

**Westpark Governing Board Meeting  
Draft Minutes  
December 19, 2017**

**Attendance:** Andrea Satin, Mary Lawrence, Lisa Baylis, Nathia Messina, Stacey Knecht, Andrea Altman, Nathalie LeBrun, Pina Garritano, Margaret Gogoris, Kiara Iafano, Yolanda Galvez, Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Alaina Gross, Chelsea Bayer, Lisa Peress, Alia Odubayo, Steven Small, Kenny Mandel, Tali Chemtob

**Commissioner:** Craig Berger (absent)

**Substitutes:**

**Secretary:** Lana Geller

**Regrets:** Michelle Sternszus, David Ceber, Rachel Boileau, Dvora Bowen

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

171.0 Greetings & Updates

New mayor has been elected in DDO, Alex Bottausci. He is a Westpark parent of 2 daughters.

171.1 Verification of quorum – yes, we had enough people present

171.2 Additions to the agenda

Margaret wants to add the Daycare Handbook to be added to the Westpark Website

171.3 Approval of the minutes for October 24th meeting

Motioned by: Stacey Knecht

Seconded by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

All in favor

171.4 Correspondence

Kenny always forwards all emails he receives to the entire board

171.5 Business Arising

**Sex Education Curriculum:** There is already 1 LBPSB school in the testing stages of this new program.

The school board is currently working on the details. Basically it covers content for all ages such as differences in families, definition of consent etc. The program is for K-Grade 6. It is being implemented in both public and private schools. Right now it starts in Grade 3. It is a brand new program coming to elementary schools which will be age appropriate. There is flexibility on who will be teaching it (teacher

vs specialist). There are pros and cons to having the teachers teach the program. Children are already comfortable with their teachers however some teachers do not know the topic in depth enough. One of the main goals will be to make it clear to parents what will be taught in “sex ed”. A good idea would be to have a private question box in the classroom so students can ask their questions anonymously. There have been some strong negative opinions from parents on this subject already at the PC meeting. There are already many misconceptions. We have to put trust in our teachers that only appropriate topics will be taught at the right age. Starting in Kindergarten, it will be more about the biology of the body. It’s better the students learn the right content vs. hearing it from their friends at school. Sexual harassment is all over the media.

**Photo Retakes:** Have already been done, there are no issues. An email was sent out to parents.

**2 pairs of shoes for class & daycare:** No issues here. Students cannot go back to their cubby unsupervised.

#### 171.6 Public Question Period

None

#### 171.7 Reports

##### 171.1 Principal’s Report

Our open house is scheduled for January 25th we will use the same model as last year.

The painting is done. The final windows are slowly being installed as the material becomes available.

An artist has come in to decorate the school, every cycle will decide on something for their section.

The board has decided to use the \$560 from budget for babysitting services. There is a \$30 cap per meeting for those who need it if no subs are available and when necessary for quorum. Receipt by email must be provided.

Motioned by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

Seconded by: Mme. LeBrun

All in favor

Westpark School Success Plan: We used the old plan and made it fit the newer model. Our mission is to provide a safe and caring community which facilitates the personal, academic, spiritual and physical development of the student as a lifelong learner. Our ultimate purpose is to help each student become a productive member of a global community, and is ready to assume responsibility in a rapidly changing world. Strategic direction is to improve achievement, ensure wellness and strengthen engagement. One of the goals is to increase literacy levels and we do still have some little areas in math to improve. We want to ensure wellness by decreasing student anxiety. We have been trying to

implement this already by introducing yoga, giving mental health breaks and meditation. We also have many extra-curricular activities like Champs, cooking clubs, art programs, etc. We want to increase a sense of belonging at Westpark school.

Success Plan Motioned by: Lisa Peress  
 Seconded by: Chelsea Bayer  
 All in favor

Principal’s Budget: Nathia passed out the Westpark budget for the board to see. In summary, based on population of 559 students. The grants are also based on population & registration. We used to be \$150,000 in deficit, and now it will only be \$11,000 in deficit. Great news!

