



Children's World Academy

Governing Board Minutes

April 16th, 2024

Virtual (6:30 PM)



Date: April 16th 2024

Start Time: 18h32

End time: 20h40

Location: Virtual

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

Present Non-Voting Members: Lisa Baylis, Frank Di Bello, Romina Sicoli

Regrets: Alicia Mancini

Guests: N/S

1. Welcome

- Geneviève É. welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.

2. Proposing the Agenda *

Moved by Melissa DM. to adopt Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-04-16.01)**

3. Approval of minutes

a) February

Moved by Giovanni I. to adopt the minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-04-16.02)**

4. Parents communication

- None

5. Approved uniform

a. Uniform Sub-Committee

- Uniforms are in production.
- Quality of the uniforms has been tested and are guaranteed.
- Supplier is preparing their website.
- There will be no more school distribution but free delivery for parents on orders \$50+ or pick up available at Goldtex in LaSalle.

b. Safety Sub-Committee

- No meetings were held.
- Safety is still an issue around the school.
- New circulation officer has communicated with Lisa B. and there will be ongoing discussions in the next few weeks.
- Mario V. notes that there is a safety issue with Terre des Jeunes crossing our parking lot; Lisa B. is in communication with the admin of TDJ and will mention this again.

6. New Business

a. School Calendar

- Impossible for a ped day November 1st.
- First day of school for 2024-2025 is August 29th.

Moved by Laura L. to adopt the School Calendar as presented.

Carried unanimously.

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

b. Annual Report- Educational projects update

- We are doing very well; 100% graduation rate
- On track with results; vertical and horizontal planning for improvement is ongoing.

c. Time-Subject-Allocation (Spanish Program)

- There have been ongoing and persistent staffing problems for the Spanish program for many years; the school should not be offering and marketing

something that they can't deliver.

- Teachers, staff and admin agree that the quality of the program has been lacking in the past few years; the issue is not a new one and the staff has been mentioning the inequality of spares for teachers and the inconsistency of the overall program.
- Admin and staff propose to remove the Spanish (currently not offered to Ks or Cycle 1; 30 minutes per week for Cycle 2; 1 hour per week for Cycle 3) and place more emphasis on the new QCC program which offers flexibility in how it is given, encompassing many topics including sex ed & ethics.
- Giovanni I. requested to delay the vote to allow parent-members more time to ponder this big change for the school; request was denied because of the staffing deadline.
- Many parents expressed their desire to keep the program at the school; some parents highlighted the lack of efficiency and consistency of the program in the past decade.
- If there is enough of a demand, Spanish may be offered as an extra-curricular in conjunction with the current focus on bringing back the Italian Pelo as per parent demands.

Moved by Karine B. to remove the Spanish - 3rd Language Program as presented.

Vote For: 10 Against: 6 Abstention: 0 (**Resolution # 2024-01-16.04**)

d. Fundraising Grad Dance- Grade 6 students

- There will be a Domino's night fundraiser during which families can order from Domino's and a percentage of proceeds go to fund the Grade 6 Grad Dance.

Moved by Mario V.. to approve the Grad Dance Fundraiser as presented.

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

7. Standing Reports

a. Principal (Lisa Baylis)

A big thank you to all the staff for the amazing work that went into Celebration of Learning. We need to especially acknowledge the work put in by the grade six team and Guy Walker with the exhibition projects.

We had many activities and outings since our last governing board meeting in February. As always its been very busy! We've had Winter carnival, a play come in to perform for all students, artists visit to work on a project with grade 6 students.

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Fundraiser

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b. Daycare (Christina Arvanitakis)

Daycare Report for GB

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Ped Days
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- Mme France is offering her computer classes after school on Mondays and Thursdays to the grade 2 and 3.

c. Teachers Report (Alexandre Gueudry)

- To be uploaded to the Drive in the coming week

d. Home & School Report (Kim Jones)

- We started our third and final round of meals. Numbers were similar to previous rounds.
- Our contact at Pizza Pizza gave us two tickets to see a Rockets game. We held a contest amongst our members. Giovanni I. was the winner.
- We've submitted our nominations for the QFHSA awards with 20 winners this year, seven Golden Torch and 13 Unsung Hero.
- We're in the process of organizing our annual food truck event which will be held on June 14 of this year. We have an extra large budget this year to ensure excellent entertainment as we feel like that's where we've been lacking in the past.
- Cabane a Sucre event is taking place next Monday the 22nd. We will be helping distribute the brunch. We have organized Tire sur la Neige for all grades. Grades one and two will be seeing a presentation at the end of the day.
- At the celebration of learning we helped out with the grade 6 by holding a bake sale to raise money for a charity of their choice. We raised \$373. We rounded it up to \$400 for them.
- We just closed Big Box fundraiser we sold 282 boxes which brought in over \$3000. Pick up is scheduled for April 22 which might change depending on if we can get enough volunteers due to the other activities that day.
- Year book is well underway, we need to wrap up by May. There's been a Drive link sent to teachers for class and event pictures, we're encouraging all teachers to get their pictures in there as soon as possible. More pictures. We have enough money allocated to give one copy per family this year.
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- \$3500 for a smoothie truck to thank everyone for the successful chocolate fundraiser. We still need to schedule a date.
- \$3700 to buy iPads for the school.
- Will have our fundraisers to approve for next year at the next GB meeting.

e. Parents' Committee (cancelled)

f. Commissioner (Frank Di Bello)

- Director General Cindy Finn has been reapproved for 5 years

8. Field Trips

- Grade 1
- Grade 3
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Moved by Geneviève É. to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Vote For: 16 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-01-16.07)**

9. Members' Open Forum

- Many members of the public advocated for the preservation of the Spanish program.

10. Adjournment 20h40

Next Meeting: Mai 14th, virtual

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa Verelli

Signed by:

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GB CHAIR – Geneviève Émond

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