



Children's World Academy

Governing Board Minutes

May 14th, 2024

Virtual (6:30 PM)



Date: May 14th 2024

Start Time: 18h32

End time: 20h55

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, Alicia Mancini, Mariana Vetro

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

Regrets: Teresa Verelli, Mario Vilone

Guests: None

1. Welcome

- Geneviève É. welcomed everyone and conducted the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Sharon B. to adopt Agenda as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-05-14.01)**

3. Approval of minutes

a) April

Moved by Christina A. to adopt the April minutes as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-05-14.02)**

4. Parents communication

- Many emails (10-15 in total) were received regarding the removal of the Spanish program; the GB chair responded to each message individually
- A petition was also received regarding the preservation of the Spanish program

5. Continuing Business

a. Uniform Sub-Committee

- Sub-committee met with the new supplier; web link is done with just a few missing items that are back order; communication to parents will provide all information to order as of June 30th for free delivery on orders \$50+ or pick up available at the supplier in LaSalle; the link to order will be added to our CWA website and will also be included in a newsletter
- Request to rediscuss the possibility of printing the school mascot on gym tshirts next year; a quote will be requested

b. Safety Sub-Committee

- No meetings were held.
- New circulation officer came back and distributed many tickets; parents have been better behaved since then;
- A communication will be sent to the city to discuss signage and available options to ease the dangers on Menard
- Turf fence is broken and curved and gate to school yard is loose; building manager came to see and estimates for repair will be submitted; solutions are already in process

c. Lessons learned

- Following the last meeting and the removal of the Spanish program the GB has determined the following improvements that can be made in the future;
 - Hold in-person meetings for important/sensitive topics that require a vote
 - Provide members with details in advance of the meeting where a vote must be held
 - Adopt a system of anonymous votes for sensitive topics
 - GB chair and admin hold their monthly prep meeting at least one week prior to GB meeting to provide agenda to all members
- These four points will be added to the Annual GB Report
- Some parents felt that the result of the vote regarding the Spanish program was acceptable but the process to get there was too quick; not enough time

and information to make a proper decision; feeling of parents vs teachers should be avoided in the future as it is not part of our school culture

d. Adding a GB Meeting

- It is suggested to add a GB Meeting to the calendar for the month of March when typically there is none; this creates a two-month gap during which time some important discussions must take place and decisions must be made; this extra meeting may be canceled if there is no pressing subjects
- This extra meeting would have allowed more time to discuss the Spanish program though probably would not have changed the result

Moved by Guy W. to add a March meeting to the GB calendar.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.03)

6. New Business

a. 3-Year Plan of the Allocation

- Brief review of the 3-Year Plan of the Allocation

b. EDDI Policy -Consultation

- To be reviewed for discussion during June meeting

c. School Fees and School Supply lists

- Brief review of school fees and supply lists for every grade
- IB Fees will stay the same but all the supply fees are going down for every grade

Moved by Karine B. to accept School Fees and School Supply lists as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.04)

d. ABAV - Update

- The school board requests that all ABAV plans be assessed for their effectiveness; our ABAV Plan has just been put in place and has not been adequately tested yet
- The teachers and admin have done an evaluation that will be submitted but a plan will be discussed at the June meeting

Moved by Alicia M. to accept the current ABAV Evaluation as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.05)

7. Standing Reports

a. Principal (Lisa B.)

In April a group of grade 5 students went with Mme Valerie, Ms. Rebecca and Tiffany to represent CWA at Qui Lira Vaincra. We came in third place! We're very proud of them since many of the students they competed against were in grade 6.

We want to thank Mr. Walker and our Home and School team for organizing an amazing Intercultural week. We kicked it off with Franco Fete, where we had some tire, a cabane a sucre breakfast and students were competing to see which classes were caught speaking French! We also celebrated Earth Day, by giving back with many classes cleaning up outside, we tried to go litter free for one lunch, and examined our electricity consumption as a school. We also had different art activities taking place where students celebrated different cultures. We had an assembly where students learned about Irish dancing, and where students shared a bit of their culture.

We had our annual Anti Bullying Assembly with Michelle Tracey from the NO Time for That Anti-Bullying Society shared her journey as well as her music with us. The assembly was interactive students loved it!