Budget Plan Motioned by: Staacey Knecht  
 Seconded by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch  
 All in favor

171.7.2 Field Trips

Field Trip Explanaton	Date/ Time	Ratio	Lunch?	Transport.	Cost	Grade
ABC de L'architecture STEAM	Jan 18/19	1:10	At school	Bus	\$15	1
Jr. Leadership at St. Pat's Leadership	Feb 9th	1:10	Provided	BUS	\$0	6-May
WE Day Leadership	Feb 21st	1:10	Bring	BUS	\$0	5/6
Festival des voix: Irish Heritage Cultura Education	Mar 23rd/30th	1:11	At school	BUS	\$18	3
Ski-Tubing (Mont Avila) Winter Carnival	Jan 31	1:10	BRING	BUS	\$45	3-6
Base de Plein Air	Feb 1st	1:10	BRING	BUS	\$16	K-2
<b>Students have the opportunity to stay at school for school field trips.</b> <b>Students who can't afford the trip will be taken care of by the school</b> <b>If the trip extends over lunch students will either bring their lunch or eat upon their return depending on the time.</b>						

Field Trips Motioned by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch  
 Seconded by: Mme. LeBrun  
 All in favor

Fundraisers:

Organization	Purpose	Grade	Date
Westpark Valentine's Dance	Raise funds for Grad 6:30-9:30 \$6 a ticket, everything a dollar	All	Feb 16th

Dance fundraiser      Motioned by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch  
                                    Secoded by: Steven Small  
                                    All in favor

171.7.3 Service Contracts: Bartimaeus Homework Study Skills for Grades 1-6

Motioned by: Chelsea Bayer  
Secoded by: Alaina Gross  
All in favor

171.7.4 Teacher Rep's Update

**Cycle 1:**

Grade 2 went on a great field trip to the Vaudreuil-Soulanges Museum. They became familiar with the work of local artist Celine Poirier and create a work in her style. They also discovered a bit about what life was like for students in the 30`s through 50`s. This week, grade 2 will be exploring the various religious festivals of light (Hannukah, Diwali, Christmas and Kwanzaa). Included in the activities are the making of traditional foods, playing traditional games and learning about each holiday. Great fun is sure to be had by all!

**Cycle 2:**

Grade 4 will begin a research project on important people throughout history, beginning in January. They are learning about first large wave of french immigrants to New France in Univers Social. They are also working on composing letters using proper writing conventions (greeting, introduction, conclusion, farewell, etc). Grade 4 learned 20 + verbs in the present tense since the beginning of the year and we are now climbing the Pyramide des verbes to learn Infinitif Présent beginning in January.

**Cycle 3:** Mme Black, Ms. Coinner and our Mathletes made us so proud at the Math Olympics where we won gold!

**Music:** Mme Boileau and her students will be performing at an assembly to celebrate the holidays on Friday.

**Phys Ed:** Grade 6 is preparing for the volleyball tournament in the new year

**Holiday Baskets** - All homeroom classes from Grades 1 to 6 collected non-perishable items and will be delivering holiday baskets to 6 families living in the West Island and 6 families living in Pt. St Charles. In addition to all the food and gifts, we raised **\$800** which was used to buy turkeys and President Choice gift cards. A big thank you to the very generous Westpark community!

#### 171.7.5 Regional Parent Rep Update

Alaina: Suzanne Stein Day left and so the PC was asked to write criteria for this role replacement. She was replaced by Noel Burke, who later left the role. They replaced Noel finally by Judy Kelley. The nutrition policy was responded to. Next meeting is Jan 11 2018.

#### 171.7.6. Commissioner's Report

He was absent – we will see him again at our next meeting in Feb 2018 for an update

#### 171.7.7 Daycare Update

Margaret: Fundraiser was a huge success bringing in \$3640. Our students really helped make it the success it was. We are now at 340 kids registered for our daycare program, at the beginning of the year it was 309. The budget is healthy. The Eduquation program will be held in the empty music class room.

Daycare budget: Motioned by: Stacey Knecht  
Seconded by: Mary Lawrence  
All in favor

The daycare handbook must be uploaded to the Westpark website.

Motioned by: Stacey Knecht  
Seconded by: Mme Yolanda  
All in favor

During lunch hour, Kiara would like to bring back soccer in the gym for an 8 week session once a week. The cost would be \$100 for grades 5-6. Sponsored by Puma. Communication to parents will be through ERMS.

Motioned by: Alaina Gross  
Seconded by: Mme LeBrun  
All in favor

Basketball will also return in Jan 2018 after school for grades 4-6, 20 kids max.

#### 171.7.8 Community Rep Update

None

171.7.9 Home & School Update

Kelly: Chocolate bar sales were \$16,000 and we sold more than last year. Teacher appreciation week will be the week of Valentines Day. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting an adult night fundraiser with a Hypnotist and some raffles. The cost of the Hypnotist is approx. \$2200.

Adult Night: Motioned by: Margaret Gogoris  
Seconded by: Mme LeBrun  
All in favor

171.8 Public Question Period

None

171.9 Date and time of next GB meeting

February 6, 2018

170.10 Adjourn at 8:45 pm