



Minutes of Governing Board Meeting Children's World Academy



2241 rue Ménard, LaSalle, H8N 1J4

Date: Wednesday, June 15 2016

Time: 6:45 pm

Present:

Julieta Ascencio (JA), Rebecca Best (RB), Josée Beauchemin (JB), Mélanie Bougie-Richer (MBR), Anita Coretti (AC), Frank Di Bello (FDB), Anila Erindi (AE), David Estok (DE), Melanie Flores (MF), Karen Heather (KH), Suzanne Joly (SJ), Nadia Longo (NL), Maria-Francesca Martinez (MFM), Jennifer Millen (JM), Elisa Sebastiano (ES), Emmanuel Tremblay (ET), Devon Warnock (DW)

Absent with Reason:

Maureen Besley, Michelle Johnston, Christopher Sweetnam-Holmes

Guests:

Alana Leroux

Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, June 15 2016

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| 1. Welcome / Regrets | | J. Millen |
| 2. Adoption of the Agenda | | J. Millen |
| 3. Minutes from May 18, 2016 | | J. Millen |
| 4. Questions from the public | | |
| 5. Correspondence | | |
| 6. Continuing Business | | |
| 6.1 Uniform Policy | (I;D;DE) | J. Millen |
| 6.2 Transportation Policy | (I;D;DE) | J. Millen |
| 6.3 School Supplies | (I;D;DE) | D. Estok |
| 6.4 Three Year Plan for Immovables | (I;D;DE) | J. Millen |
| 6.5 Soccer Field Maintenance | (I;D;DE) | J. Millen / D. Estok |
| 7. New Business | | |
| 7.1 Budget Proposal for 2016-2017 (School) | (I;D;DE) | D. Estok |
| 7.2 Budget Proposal for 2016-2017 (Daycare) | (I;D;DE) | D. Estok/K. Heather |
| 7.3 Annual Report for 2014-2015 | (I;D;DE) | D. Estok |
| 7.4 G.B. Annual Report 2014-2015 | (I;D;DE) | J. Millen |
| 7.5 Service Contract – Dynamix | (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 | | |

1. Welcome

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion with an addition to Continuing Business for soccer field maintenance ET seconded by AE.

Resolution # 2016-06-15

All in favour.

Motion passed.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes of May 15 with corrections to point 7.2 by DW and seconded by NL.

Resolution #2016-06-15

All in favour.

Motion passed.

4. Public Question Period

5. Correspondence

Navy blue t-shirt requested from parent.

Concerns about Chartwells menu regarding dairy-free or vegetarian options.

6. Continuing Business

6.1 Uniform Policy

As per the request to add blue t-shirt, motion to amend uniform policy by AE and seconded by KH.

Resolution #2016-06-6.1

All in favor.

Motion passed.

6.2 Transportation Update

After the initial parent concern regarding CWA's transportation portfolio and countless hours put in by JM, chair of the GB, the Council of Commissioners amended the transportation user fee. For the 2016-2017 school year, the transportation courtesy and accommodation fees will be no more than \$175 per elementary student (savings of \$115) with a maximum of \$375 per family. In addition, zone 32 was reinstated as a free busing zone.

6.3 School Supplies

Shortly after CWA's school supply costs was approved last month, the LBSPB issued a memo that some school supplies will be subjected for sales tax. Therefore, the school supplies costs that were approved in May will be adjusted to reflect the added applicable taxes.

Motion to amend resolution #2016-05-06.3.1 to reflect the changes to supply costs by MFM and seconded by DW.

Resolution #2016-06-6.3

All in favor.

Motion passed.

6.4 Three Year Plan For Immovables

Information regarding the Three Year Plan for Immovables was given to clarify that Common Shared Ground (CWA and Terre des Jeunes) has nothing to do with immovable as it is solely based on shared space within the building only.

6.5 Soccer Field Maintenance

As the field turf is being used extensively by both the CWA community and the community at large, a maintenance plan needs to be drafted. Some points to consider:

- ❖ The company, Field Turf, is expected to come over the summer to look into the maintenance of the field. A written agreement should be drafted with the company as opposed to the verbal agreement that is standing.
- ❖ Continue communication with the city of LaSalle in taking on some responsibilities of the maintenance of the field as well as safety concerns.
- ❖ Signs need to be posted around the field for who is allowed to use it and how to maintain it. Dog owners are using the field as a dog park.
- ❖ Approach the LaSalle Soccer Association to use the field turf for practices or games for the 2017 season.
- ❖ Removal of nets off the frame during the winter season for longevity.

7. New Business

7.1 Budget Proposal for 2016-2017 (School)

DE presented CWA's budget proposal for May-June 2016-2017. Motion to approve the budget proposal for 2016-2017 by DV and seconded by AE.

Resolution # 2016-06-7.1

All in favor.

Motion passed.

7.2 Budget Proposal for 2016-2017 (Daycare)

KH presented CWA Daycare's budget proposal for May-June 2016-2017. Motion to approve the daycare budget proposal by ET and seconded by AC.