We have an extensive summer project happening at our school this summer please note that the building will no longer be accessible to any staff as of June 25th. They are working on four classrooms to fix some issues with pyrite, staff washrooms, intercoms, and a few windows. We are remaining optimistic that all will be completed on time!

b. Daycare Report (Christina A.)

- Ninja Factory ped-day was a great success! Students played hard and came back happily tired
- Happy Mother's Day! Students were busy last week making something special for all the moms!
- Students are enjoying more outdoor time as the weather gets warmer.
- Enfants & Co. is going well. They are enjoying the new activities that were offered.

c. Teachers Report (Alexandre G.)

- Brief review of report on Drive.

Motion to add a point to the agenda for Blanket approval of for school assemblies/activities

Moved by Laura L. to add a point for Blanket Approval of Assemblies to the Agenda.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.06)

Moved by Andrew BW. to approve Blanket Approval of Assemblies.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.07)

d. Home & School Report (Kim Jones)

- Many fundraisers are still ongoing to great success
- Yearbook will be submitted for printing shortly
- Next H&S meeting is tomorrow.
- Many fundraisers for approval - see document on drive for details of each:

→ Meals; Bo Sapin; Big Box; Veggie Baskets; Bake Sales; Used Uniforms; Cutlery Sale;
Super Recycleurs

Moved by Emmanuel T. to approve above H&S fundraisers as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.08)

→ World's Finest Jam

Moved by Sharon B. to approve World's Finest Jam fundraiser on the condition there is no "opt-out" requirement, families who want to participate will have to opt-in.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.09)

→ Photographer for family pictures

- ◆ Not enough information; tabled until June

→ School Start Supplies

- ◆ Similar online ordering service to Éditions Vaudreuil for school supplies but they offer home delivery; in-school pick-up will be complicated this year due to the extensive renovations that will be taking place and blocking access to

the school; a percentage of purchases comes back to the school, unlike Editions Vaudreuil; parents might be more inclined to use the service knowing it is a fundraiser for the school

Moved by Patricia O. to approve School Start Supplies fundraiser as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-05-14.10)**

→ Food Truck Festival; Corn Roast

Moved by Christina A. to approve The Food Truck Festival and Corn Roast fundraisers as presented.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-05-14.11)**

Motion to extend meeting by 30 minutes

Moved by Christina A. to extend the meeting by 30 minutes.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0 **(Resolution # 2024-05-14.12)**

→ World's Finest Chocolates

Moved by Laura L. to approve World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser on the condition there is no "opt-out" requirement, families who want to participate will have to opt-in.

Vote For: 12 Against: 0 Abstention: 3 (Karine B., Alicia M., Patricia O.)

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.13)

→ Krispy Kreme

Moved by Emmanuel T. to approve Krispy Kreme fundraiser.

Vote For: 9 Against: 4 Abstention: 2 (Karine B., Patricia O.)

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.14)

→ Felix & Norton

◆ Not enough information; tabled until June

e. Parents' Committee (Susie M. & Alicia M.)

○ Meeting is this week; neither reps can attend

f. Commissioner (Frank Di Bello)

- Lots of work went into the EDDI plan and looking forward to feedback at the next meeting
- 20M in infrastructure work has been approved, including major repairs to our school

8. Field Trips

Trip	Grade	Date	Transportation	Ratio	Price
Iroquois Village	3	Early Sept.,	Bus	1:9	Max 30\$
Grade 6 Pool Party	6	June 17th (18th Rain)	Walk	1:10	\$0

Moved by Andrew BW. to approve Field Trips as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.15)

9. Members' Open Forum

- Question of whether H&S fees are considered a fundraiser; the answer is no because the funds do not go the school, they serve to pay the H&S membership and bank fees
- Question of whether gender neutral bathrooms will be considered in the major renovations that include the bathrooms; they will be considered but as yet TBD if it is possible

Motion to add a point to the agenda for the Skateboard fundraiser headed by art teacher Alexandre G.

Moved by Laura L. to add a point for Skateboard fundraiser to the Agenda.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.16)

Moved by Patricia O. to approve Skateboard fundraiser.

Carried unanimously

Vote For: 15 Against: 0 Abstention: 0

(Resolution # 2024-05-14.17)

10. Adjournment 20h55

Next Meeting: June 11th, in person

Minutes respectfully submitted by Karine Bassal.

Signed by:



GB CHAIR – Geneviève Émond



School Principal – Lisa Baylis (Principal)