



Children's World Academy

Governing Board Minutes



Date: February 7th, 2023

Start Time: 18h30

End time: 20h59

Location: Virtual closed meeting

Present Voting Members: Andrew Billings-White, Christina Arvanitakis, Emmanuel Tremblay, Mathieu Lavallée, Alicia Mancini, Susie Mintzberg, Patricia O'Malley, Tania D'Alessandro, Vanda D'Alessandro, Anita Coretti, Geneviève Émond, Karine Bassal, Jessica Burelle, Laura D'Adamo, Nicky Giulietti, Alexandre Gueudry, Mariana Vetro

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

Regrets: Guy Walker, John Devlin, Mario Vilone

Guests: N/S

1. Welcome

Geneviève É. welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Christina A. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-02-07.01)

3.

Approvals

a. December minutes

Moved by Tania D. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-02-07.02)

4. Questions from the public

No questions from the public.

5. Continuing Business

a) Presentation of Community Rep - Romina Sicoli

- Mrs Sicoli introduced herself; happy to be part of GB as a community rep.; Geneviève É. explained role of community rep

b) Uniform Sub-Committee

Motion to move sub-committee update to later in the meeting when the chair will be present.

Moved by Emmanuel T. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2023-02-07.03)

c) Safety Sub-Committee

- Karine B. and Anita C. mentioned the dangers of morning drop-offs on Robidoux and Ménard with parents stopping in the middle of the street, mountains of snow, etc
- Mr Geller had a meeting with the community police officer; unfortunately, some parents take risks until they get a ticket; he will reach out once more to request more surveillance.
- There is an issue with community members using the staff parking lot at night preventing proper snow removal; collaboration with local police is ongoing; more to come
- Pros and cons to installing a barrier at the staff entrance; there are potential problems with this solution; ongoing discussion to find solutions
- Snow removal on Robidoux is scheduled at 14h30 when school is let out; very dangerous for children
- Safety sub-committee will submit a letter to the LaSalle City Council; Laura Palestini is our district councilor; Susie M. & Laura D'Adamo will assist Karine B. in writing the letter

Motion to send a letter and a resolution to the city of LaSalle

Moved by Alicia M. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2023-02-07.04)

Jessica B. was admitted to the meeting.

6. New Business

- a. Consultation - Principal Selection criterias for 2023-2024

Motion to submit Principal Selection criterias for 2023-2024 without changes

Moved by Karine B. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 (Resolution # 2023-02-07.05)

- b. LBPSB Budget 2023-2024 consultation
 - Brief review of Budget Consultation; this is a system-wide consultation in which multiple schools provide feedback to the Board
 - Jessica B. suggests proposing more special needs educators that are rare across the Board
 - To be discussed over email to come up with a suggestion that Geneviève É. will submit before the deadline March 31st 2023
- c. Results - Educational projects annual report
 - The plan was paused during the pandemic; back in motion now awaiting Ministère de l'éducation et de l'enseignement supérieur to share their orientations with school boards and schools for alignment
 - Review and discussion of results/achievement data from 2021-2022

7. Standing Reports

a) Principal – Adrian Gellar

- Commends staff on continued hard work and excellence with delivery of the IB program
- More normal activities coming back; return of assemblies, in-person concerts; parents will soon be reintegrated into the classrooms to support teachers
- Thank you to H&S for amazing pancakes and pjs breakfast! It was a great success! Thank you to Romina for donating the pancakes
- Cracking down on unauthorized vehicles in the parking lot; police are involved; tickets and towing are ongoing
- EDDI: this month is Black History; announcements, guest speakers, books, activities and more to recognize contributions of black community both locally and globally; member of Mohawk community came to speak to students in grade 3
- Field trips are ongoing; thank you to teachers for pulling them off so seamlessly
- CWA Cares: environmental efforts ongoing; Pink Shirt Day for Anti-Bullying coming up as a fundraiser for Kids Help Line
- Volleyball tournament went well; Senior team played against staff and teachers (teachers won!); Pickle Ball for staff; staff modeling healthy and active choices to set good example for students
- Kindergarten registration is ongoing; Sharon and Sandra are processing registrations
- Student leadership a priority; International week; Winter Carnival
- Anti-bullying police officers came to speak to students grades 3-6
- French book fair coming up Feb 21-23; funds raised go straight to the library to reinvest in books and learning tools for students