Resolution # 2016-06-7.2

All in favor.

Motion passed.

7.3 Annual Report 2014-2015

DE presented CWA's Annual Report 2014-2015.

- ✚ Most academic indicators (June 2015) are either the same or slightly better than the previous year. Grade 6 Math, English, and French exams success rates increasingly raised from June 2013 - June 2015;
- ✚ Reading levels in French raised and remained the same in English;
- ✚ Prime diagnostics for cycle 3 (from the current school year) slightly down.

Some highlights (grades 4-6) from the *Tell It From Me Survey* are the following:

- ✚ Students are interested and motivated;
- ✚ Students find the school relevant;
- ✚ High level of participation in sports;
- ✚ Positive relationship at school;
- ✚ Bullying remains consistent at around 20% (Canadian Norm is 26%);
 - ❖ some specific cohorts of students seem to be facing more difficulties
 - ❖ need to work on positive sense of belonging as a school.

Other highlights from the report:

- ✚ technology continues to be a strength. Schools need to explore other sources of funding if we want to continue to expand chromebook project and service the technology we already have;
- ✚ Community Service is a definite strength. The 'Be the Change' theme inspired many students this year.
- ✚ Resource needs to work more effectively on follow-ups.

Motion to accept Annual Report 2014-2015 by ET and seconded KH.

Resolution #2016-06--7.3

All in favor.

Motion passed.

7.4 GB Annual Report 2014-2015

JM presented the GB Annual Report 2014-2015. Motion to accept, with modification, the GB Annual Report 2014-2015 by MFM seconded AE.

Resolution #2016-06--7.4

All in favor.

Motion passed.

7.5 Service Contract – Dynamix

Grade	6
Date / Time	June 22
Purpose	Team Building Graduation Activity
Service Contract	Dynamix
Cost	\$18 per student
Student Fee	\$8 per student as PPO is paying 55% of the total cost (\$10 per students

Motion to accept a Team Building Activity, offered by Dynamix, on June 22 for the grade 6 students as part of their graduation activities by DW and seconded by AE.

Resolution #2016-06--7.4

All in favor.

Motion passed.

8. Standing Reports

8.1 Principal's Report

Highlights included:

Event	Information
Chartwells Lunch Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Chartwells Lunch Service – Proposed by the school board for schools to consider increasing the Chartwell's lunch service to 3 days per week. ✚ Only problem is the cost to our daycare to subsidize this service by paying daycare staff to distribute the meals at school. Current cost is about \$1600 per year ✚ CWA subsidizes the labor for preparing the lunch boxes of \$1600 per year. Who is going to pay for the additional \$800 with a third day? ✚ Ruby Trudeau Rivard and Sabbia El-Jarrat, were honoured at the Entrepreneurship Gala at the school board office on June 14. They were local winners in this year's contest for their project to compost the trays that Chartwell's meals come in.
Soccer Tournament	✚ The tournament was cancelled due to lack of participation. A

	potential project for next year.
Gender Identity Information Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The presentation for parents took place on May 25. Keynote speakers from Gender Creative Kids and GRIS Montreal (Groupe de recherche et d'intervention sociale) gave an informative and moving talk about issues related to transgender children and their families and awareness of LGB issues. ✚ Evening was well attended by staff.
We are the Change Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Grade 6 students raised almost \$1000 to support homeless people in Montreal. They will be making a donation to The Old Brewery Mission. They also collected personal items (soap, toothpaste, etc). Thank you to Mme Bouchard for helping the students with this project. ✚ Sarah Evangelista and Elena Pisano initiated a collection for families in Fort McMurray. Over \$700 was raised which becomes over \$1400 with federal matching.
Volunteering at CWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Information session took place on Thursday, May 26. ✚ PPO, GB, Daycare User Committee, Volunteer Coordinators are some areas where parents can volunteer. ✚ Planning to promote the formation of a daycare user committee for the upcoming school year 2016-2017.
Varia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Grade 5 Senior's Luncheon was a success and remained "green". ✚ Spring Concert was excellent! ✚ June 14, Daycare presented its show. The students chose their songs that best reflected one of the IB attitudes. As a finale, all 310 daycare students sang "One World, One Voice" in 4 different languages to honor Mr. Estok. ✚ Variety Show will take place on Monday, June 20. ✚ English Book Fair made \$7000 of sales. 60% of this amount is returned to the schools as books for the classrooms. Thank you to the parents who supported this and volunteered to help organize and run it. Thanks again to Ms. Patricia.

