

MINUTES OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING CHILDREN'S WORLD ACADEMY

Date: Monday, December 12, 2016

Time: 6:50 pm

Present:

Julieta Ascencio (JA), Alvern Bunn (AB), Mélanie Bougie-Richer (MBR), Anita Coretti (AC), Alexandre Gueudry (AG), Kimberley Harkness (KH), Michelle Johnstone (MJ), Mathieu Lavallée (ML), Nadia Longo (NL), Maria-Francesca Martinez (MFM), Jennifer Millen (JM), Alana Quinn-Leroux (AQL), Lucy Sollazzo (LS), Christopher Sweetnam-Holmes (CSH), Emmanuel Tremblay (ET)

Absent:

Frank Di Bello, Anila Erindi, Susan Mintzberg, Elisa Sebastiano

Children's World Academy Governing Board Agenda

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| 1. Welcome / Regrets | JM |
| 2. Adoption of Minutes from previous meetings | |
| 3. Question from the public | |
| 4. Correspondance | |
| 5. Questions from the Public | |
| 6. Continuing Business | |
| 6.1 Safety Sub-Committee | AC/AB |
| 7. New Business | |
| 7.1 Annual Report | AQL |
| 7.2 School Budget | AQL |
| 7.3 Daycare Budget | JA |
| 7.4 Emergency Preparedness | AQL |
| 7.5 GB Allocation Fund 2016-2017 | JM |
| 7.6 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Policy 2016-2017 | AQL |
| 7.7 Eric Michaud - Storyteller | CSH |
| 8. Reports | |
| 8.1 Principal Report | AQL |
| 8.2 Daycare Report | JA |
| 8.3 Teacher Report | MT |
| 8.4 Home & School Report | ES |
| 8.5 PPO | ES |
| 8.6 Parent Committee Rep. | AB/MJ |
| 8.7 Commissioner | FDB |
| 9. Field Trips | AQL |
| 10. Open Forum | All |
| 11. Adjournment | |

1. Welcome / Regrets

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with the removal of item 6.2 and the addition to item 7.6 *Anti-Bullying Bill 56* and item 7.7 *Storytelling in French* under New Business by NL.

Resolution #2016-12-02.

All in favour.

Motion Passed.

3. Minutes from previous meetings

Motion to adopt the September 2016 minutes by JA.

Resolution #2016-12-03.1

All in favour.

Motion Passed.

Motion to adopt the October 2016 minutes by ML.

Resolution #2016-12-03.2
Passed.

All in favour.

Motion

Motion to adopt November 2016 minutes by AC.

Resolution #2016-12-03.3
Passed.

All in favour.

Motion

4. Questions from the public

An inquiry was made if the morning drop off for walkers could be made earlier. Teacher supervision in the school yard begins at 7:45 am. Supervision that takes place anytime before that is allocated to daycare students. Therefore, drop off time for walkers remains at 7:45 am.

5. Correspondence/Comments/Acknowledgments

Pearson Education Foundation helping Verdun Elementary.

6. Continuing Business

6.1 Safety Sub-Committee

Sub-Committee met with the counselor of LaSalle. The meeting was very positive. Guidelines were given in how to proceed so that our case be added to the city's agenda:

- A letter needs to be drafted by the principal outlining our recommendations.
- This letter needs to be submitted before the next city counselor meeting.

Contact was also made with the Fire Station, the Police Commissioner, and CN to use the services/workshops that they offer to work in collaboration during Safety Awareness Week.

Bus safety presentation already presented to K's and grade 1 students.

It was proposed that a "Did you know?" section be added to the monthly newsletter to complement the information on safety.

As Terre des jeunes is upgrading their grounds, discussion took place if CWA could also look into upgrading our grounds. There are grants that support such plans and research needs to be conducted to determine which ones apply if CWA decides to proceed with this proposal.

7. New Business

7.1 Annual Report

AQL presented the annual report with the addition of results at year end 2016. Math results were lower than forecasted due to the inconsistency of the formulation of questions and what was expected from the grade 6 students.

Motion to accept the CWA Annual Report 2015-2016 by ET.

Resolution #2016-12-07.1

All in favour.

Motion passed.

7.2 School Budget

AQL presented CWA School Budget.

Motion to approve the revised November budget by CSW and seconded by NL.

Resolution #2016-12-07.2
passed.

All in favour.

Motion

7.3 Daycare Budget

JA presented CWA Daycare Budget.

Motion to approve the CWA Daycare Budget by MFM by MJ.

**Resolution #2016-12-07.3
passed.**

All in favour.

Motion

7.4 Emergency Preparedness

AQL presented The Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Motion to approve the emergency preparedness plan by NL.

**Resolution #2016-12-07.4
passed.**

All in favour.

Motion

7.5 GB Allocation 2016-2017

JM informed the members of the GB that the GB Allocation Fund for 2016-2017 is \$584.00.

7.6 Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Policy 2016-2017

With some minor changes, AQL presented the Anti-Bullying/Anti-Violence Policy 2016-2017.

Motion to approve CWA Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence 2016-2017 by KAH.

**Resolution #2016-12-07.6
passed.**

All in favour.

Motion

7.7 Eric Michaud - Free Storytelling in French

On behalf of Eric Michaud, a parent of our community, CSH informed the GB members that Mr. Michaud is a Storyteller who travels to many schools in the province. Mr. Michaud has offered to come to CWA to perform for the students free of charge. It was suggested that his visit could fit nicely with the Francofête platform.

