded by NL.

Grade	Class 204
Date / Time	May 4 – 9:45 am – 11:15 am
Purpose	Visit to Les Floralties Senior Residence
Destination	8200 George, LaSalle
Transportation	Carpooling
Cost	Nil
Supervision Ratio	5 adults – 20 students (1:4)

Grade	Daycare: Grades 1 – 6
Date / Time	May 6 – 9:15 am – 2:00 pm
Purpose	Daycare Ped Day Activity
Destination	Musée de Lachine
Transportation	School Bus
Cost	\$16.00
Supervision Ratio	5 adults – 55 students (1:12)

Resolution #2016-03-09.5

All in favor.

Motion passed.

10. Members Open Forum

1. It has been reported that dog owners are allowing their dogs to run on the soccer field in the evening.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

All in favour.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria-Francesca Martinez

Secretary

Signed by:

Jennifer Millen

Governing Board Chairperson

David Estok

Principal