



Children's World Academy

Governing Board Minutes



Date: November 12, 2024

Start Time: 6:35pm

End time: 8:30pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Present Voting Members: Christina Arvanitakis, Andrew Billings-White, Sharon Burgy, Alexandre Gueudry, Laura Lo Vasco, Patricia O'Malley, Rebecca Price, Emmanuel Tremblay, Karine Bassal, Gianna Caucci, Melissa De Marco, Giovanni Iapaolo, Alicia Mancini, Gunkamal Preet Kaur, Shanika Taylor-Haughton

Present Non-Voting Members: Lisa Baylis, Frank Di Bello, Kim Jones (Parent Member – Substitute), Sabrina La Villa (Parent Member – Substitute), Romina Sicoli (Community Representative), Susie Mintzberg (Community Representative)

Regrets: Mario Vilone, Mariana Vetro

Guests: Melissa Nudo, Teresa Verelli

1. Welcome

➤ Karine B. (GB Chair) welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Gianna C. to adopt Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2024-11-12.01)

3. Approval of October minutes

Moved by Gianna C. to adopt October Minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.02)

4. Parents communication

a. New LBPSB website

- Modernized and updated to allow accessibility and ensure information can be found efficiently.

b. Emails addressed to GB email

- Hoping to improve our reach/visibility with parents, so that we can have interactions with the parent community at large.

5. Continuing Business

a. Uniform Sub-Committee

- No pressing issues now.
- Working to contact past members, to gauge possible involvement

b. Safety Sub-Committee

- Significant improvements have been made
- Looking at plans to ensure continuity of these improvements during Winter months

c. Community Reps Introduction

- Romina Sicoli and Susie Mintzberg introduced themselves and explained their connection to the CWA community

d. Sub-Committee AGA/GB Awareness

- Chair: Gianna Caucci
- Members: Melissa De Marco, Gunkamal Preet Kaur, Karine Bassal

Moved by Gianna C. to adopt Sub-Committee AGA/GB Awareness as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.03)

e. GB Internal Rules of Management

- Tabled – To be approved in December

f. GB Annual Report Recommendations

- Tabled – To be approved in December

g. GB Minimum Composition

- Discussion to maintain current GB composition
- Expressed that maintaining 8 members on each side (parent/employee) allows for diversity in opinions.

6. New Business

a. Commissioner's Invite to GB Meetings

- Congratulated Mr. Frank Di Bello on his re-election.

b. GB Operating Budget

Moved by Melissa D. to adopt GB Operating Budget as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.04)

c. Grade 6 Uniforms

- There was a slight misprint on the graduate hoodies, so the company offered to provide (1) free t-shirt for each graduate as compensation
- Proposed "Grad T-shirt Fridays – Where grade 6 students can wear their grad t-shirts every Friday of the school year

Moved by Giovanni I. to approve Grad T-shirt Fridays.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.05)

d. Holiday Activities

- Dec 13th - Home and School would like to bring back the Gingerbread Café in the library. This would be a paid Dress Down Day, with funds collected going to the Old Brewery Mission to provide Christmas meals
- Food Drive - Collect food to donate to local families in collaboration with the work being done at Lasalle Elementary (Junior Campus). We will ask for a toonie donation (to buy Turkeys) and each grade will be given suggested items.
- Dec 20th – Breakfast with Santa

Moved by Laura L. to approve Holiday activities as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.06)

e. Music Concert

- Dec 17th - Holiday concert presented by grades K-2-4-6

Moved by Alicia M. to approve the Holiday Music Concert as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.07)

7. Standing Reports

a. Principal – Lisa B.

- Grade 2 Trip (Mme Josee and Mme Nadine's groups) scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 12th had to be moved to Thursday, Nov 14th.
 - The bus "no showed"; thankfully the museum was able to accommodate
- Comments on items from Educational Project:
 - Literacy groups are underway in cycle 2
 - Anxiety Workshops began in grade 6 – AMCAL will be running workshops
 - Peace Pals and ABC Crew working on sense of belonging and helping with conflict resolution.
- We brought a large contingency to Cross Country Run once again this year.
 - Thank you to Phys Ed and the teachers who supervised students. Our students did well, and we had beautiful weather
- The Italian Association would like to offer a free pasta lunch on Nov 26th.
- Spanish – Received our allocation from the board.
 - Classes anticipated to begin the week of Nov 25th. Parents will receive an email with the day of the week their child will be offered Spanish.
 - Program will run until June 13th
- Report Cards will go live on Friday Nov 15th.
 - Parent teacher interviews will take place over zoom on the 21st and 22nd. Parents will be able to register for an appointment time as of noon on November 18th, the system will close on Nov 21st at noon.
 - Parents who wish to meet with specialists will be provided with emails so they can schedule an appointment directly with the teacher.
- A big thank you to Home and School for making Halloween so memorable for our students!
- Remembrance Day Assembly was lovely.
 - Student leaders and the choir did a wonderful job. A big thank you to Mr. Andrew, Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Walker for planning and prepping.
- November 15th - IB Exam for grade 6 students.

