

Westpark Governing Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
February 6, 2018

Attendance: Andrea Altman, Stacey Knecht, Dvorah Bowen, Lisa Peress, Pina Garritano, Yolanda Galvez, Rachel Boileau, Alaina Gross, Margaret Gogoris, Steven Small, Deppy Papandreou, Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Kiara Iafano, Michelle Sternszus, Lisa Baylis, Mary Lawrence, Nathia Messina, Kenny Mandel, Nathalie Lebrun, Maria Antonietta Davoli (Public parent), David Ceber

Commissioner: Craig Berger

Secretary: Lana Geller

Regrets: Chelsea Bayer, Tali Silverman & Andrea Satin

Substitute: Gamoon Lau

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

172.1 Verification of quorum

172.2 Additions to the Agenda

Under point 172.5 we will add the Consultation on Principal/Centre Director, Extracurricular Consultation and School Budget Consultation

Motioned by: Yolanda Galvez

Seconded by: Pina Garritano

All in favor

172.3 Approval of minutes from December 2017

There is one amendment regarding GB attendance: We offer babysitting services to those who need it in order to attend meetings up to a maximum of \$30. Before bringing in a sub, we must ask the member if they need a babysitter.

Motion to approve this amendment: Alaina Gross

Seconded by: David Ceber

All in favor

Motion to approve the original minutes: Lisa Peress

Seconded by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

All in favor

172.4 Correspondence: Funky Feet Dance Program

The owner of this program would like to hold classes in our facilities after school. She can customize classes depending on our needs and the program would be open to all grade levels. Margaret, our Westpark Daycare Technician, says there are limited rooms available and already a lot of other activities going on. Because Funky Feet have their own studio in the area, we have decided to pass and let parents

register directly with her. We decline for this year.

172.5 New Business

172.5.1 The Lice Crew have also reached out to Westpark for their services. They can come in and check students' head for lice for a cost of \$1 per child. The principal said we used to have checkers years back, but this ended because it became a privacy issue. It will not be effective as lice can present itself at any time, after being in contact with classmates.

172.5.2 Disability Sensitivity Field Trip: Kenny, our GB chair, brought up this topic as his wife works at JEM Montreal and thinks it would be great to have Westpark students visit. This will bring awareness to our students on the topic of handicap individuals in the workplace. Our principal will bring up this topic with our Grade 6 teachers.

172.5.3 Consultations: Our chair has sent out, by email, information regarding 3 consultations for us to review and give feedback on. Our chair will reply to the board on behalf of Westpark for the Consultation on Principal/Centre Director, due Feb 19th. The other 2 consultations will be discussed at our next meeting on March 27th. Then our chair will formulate his response after the meeting.

172.6 Public Question Period

There was one question and some feedback

Question: Will there be Italian Pelo this school year? The principal stated that there is no staff to teach it, even though the grant was given for this program. Parents will get their money back. Our chair, Kenny, mentioned he might have a lead for a teacher for next school year. To be discussed.

Feedback: Would it be possible to change TCBY day so that students are not given two desserts (Chartwell dessert and TCBY)? Principal Messina will look into this. In addition, our public parent has asked to get feedback on all fundraising money for Westpark. Parents should get an ERMS telling them where the money is going and how much was raised. It was stated at this time that for PJ Dress Down Day, Mme. Lebrun's grade 2 class won (most money raised) and a total of \$1,041 was raised for student council.

172.7 Reports

171.7.1 Principal's Report:

Junior leadership day will be held at Westpark Friday, February 9 (ped day).

Dare to Care program takes place this week and next week for both students and their parents.

Lateness is a huge ongoing issue for our school. There are many late students every day. Our principal is looking for ideas from parents to deal with lateness. Perhaps we can reward the children that are on time, pushing late kids to come earlier. Parents that call ahead of time saying their child will be late will not be considered late. In addition, when the weather is extreme, lateness will not be counted. As well as

tardiness, drop off has been a dangerous issue. Home & School has even offered to help fund a new drop off zone system (half circle). For now, drop off on Westpark street must be done quickly, in 2 minutes. Another way to make drop off mornings and afternoon pick ups less chaotic would be for more students to take the bus. Our buses have many extra seats right now. We will be drafting a letter to transportation in regards to the cost of busing. Bus rates have gone up because so many seats are empty. Why don't we change the busing zones so more students can be eligible for free busing?

For the 2018-2019 school year, there are 77 kindergarten students registered in zone. There will be five kindergarten classes. February 22nd is the transfer meeting. Siblings get priority and there are 42 registered thus far.

171.7.2 Field Trips

Field Trip Explanaton	Date/ Time	Ratio	Lunch?	Transport.	Cost	Grade
Cosmodome	April 16th	1:10	Bring	Bus	\$24	3
Enhance student learning of STEAM						
Comodome	April 16th	1:10	Bring	Bus	\$27	4
Enhance student learning of STEAM						
Cooking	Mid April	1:05	Included	x	\$5	1/3
Learning about balanced meals & health						
Irish Heritage	March 16th	1:10	Bring	Bus	\$18	2
Learning about Irish Culture						

Motion to approve these field trips: Alaina Gross
 Seconded by: Deppy Papandreou
 All in favor

171.7.3 Service Contracts

Summer Camp: The YMCA summer camp cannot host at Springdale elementary this summer due to their renovations. They have asked to hold their camp at Westpark. The rental fee will go to the school board. The school gym and some classrooms will be used. We approved this request.
 Motion to approve: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch
 Seconded by: Michelle Sternszus
 All in favor

171.7.4 Teachers Rep Report: The teachers are very happy with Winter Carnival the kids had a great time. They are beginning to work on their STEAM projects. Grade six is preparing for the country expo which will be the last week of February.

171.7.5 PC Rep Report: Alaina will try to have our school will featured in the next edition of Parent Committee Newsletter since Westpark won the math Olympics. The elementary and high school subcommittees had a joint meeting where there were presentations on the Fusion Portal and on Learn Quebec. Summaries of these presentations should be available soon and we will disseminate these to the parent community at Westpark once available. Please see the full Meeting Summary Report attached for more information about the most recent PC meeting.

171.7.6 Commissioner's Report: If any parent has any complaints regarding Chartwell Food services, there is a procedure to follow. Elections for School Board positions are coming up. Sex education is being implemented September 2019 for all grade levels. Our commissioner Craig thanks all teachers for all their hard work. Teacher appreciation week should not only happen once a year!

171.7.7 Daycare update: The bake/craft sale raised \$3,640. The fundraiser really brings our daycare together and was a great success. Margaret is currently working on Income Tax forms and they will be sent out to parents in the coming month.

171.7.8 Community Rep update: None

171.7.9 Our H&S chair, Kelly, gave the following updates:

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up and will be a full week of surprises for our wonderful teachers. We have a Hypnotist Adult-only show happening on April 19th, info to go out soon via ERMS.

We would like to introduce a new fundraiser from Restaurant Cuginis. The fundraiser will be pizza kits to make at home. Each kit will cost \$10. The kit comes with dough, sauce and cheese. H&S would make \$3/kit. Cuginis would need a 2 week turnaround time and he would deliver the kits to our school.

Motion to approve: Nathalie Lebrun

Seconded by: David Ceber

All in favor

We took a vote to see if we should bring back The Wondering Artist program for another session (grades 3 & 4).

Motion to approve: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

Seconded by: Dvorah Bowen

All in favor

172.8 Public Question Period: None

172.9 Date & Time of Next Meetings: March 27, May 1 & June 5. All meetings will take place at 7:00pm.

172.10 Adjourn at 9:06pm