



Children's World Academy Governing Board Minutes

November 14th, 2023

Virtual (6:30 PM)



Date: November 14th, 2023

Start Time: 18h34

End time: 20h06

Location: Virtual

Present Voting Members: Andrew Billings-White, Christina Arvanitakis, Sharon Burgy, Laura LoVasco, Patricia O'Malley, Giovanni Iapaolo, Geneviève Émond, Karine Bassal, John Devlin, Mario Vilone, Teresa Verelli, Susie Mintzberg, Melissa De Marco (voting sub)

Present Non-Voting Members: Lisa Baylis (Principal), Frank Di Bello (Commissioner), Karlye Santaguída, Marianna Vetro

Regrets: Emmanuel Tremblay, Guy Walker, Carolyn McDougall, Alicia Mancini, Alexandre Gueudry

Guests: Gianna Caucci, Megan, Kimberly Jones (H&S)

1. Welcome

- Geneviève É. welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.
- June minutes and agenda were accidentally erased from the drive by a parent. We will adjust access to the drive documents.

2. Adoption of the Agenda *

Moved by Andrew B-W. to adopt Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For:13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-11-14.01)

3. Approvals

a. October minutes

Moved by Sharon B. to adopt October Minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For:13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-11-14.02)

b. Extraordinary session

Moved by Andrew B-W. to adopt Extraordinary Session Minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For:13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-11-14.03)

c. June minutes

Moved by Mario V. to adopt June Minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2023-11-14.04)**

4. Questions from the Public

a. Italian Classes- Extracurricular activities

- Gianna Caucci asked about extracurricular Italian classes that used to be offered at the school. It should possibly be removed from the school website.
- Lisa B. is open to the idea of bringing this back to the school. She would like to revisit this after the holidays and after the bus strike; she would send a Google survey to gauge interest and go from there; an update for the website to come.

b. Bus strike

- This is affecting a lot of CWA families. We are looking for possible actions the GB may take. Lisa B. doesn't have any additional information on this regard. There is not much we can do as we have no control over this situation.

5. Continuing Business

a. Uniform Sub-Committee (Genevieve É. and Giovanni I.)

- Need to decide whether or not to renew our contact with Moni before December; a survey was sent to parents; received 195 responses (compared to 185 last year).
- Moni sent new prices; will no longer sign for 2 years; many parents have complained about the customer service of Moni, the distance, the quality of the cardigans and the price of the items.
- Goldtex was contacted; very motivated to win our account; very minimal differences in price but he is willing to sign for 2 years; he will offer a 4 hour pick-up window+access to 2 racks of clothing in-store+access to the warehouse at all times; better location for most of the CWA families
- GB recommends changing suppliers for Goldtex

Moved by Giovanni I to make Goldtex the new CWA uniform supplier.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2023-11-14.05)**

b. Safety Sub-Committee (Karine B.)

- Karine B. will resend last year's letter about the danger of the snow removal schedule to mayor
- Lisa B. is still working on the ongoing issue of morning drop-offs. Circulation officers will come and observe the situation in hopes of finding solutions.

c. Community Reps (presentation)

- Laura D'Adamo: Reintroduced herself and we welcome her back!

d. GB Internal Rules of Management

Moved by Karine B. to adopt GB Internal Rules of Management as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2023-11-14.06)**

- e. LBPSB Consultation-Policy on School Daycare and Lunch Program and School and Continuing Education Fees Policy
 - Document is acceptable as is.
 - f. LBPSB Consultation-Complaint Process
 - Document is acceptable as is.
 - g. LBPSB Consultation-Commitment to Success Plan
 - Document is acceptable as is.
 - h. LBPSB Enrollment criterias
 - No comments to transmit to LBPSB concerning these consultations.
6. New Business
- a. IB Visit- UPDATE
 - b. GB Operating Budget
 - For the 2023-2024 academic year GB has received a budget of \$576

Moved by Mario V. to adopt the GB Operating Budget as presented.
Carried unanimously.