- M. Lavallee and Ms. Reid will be invigilating the exam.

- b. Daycare – Christina A.
 - See Daycare Report provided by Christina A.
 - Upcoming Ped Day Activities for November
 - Nov 15th – In-House Arts & Crafts (\$17.50)
 - Students and educators will spend the day creating something special to take home. As a treat the students will be served homemade pizza made by SEED staff.
 - Nov 22nd – Laurentian Lanes Bowling (\$32.00)
 - Students will play 2 games of bowling.
 - What's new?
 - **Computer classes** are a huge hit! The grade 3 and 4 SEED students are learning about Minecraft Education, the students are collaborating and creating some interesting homes and floor plans.
 - **Champs Basketball** is a huge hit with the grade 5 and 6 students. They are learning some new drills and finish with a scrimmage.
 - **Fundraiser:** A craft/bake sale December 13th during daycare pick-up. Proceeds will help buy toys and gift cards for families in the Verdun/LaSalle area.

Moved by Giovanni I. to approve Holiday SEED Bazaar as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.08)

- Ped Day Activity Pending Approval
 - Dec 4th – Famous Players Angrignon (\$31.75)
 - Students will walk to carrefour Angrignon to see the movie Moana 2. The cost includes a snack box from Famous Players.

Moved by Laura L. to approve the Ped Day Activity as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.09)

- c. Teachers – Alexandre G. & Andrew Billings-White
 - See Teachers Report on drive

- d. Home & School
 - No approvals needed
 - Halloween was a great success

- Every class received a pumpkin to decorate, and lunch was provided for all students
- November meeting was last week with a good turnout
- Chocolate fundraiser was a hit! Waiting for >10 parents to return funds.
- Christmas committee has been created and met
- BoSapin marketing will be sent out soon
- Yearbook sponsor/partner requests have been sent out
- Volunteers needed
 - Book Fair next week
 - Open House

e. Parents' Committee

- Lack of hybrid option making it difficult for our designated parents to attend these meetings
- Overall sentiment – unhappy
 - Meeting planning is very last minute
 - Lack of structure
 - Unable to find past minutes

f. Commissioner – Frank DB

- New mandate begins Nov 18th
- Grateful for the support from the community
 - 75% of votes were in favour of re-electing Mr. Di Bello

8. Field Trips

Trip	Grade	Date	Transportation	Ratio	Price
Outdoor Fitness (Skiing)	5	Jan 22/24	Bus	1:7	60\$
Outdoor Fitness (Skiing)	6	Feb 12/25	Bus	1:7	60\$
CEPSUM (UdeM) Physical Activity & Health	4	May 14th	Bus	1:8	20\$ (max)
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory (JRHS)	5	Dec 12th	Bus	1:10	\$14
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory (JRHS)	3	Dec 12th	Bus	1:10	\$14
Science Center	4	Feb 12th	Bus	1:8	FREE

Hockey Game	4-6	Dec 19th	Carpool	1:7	FREE
Hockey Game	4-6	Nov 18th (Away)	Carpool	1:7	FREE
Temple Visit	1	Nov 25th	Walk	1:4	FREE
Who is the real Santa Claus	K	Dec 3rd & 5th	Bus	1:9	FREE
AML Cruise	4	June 3rd	Bus	1:5	FREE

Moved by Melissa D. to approve Field Trips as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0(Resolution # 2024-11-12.10)

9. Members' Open Forum

- Discussions on how to effectively send out messaging to parents, that stress the importance of following school rules re: sending in food or treats
 - ie. Asking parents to not bring in treats for Halloween or lunches for the class
 - Further discussions on whether it's okay to send in cards for Valentine's Day. Reiterated that this is fine, so long as the entire class is included
 - Food may be permitted to bring in, if related to an educational activity being done in the classroom, with the approval and collaboration of the teacher and principal.
 - Further discussions may arise in future meetings.

10. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Karine Bassal
- Next Meeting: December 10th, 6:30pm in person at CWA

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shanika Taylor-Haughton

Signed by:

Karine Bassal

GB Chair – Karine Bassal

School Principal – Lisa Baylis