



Children's World Academy Governing Board Minutes



Date: November 8th, 2022

Start Time: 18h30

End time: 20h13

Location: Virtual closed meeting

Present Voting Members: Andrew Billings-White, Christina Arvanitakis, Emmanuel Tremblay, Mathieu Lavallée, Guy Walker, Patricia O'Malley, Tania D'Alessandro, Alexandre Gueudry, Theresa MacDonald, Alicia Mancini, Susie Mintzberg, Geneviève Émond, Karine Bassal, John Devlin, Jessica Burelle, Nicky Giulietti, Marianna Vetro

Present Non-Voting Members: Adrian Geller, Frank Di Bello

Regrets: Anita Coretti, Mario Vilone

Guests: N/S

1. Welcome

Geneviève É. welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Karine B. Carried unanimously

Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2022-11-08.01)

3. Approvals

a.

October minutes

Moved by Andrew BW. Carried unanimously

Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2022-11-08.02)

b.

AGA 2022/23

Moved by Alicia M. Carried unanimously

Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2022-11-08.03)

4. Questions from the public

- o Karine B. had a conversation with the father of a student about the smell from the sewer in the parking lot at the day care entrance; Christina A. will follow-up with the parent who worked at the city who had managed our request to clean the sewer last year; it was suggested to call 311 to report the odor; there is also an app that can be downloaded on phones; follow-up at next meeting.

5. Continuing Business

a) Community Reps 2022-2023

- o Anila Erindi has accepted the role of Community rep

Moved by Emmanuel T. Carried unanimously

Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (**Resolution # 2022-11-08.04**)

- o Romina from Villa Toscana has been approached and has expressed interest; follow-up at next meeting

b) Uniform Sub-Committee

- o Jessica B. has requested access to the folder on the drive which will be granted by Geneviève É.; review will be started next week, and a meeting will follow shortly

c) Safety Sub-Committee

- o Karine B. mentioned the figure cutouts to slow traffic down; Geneviève É. Suggested these might be part of the Campagne de sensibilization à la Vitesse started by the city which includes Phase 1 (banners on school fences done) and Phase 2 (signage, to come); Karine B. will reach out to the city for more information
- o A speed bump on Ménard has been planned in the coming weeks/months on the CWA side of the building
- o École Grand Héron had the principal send a message out to parents to reach out to the city for lawn signs
- o Susie M. volunteered to be part of the committee

d) GB Internal Rules of Management

- o Theresa MacDonald, Vanda D'Alessandro and Mathieu Lavallée missing from teacher list; Geneviève É. Rectified

Moved by Tania D. Carried unanimously

Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (**Resolution # 2022-11-08.05**)

6. New Business

- o operating budget Prepare and adopt annual GB

Moved by Guy W. Carried unanimously

Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (**Resolution # 2022-11-08.06**)

7. Standing Reports

a) Principal – Adrian Gellar

- Thanked teachers and parent volunteers who have made these first months of school delightful and have created an excellent environment to learn and work
- Mother Nature has allowed many outdoor activities to go on through October
- Thanked Mr Walker and Mr Andrew who helped repair the speaker issues in the gym in their free time
- Covid protocols have loosened with minimal cases and no spike; we remain cautious and conscious of the flu and RSV viruses that are circulating
- Tomorrow (Wednesday November 9th) the first school assembly in the gym for Remembrance Day while maintaining distances between groups
- Report Cards will be available through the Mozaik portal this Friday November 11th
- Parent-teacher meetings will be booked through the Mozaik portal for next week November 17th and 18th; meetings will be held on Zoom
- Equity Diversity Dignity Inclusion (EDDI) summary of board wide initiatives in 2021-2022 academic year; very proud of CWA; highlight student agency and student voices, for example Orange Shirt Day that is not a one-day event at CWA and will be recognized throughout the year with support from Mme France, Mr. Grant, and many others and will be marked by the visit of an Elder to the school
- Fire Drills x5 very well done;
- Lockdown x1 very well done
- Field trips and guest speakers have been ongoing and have been successful; Thank you to Mrs Tania for organizing guest speakers Nancy Blanchet, David Lametti and Frederic Beauchemin for Grade 6; students were curious, engaged and interested in the democratic voting process and politely asked many questions; guests were very open and willing to respond honestly to student questions; very successful
- Open House will be next week; much publicity was done on electronic billboards and through daycares; we are expecting a good turnout; many siblings are already registered
- In November the Pearson Education Foundation is having snowsuit and winter boot drive; they have asked schools to reach out to their community for fundraising in support of this initiative; donations from our November dress Down Day will support this initiative

b) Daycare – Christina Arvanitakis

- Ped days and hot lunches have been going well; they encourage the children to bring home their unfinished hot lunches

- o Miss Rosa retired last week
- o Ped day coming up for Bubble Ball and games in the gym and outdoors with approx. 90 students
- o Next one will be MasterChef in-school; they will all make pizza
- o For approval: December 2nd Funtropolis \$40/student School bus

Moved by Guy W. Carried unanimously

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 1 (**Resolution # 2022-11-08.07**)

- c) Teachers – Tania D., Andrew BW., Alexandre G., Guy W.
 - o Teachers' Report in GB Google Drive
 - o Quick review of Report

- d) Home & School – Susie Mintzberg
 - o Currently at 53 paid members with many new members
 - o Super Recycleurs and Schools Take Root (organic veggie baskets) were very successful and will be continue
 - o Grad Hoodies have been received and are very appreciated by the students; a percentage of sales was donated to kids causes
 - o Uniform sale was successful approx.. \$450
 - o Meal fundraisers are going well and a new round of orders will be offered for next term
 - o Halloween donuts were a success
 - o A Lego sensory table has been donated to the Resource room
 - o Breakfast with Santa has been reinstated
 - o Green Committee won a prize at the Quebec H&S Fall conference
 - o Next H&S meeting to brainstorm new ideas

- e) Parents' Committee
 - o They have not received any emails; assuming there have not been any meetings; there is a new Chair for the first time in many years which might explain the delay

- f) Commissioner
 - o Central Students Committee (CSC); a group of 11 high school students; they meet once a month and have a seat at meetings; LBPSB is the only school board that has students on the commission
 - o Executive committee approved CWA GB budget

- 8. Field Trips
 - o Kindergarten: November 29th, 9h30, \$28 and December 9th 10h30, \$29
Musée Pointe-à-Callière
Bus transportation
70 students; 1:8 ratio

b. Grade 2: December 13th and 15th, 8h30-11h30, \$16
Canadian Center for Architecture
Bus transportation
72 students; 1:6 ratio

c. Grade 5: February 15th, 8h30-16h30, \$50 without rental / \$65 with rental
equipment
Mont St-Bruno
School bus transportation (+\$30) or Carpool (\$0), to be confirmed
68 students; 1:6 ratio

d. Grade 6: November 30th, 10h15-14h and December 5th, 8h30-12h30, \$0
Barrage de Beauharnois
School bus transportation
68 students; 1:8 ratio and 1:10 ratio

Moved by Patricia O. Carried unanimously
Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2022-11-08.08)**

9. Members' Open Forum

- o Karine B. asks if specialists (art, music, phys. Ed., etc) will be available for parent-teacher meetings; they are accessible on request by sending an email

10. Correspondence

- o n/a

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20h13 on a motion by Geneviève É.
Next Meeting: December 6th, 2022 (in person)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karine Bassal

Signed by:



GB CHAIR – Geneviève Émond
Gellar



School Principal – Adrian