It was remarked that it is important to tap into the resources that CWA already has from our parent community.

8. Reports

8.1 Principal's Report

Highlights included:

Remembrance Day:

On Wednesday November 16, we held our annual Remembrance Day Assembly. It was a beautiful and touching ceremony. We were honoured with the presence of several veterans and special guests. The students were attentive and engaged. The grade 3 students sang an absolutely beautiful rendition of "In Flanders Fields", Ms. Kathleen and one of our veterans also sang. Thank you to all and in particular Mr. Clahane and Mrs. Rutherford.

Term I Report Card:

On Friday November 18th, Term I report cards went home with our students. Signed report cards envelopes and IEP's should be returned before the holidays.

Pasta Night:

On Friday November 18th we held our Annual Family Pasta Night. It was well attended. Thank you to our grade 6 bakers, for the plentiful bake table. Thank you to all of our volunteers who set up, managed the event itself and for a very thorough clean-up.

Portfolio Night:

On Wednesday November 23rd we held our 2016 portfolio night. The evening went well and was well attended. The students were proud and excited to have the opportunity to showcase their hard work and efforts.

English Book Fair:

This year's English book fair occurred around Term I interview time. Students had an opportunity to visit the book fair during the day with their respective teaches and again during portfolio appointments; with their parents.

Dress Down Day:

On Thursday November 25th the funds raised from our dress down day went towards supporting BATSHAW and the youth that they support, particularly for the Holiday time.

Readiness Test Day:

On Friday December 2nd we welcomed potential families into the school, for this year's readiness test day. We had 120 students test for our 80 kindergarten spots and 23 students test for spots in grades 1 through 5.

Upcoming events:

In the coming weeks, you can look forward to the following: Outings, invited guests(cartoonists), Holiday concert, breakfast with Santa and pyjama day.

Respectfully submitted by: Alana Leroux

December 9, 2016

8.2 Daycare Report

Presented by J. Ascencio. Highlights Included:

Lunch	IB program Session 2 Starts Dec.12 until March 24
Daycare	The theme of the month is healthy snacks. Students are participating in activities that are supporting good eating habits in school.
Pedagogical Days	Dec. 2nd. Biodome. Registrations 77. Attendants 75 Dec. 5th. Pajama day. Registrations 103. Attendants 98. Students watch Classic Christmas movies accordingly the age. They took advantage of the nice weather.
Varia	A draft for Daycare and lunch staff general procedures is in process to be implemented.

8.3 Teachers' Report

Grade	Highlights
Ks	
1	Nous avons terminé le module sur mon quartier. Nous sommes allés au Musée pour enfants pour débiter notre nouveau module sur les métiers.
2	Nous avons terminé le module de recherche sur l'espace. Les élèves ont été de fantastiques chercheurs. Nous nous dirigeons maintenant vers comment nous nous exprimons au travers de la musique.
3	We had our pyjama day to start our wonderful unit on fairy tales.
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5	We are coming to the end of our Immigration unit. They are looking forward to presenting their interview of an immigrant. Our next unit is World Religions.
6	Grade 6 just had their symposium. We had 8 guest speakers all related to the topic of food in order to officially launch our exhibition. Our Math olympic team made us all proud winning Silver ! Grade 6 also had the pleasure to have a visit from Mayor Coderre and Député Robert Poéti.
Spanish	
Art	Art Club is taking place at every lunchtime since 2 weeks to prepare decorations of the Christmas Concert. :-) Thanks to all students involved!
Music	
Physical Education	
IB Coordinator	
Terry Clahane	

8.4 Home & School Report

Presented by E. Sebastiano. Highlights Included:

Event	Description
Breakfast with Santa	We are preparing for the Breakfast. We are getting the pancakes and fruits free again this year. Still looking for a Santa. Any volunteers??
Bake Sale	Preparing for the bake sale at the Holiday concert. Proceeds will go towards things like FrancoFête and classroom requests. Motion to approve a bake sale at the Holiday Concert on December 15 by MJ. All in favour
Maroon 5 Tickets	The draw will take place on December 20th.
CWA Fair Night	Permission to hold this event again this year. Maybe charge \$1 or \$2 admission fee this year. February or March time frame. Need clarification as to which activity the fundraising money will be used for. Tabled until next meeting.
Finances	Would like to let H&S members know first, will have a report at the next meeting.

8.5 PPO

None

8.6 Parent Committee Rep.

Discussion took place regarding the updated history curriculum in secondary 4. Parents also expressed the importance that the LBPSB be more transparent when dealing with ethical issues that concern the community as a whole.

8.7 Commissioner

Absent. No report given.

9 Field Trips

Unit of Inquiry	Educational Outing / Activity	Student/ Adult Ratio	Cost Per Student
LBPSB Volleyball Tournament	John Abbott College	1:10	\$12.00
Exploring a Faunic Refuge	Heritage St-Bernard	1:8	\$13.00
Cartooning with Sheltoons	In-House	1:25	\$ 3.00

Motion to approve the three field trips plus the visit of a Native choreographer and the performance by a black theatre workshop by AL.

Resolution #2016-12-09

All in favour.

Motion passed.

10. Members Open Forum

MFM commented on the poor concert etiquette by parents during the previous performances. All the hard work that goes into preparing a concert by the students and teachers is not acknowledged when parents are having conversations with one another.

11. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by
Maria-Francesca Martinez

Signed by:

Jennifer Millen
Governing Board Chair

Alana Quinn-Leroux
Principal