8.2 Daycare Report

Presented by K. Heather. Highlights included:

Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Microwaves causing breakers fall out everyday for K, 2, 5, & 6 ✚ Same fees next year \$36.00 = \$2/day (a Board wide fee) ✚ Stepping Stones: Final session will discuss Integrity and Commitment)
Daycare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ End of the year show – Be the Change – Each grade chose a song related to IB profile and attitudes. Students sang and danced. ✚ Registration for 2016-2017 are on-going. Parents are late in returning forms. The fee is \$8.10/day.
Ped Days	✚ June 3 – in school activities – 93 students registered.
Varia	

8.3 Teachers' Report

Presented by E. Tremblay. Highlights included:

Grade	Highlights
Ks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Finishing up our unit on Fur, Feathers, Scales. We had a visit from Zoothérapie to learn about how to approach dogs. Students have been bringing their pets to class to present. ✚ They are working on an animal project as well. ✚ This week, we will be going on a field trip to Camp Pioneer.
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Nous apprenons beaucoup sur les végétaux dans le cadre de notre module de recherche. Nous plantons des choses en classe pour faire des observations scientifiques. Nous pourrions mieux comprendre l'adaptation des végétaux à leur environnement lors de notre sortie au Parc du Mont-Royal. ✚ Merci aux parents qui nous emmènent en covoiturage à L'Octogone pour entendre de belles histoires.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Visite du Cosmodôme, belle sortie appréciée des élèves. Sortie au parc nature du Bois-de-Liesse le 15 juin. Module sur l'espace permet de visualiser de grandes distances.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Visit to Heritage St-Bernard was a smashing success! We had great weather and a ton of volunteers to help out with the forest Rallye. Students learned a lot about our forest ecosystems, what to do to keep it healthy and what are the causes and consequences of deforestation.
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ For our unit on Healthy Body, Healthy Minds, we went to Dance 123. The kids loved it. ✚ We will also have a guest speaker in to talk to us about our brain.
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The students enjoyed their field tri to Exporail and learning the importance of trains during the industrialization period. ✚ Looking forward to our Oceans Exhibition on Thursday, June 16. Parents have been invited to come and see from 3-5.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Students have now finished their year-end Ministry exams and are working very hard on their personal scrapbooks. ✚ They are also preparing for their graduation ceremony with extra music practices!
Spanish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ I wanted to thank PPO for the money each teacher was given as I was able to buy great Spanish learning games. I am very excited to use these games which will be introduced next school year.
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ The Spring Concert was a huge success!!
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Grade 5 students made 3D models of famous paintings. They will be on display in the school entrance on Thursday, June 16.
IB Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Three grade 6 students went with Mme Bouchard to the Old Brewery Mission to drop hygiene articles that they collected. In addition, they also collected \$800 in donations.

8.4 PPO Report

Presented by E. Sebastiano. Highlights included:

Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ After expenses, surplus of \$15,000 to be carried into 2016-2017 school year.
Fundraisers Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Garage Sale was successful; ✚ PPO table raised \$1080.00, less than last year; ✚ Proposition to join with Allion for next year as they had theirs on the same week-end.
Upcoming Fundraisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Outside Movie Night scheduled for this coming Friday, June 17.
Proposed Fundraisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Oil Fundraiser to start in September and delivered before December; ✚ Wholesale cost is \$9.00 for two bottles - Fundraiser cost \$15.00; ✚ Options for two bottles of oils or one oil and one vinegar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Motion to approve Fundraiser Oil in the Fall by NL and seconded by RB. Motion tabled until September meeting after informally surveying parents of their thoughts of this fundraiser. 	

8.5 Regional Parent Representative Report

Presented by R. Best. Highlights included:

The Region 3 Parent Rep Meeting was scheduled for May 26. However, due to lack of quorum, it was cancelled.

8.6 Commissioner Report

Presented by F. Di Bello. Highlights included:

- ✚ Transportation User Fees (refer to point 6.2 Transportation Up-Date)
- ✚ The Lester B. Pearson School Board Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 was adopted.
- ✚ CGTSIM School Tax: The LBPSB will call upon the *Comité de gestion de la taxe scolaire de l'Île de Montréal* to adopt a budget for 2016-2017 ensuring that LBPSB receive its full share of the proceeds from the collection of the school tax.
- ✚ The former Management Executive Committee will now be named the Administration Advisory Committee on Policies. The document entitled *Administration Advisory Committee of Policies Composition and Mandate* was adopted.

9. Field Trips

Motion to approve both field trips by DW and seconded by ET.

9.1

Grade	4
Date / Time	May 31
Purpose	Experiencing Dance as a physical activity – Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Unit
Destination	Dance 123
Transportation	Walking
Cost	Free IB fees covered
Supervision Ratio	9 adults 76 students (1:8 ratio)

Resolution #2016-06-09.1

All in favor.

Motion passed.

9.2

Grade	Selected Grade 6 Students
Date / Time	June 13 9:00 – 10:30
Purpose	“Be the Change”
Destination	Old Brewery Mission
Transportation	Staff Carpool with Mme Sonia Bouchard
Cost	Nil
Supervision Ratio	1 adult 3 students

Resolution #2016-06-09.2

All in favor.

Motion passed.

10. Members Open Forum

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

All in favour.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria-Francesca Martinez

Secretary

Signed by:

Jennifer Millen

Governing Board Chairperson

Alana Leroux

Principal