Vote For:13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2023-11-14.07)**
 - c. PEF fundraiser
 - Dress down day November 30th

Moved by Giovanni I. to adopt the GB Operating Budget as presented.
Carried unanimously.

Vote For:13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2023-11-14.08)**
 - d. Holiday Activities
 - Dress Fancy: Wednesday December 20th
 - Holiday Sweater Day: Thursday December 21st
 - PJ Day and Breakfast with Santa: Friday 22nd
 - e. Music Concert
 - K-2-4-6 music concert is planned for 13h on December 20th
7. Standing Reports
- a. Principal (Lisa B.)
 - Thank you to the community for helping make the IB visit a success; Guy W. will have more to say next time we meet.
 - b. Daycare (Christina A.)
 - Ped day approvals for outings and activities:
 - November 24th: Movie Theater (\$35.75 total) and snack (walking)
 - December 1st: GPlus Bowling Alley (\$47.95 total) and eating lunch (by bus)

Moved by Sharon B. to approve Ped day outings and activities as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For:13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0
14.09)

(Resolution # 2023-11-

- A therapy dog was brought to the school for Grade 3 & 4; appreciated by students
- c. Teachers (Lisa B. for the teachers)
 - Teachers' Report in GB Google Drive
 - Quick review of Report
- d. Home & School (Kim Jones)
 - Halloween treats and mini pumpkins for every student will be distributed
 - Christmas: Ornament, treat and breakfast with Santa
 - Next round of sign up for fundraiser lunches is coming up soon.
 - Chocolate fundraiser to begin tomorrow (parents had the opt out option)
 - Winter clothing drive will take place again this year
 - \$1000 to be given to Mrs.Tiffany for the library
 - Staff Appreciation: Approval of a fundraiser to receive cash/gift card donations

Moved by Teresa V. to adopt as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For:13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-11-14.10)

- e. Parents' Committee (Suzie M.)
 - Susie M. presented brief account of last meeting
- f. Commissioner (Frank Di Bello)
 - Facility and security committee: Consideration will be given for gender neutral bathrooms.

8. Field Trips

Trip	Grade	Date	Transportation	Ratio	Price
Outdoor Fitness (skiing)	5	Jan 24/24	Bus	1:6	Max \$85 (rental)
Ecomusee du Fier Monde	5	May 17th	Bus	1:7	Max \$22
CEPSUM (U de MTL) Physical Activity & Health	2	May 21st	Bus	1:6	Max \$40
Octogone	1	Nov 30th	City bus	1:6	FREE
Science Center	4	Dec 13th	Bus	1:8	FREE

Pointe a Calliere	K	Dec 5th & 13th	Bus	1:9	FREE
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Moved by Patricia O. to approve Field Trips as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 13 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2023-11-14.11)

9. Members' Open Forum

- a. Request to make November 1st a ped day (the day after Halloween); there are 20 ped days in a year; 17 are school board-based, 3 are school-based; CWA uses those 3 days for Kindergarten Testing, Parent-Teacher Interviews and Genevieve É. will draft a letter for the board about this in conjunction with H&S.
- b. Mario V. had a question with regards to a student-led toy drive for Batshaw; unfortunately there is no time to announce this initiative to the CWA community as there is already a lot going on; question regarding protocol for these student-led initiatives; fundraisers have to be approved by Staff Council in order to move forward
- c. Open House: Questions with regards to volunteering. (Duration and a few details)
- d. Karine B. thanks Andrew B-W for his involvement and commitment to the grade 5-6 Band Club

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20h06 on a motion by Genevieve É.

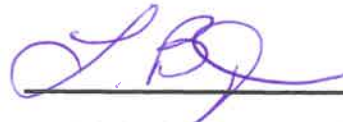
Next Meeting: December 12th, 2023 IN PERSON

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa Verelli

Signed by:



GB CHAIR – Genevieve Émond



School Principal- Lisa Baylis