b) Daycare – Christina Arvanitakis

- Last ped day with Sport Life was a great success
- Daycare budget to be presented at next GB meeting

c) Teachers – Tania D’Alessandro

- Teachers’ Report in GB Google Drive
- Quick review of Report
- Thank you to H&S for ongoing support and breakfast event

Motion to extend meeting 30 minutes proposed by Geneviève É.

Moved by Tania D. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 17 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-02-07.06)

Anita C. left the meeting.

Patricia O. left the meeting.

d) Home & School – Laura D’Adamo & Mariana Vetro

- Second round of meal fundraisers started with Villa Toscana and Domino’s Pizza
- Holiday treat bags were sent to Riverview Elementary in Verdun
- Yearbook is in progress
- Desserts are being offered to students on free-meal days
- Encourage staff to request support from H&S for activities for students

- Fundraiser approval requests:
 - Maple syrup; 45-50% given back to school; distribution at the school
 - Plantables; a certain percentage given back to school; delivery to home
 - Pizza Pizza for September 2023 to June 2024; 10% given back to school; 10% discount for parents; ongoing fundraiser
 - Big Box; each box contains 35 cards for \$35; \$11 back to the school; samples to be provided to families to encourage orders or be returned if not interested; distribution at school; depending on sales they provide school with Pizza Day, Gift Cards or a Samsung Tablet which may be paid forward to another school
 - Food Trucks; details TBD; conditional approval subject to being revoked according to details to be agreed upon with administration

Motion to approve of all fundraisers as recorded above

Moved by Karine B. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-02-07.07)

- Krispy Creme Donuts; 50% return to school; details TBD conditional approval subject to being revoked according to details to be agreed upon with administration; group discussion about health benefits

Motion to approve Krispy Creme fundraiser

Moved by Geneviève É.

Vote For: 5 Against: 3 Abstention: 7

(Resolution # 2023-02-07.08)

e) Parents' Committee

- Susie M. presented brief account of last meeting

f) Commissioner

- Board adopted final draft on Policy on the Employment and the Assignment of Relatives
- Adopted student transportation zones for 2023-2024
- In the spirit of upcoming Staff Appreciation Week thank you to the teachers for all they do
- Enjoy spring break!

5. Continuing Business

b) Uniform Sub-Committee

- Planned to meet at the end of the month; 5 members; more to come

Motion to extend meeting 10 minutes proposed by Geneviève É.

Moved by Karine B. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-02-07.09)

8. Field Trips

a. Grade 2: February 22nd, \$0

Concordia University Stingers Dome for activity with Champions for Life

School bus transportation \$10

72 students; 9 adults; 1:8 ratio

b. Grade 4: February 15th, 9h00-13h00, \$0

Eco-Science Centre in Old Montreal

School bus transportation \$0

68 students; 10 adults; 1:7 ratio

c. Grade 6: May 3rd to 5th, 2-night sleepaway, \$230

Camp Jouvence

School bus transportation

Approx. 70 students; 6-7 adults + Jouvence staff; 1:10 ratio

Motion to approve all field trips

Moved by Jessica B. Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-02-07.10)

9. Members' Open Forum

- o n/a

10. Correspondence

- o n/a

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20h59 on a motion by Geneviève É.

Next Meeting: April 4th, 2023

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karine Bassal

Signed by:



GB CHAIR – Geneviève Émond



School Principal- Tania D'Alessandro (Interim)