



Children's World Academy Governing Board Minutes



Date: January 16th 2024

Start Time: 18h32

End time: 19h42

Location: CWA Teachers Lounge

Present Voting Members: Andrew Billings-White, Christina Arvanitakis, Emmanuel Tremblay, Geneviève Émond, Karine Bassal, John Devlin, Alexandre Gueudry, Giovanni Iapaolo, Laura Lo Vasco, Alicia Mancini, Susie Mintzberg, Guy Walker, Patricia O'Malley, Sharon Burgy, Melissa De Marco, Teresa Verelli

Present Non-Voting Members: Lisa Baylis, Laura D'Adamo, Romina Sicoli

Regrets: Mario Vilone

Guests: N/S

1. Welcome

Geneviève É. welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Giovanni I. to adopt Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-01-16.01)**

3. Approval of minutes
 - a. November

Moved by Guy W. to adopt November minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-01-16.02)**

- b. Extraordinary session December

Moved by Emmanuel T. to adopt Extraordinary session minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-01-16.03)**

4. Parents communication

- No communication received.

5. Continuing Business

- a. Uniform Sub-Committee

- Parents will be informed of developments in May.

- b. Safety Sub-Committee

- Still quite chaotic on Menard; it has worsened since January when we received snow; numerous concerns raised about safety; some parents are very dangerous; some parents still using staff parking lot; we encourage parents to use the drop-and-go on Dufresne in the morning; hoping to make drop-and-go permanent.

- c. IB Visit follow-up (Mr.Walker)

- Brief review of the feedback received about the visit; brief review of positive comments and recommendations.

6. New Business (Lisa B.)

- a. School\Center Budget

- Brief review of the document;deficit will be absorbed within 2-4

years.

Moved by John D., second by Alicia M. to adopt School Budget as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-01-16.04)**

b. ABAV Plan

- Brief review of the document; new template but same content as last year.

Moved by Sharon B. to approve ABAV Plan as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-01-16.05)**

c. LBPSB Consultation-Principal criterias

- Review of the document to be completed by March 15th.

d. LBPSB Budget Consultation-2024-2025

- Review of the document to be completed by March 28th.

7. Standing Reports

a. Principal (Lisa B.)

- Acceptance letters went out for next year. At the moment we are full, we will work our way through the waitlist this spring should the need arise. A big thank you to Sharon and Guy for all their hard work on prepping the exam procedure, letters, etc.
- WOW! What an amazing event Breakfast with Santa is, I would like to thank Home and School for all the extra support during the holidays, we had so much fun!
- A big thank you to the Phys Ed team and teachers for organizing the volleyball tournament that took place last week.
- PELO – I will send out the form to see if there is an interest in the coming weeks.
- Re-Registration period begins next week
- We will be complete the annual TTFM survey in early February. Results will follow in the spring. We will meet with grade 5 students, who would like to form a committee and present ideas on how to mange the results.
- We will be having an Ecole de la vue come in to the school late February to do an eye screening on all K students.

- We are starting an intensive literacy program with all grade 2 students. For 30 minutes/ day/ 3 times per week students will be placed in groups according to their reading level. We will be employing an all hands on deck approach where grade 2 teachers, members of the resource team will work together.
- Our librarian Ms. Tiffany has organized some author visits, the first of which will take place tomorrow and next week for cycle I. There will also be a storyteller coming into K next week.
- Free Dress Day scheduled for next week will be moved to the week of the 5th because it will be Carnival week.
- French book Fair Feb 12th-15th

b. Daycare (Christina A.)

- The last ped day activities were great successes; Fun with Science had 115 students participate; movie outing at Angrignon had 106 students participate; outing to Quille G-Plus was fun with 86 students attending
- Ped days for approval:
 - February 19th, 2024 - Club-Fy - in-school - \$36.75
The animators come in and the students get an introduction to the art of Poi and ends with a dazzling light show.
 - May 6th, 2024 - Ninja Factory - bus transportation - \$49.75
Ninja Factory is a sports amusement center where kids can have fun in a safe environment. There is a soft play area, inflatapark and Ninja courses.
- Therapy dog: Hunter the therapy dog started visiting us at CWA every Tuesday. The kids are enjoying his visits.
- The mini session with Enfants & Co went very well. Very big interest with parents and students.
- A new session will most probably start up in the next couple of weeks with different activities. An email will be sent out.

c. Teachers (Alexandre G. and Andrew B-W)

- Teachers' Report in GB Google Drive
- Quick review of Report

d. Home & School (no rep in person, email report)

- Some missing funds and chocolate bars that have yet to be returned. So

far the funds collected have been a little over \$36,500 and we are still missing a little over \$7,000 in chocolates. Once all funds have been collected our profit will be 50% of the funds collected.

- Christmas was a blast! We had our gingerbread cafe kick off the festivities, serving hot chocolates to the kids, coffee to the staff, along with gingerbread cookies and ornament decorating for all to enjoy. Cookies and hot chocolate were donated by the school.
- Our annual Breakfast with Santa was back this year. It was a big success as usual. We are extremely grateful for all the generous donations given towards this event. Pancakes were donated by Villa Toscana, Sausages and potatoes made by Villa Toscana were donated by Fuel Transport, clementines donated by IGA Beck, and the maple syrup was donated by a family friend of one of our members, Audrey.
- 2nd round of lunches have started. Our numbers are about the same as the first round. Selling a total of: 3,420 cups of TCBY, 834 pasta meals, 2,732 slices of pizza, 909 brunch meals
- We held a winter clothing drive. The items collected were sent to Verdun Elementary and St John Brebeuf church.
- Staff appreciation committee held an amazing brunch for staff on Friday Nov 17th. We also offered some support during the strikes with coffee, treats and Hot Paws for their hands and feet.
- Looking into Big Box Cards for an upcoming fundraiser (was already approved)
- Next meeting is January 17th at 6:45pm; the December meeting was canceled last-minute in solidarity with the teacher's strike.

e. Parents' Committee (Susie M.)

- Brief overview of November meeting; implementation of school uniforms; damages for rentals of facilities; replacement of support staff; next meeting this week.

f. Commissioner (absent)

- Report on drive

8. Field Trip

- Field trip for approval:
 - Camp Jouvence; Grade 6; May 1-3 2024; \$260/ student (maximum – grant to cover the bus); Ratio 1:11

Moved by Laura LV. to approve Camp Jouvence field trip as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-01-16.06)

9. Members' Open Forum

- a. Summary of follow-up for the letter that was sent regarding our request to the school board for a ped day Nov. 1st

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa Verelli, reviewed by Karine Bassal

Signed by:



GB CHAIR – Geneviève Émond



School Principal – Lisa Baylis