

**Westpark Governing Board Meeting
Draft Minutes
October 23h, 2017**

Attendance: Alaina Gross, David Ceber, Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Kenny Mandel, Kiara Iafano, Lisa Baylis, Mary Lawrence, Margaret Gogoris, Nathalie Lebrun, Nathia Messina, Pina Garritano, Rachel Boileau, , Steven Small, , Yolanda Galvez

Commissioner: Craig Berger (absent)

Substitutes: Andrea Altman, Andrea Satin, Lana Geller

Secretary: Michelle Sternszus

Regrets: Chelsea Bayer, Dvora Bowen, Lisa Peress, Stacey Knecht, Tali Chemtob

Prior to the Governing Board meeting, four Westpark parents presented themselves before the governing board members as they ran for the open parent position on the board. A vote was taken, and the new position is being filled by Michelle Sternszus, former secretary. Following this decision, the Governing board voted on Lana Geller filling the role of Secretary starting next Governing Board meeting.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

170.0 Greetings and updates

170.1 Verification of quorum

170.2 Additions to the agenda- none

170.3 Approval of the agenda for October meeting

Motioned by: Alaina Gross

Seconded by: Margaret Gogoris

All in favor

170.4 Approval of May 2017 minutes

Motioned by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

Seconded by: Michelle Sternszus

14 in favor

2 abstentions

Motion is passed

170.5 Approval of minutes from Sept GB meeting

Motioned by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

Seconded by: Alaina Gross

All in favour

170.6 Correspondence: None

170,7 Business arising

170.7.1 Choosing our 9th parent member

Presentations took place before the meeting and a vote was had and Michelle Sternszus was voted in as the 9th parent member. As a result Lana Geller offered to fill the role of secretary going forward. A vote will take place towards the end of the meeting.

170.7.2 Choosing our community reps

Two parents serving as substitutes for this meeting expressed interest in filling the role of community rep- Andrea Altman and Andrea Satin. The board will vote towards the end of the meeting.

170.7.3 Amend internal rules to include procedures for using our substitute Members, both parents and school staff.

A discussion was had and several suggestions were made. A decision was made to run through the list in alphabetical order by last name. All 9 parent and 7 teacher positions need to try to be filled for each meeting.

Alaina Gross motioned to ammend the internal rules to state that the substitutes are to be contacted in alphabetical order by last name and that the next time a sub is needed, the next person alphabetically on the list is where the starting point will be.

Motion seconded by: David Ceber
All in favour

170.6.4 Governing board meeting schedule to discuss (every 6 weeks as proposed last meeting)

The board discussed this and the dates of the remainder of the GB meetings were proposed: Dec.12th, Feb. 6th, April 10th, May 8th, June 5th (tentative)

Motion to accept the above GB meeting dates: Nathalie Lebrun
Seconded by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch
All in favour

170.6.5 Forgotten lunches

As a result of some parents not receiving the email that went out regarding a change in the hot lunch schedule, some students did not have a lunch on the day they were originally supposed to have hot luch. Parents were called and if

they were able to, parents came to school and brought lunch. Should a parent not be able to come with lunch, daycare always has food to provide to the students. Apparently there was some unclarity regarding this process and since, an email was sent out explaining the policy clearly.

170.7 Public Question Period- none

170.8 Reports

170.8.1 Principal's report

Dare to Care:

Feb. 6th assembly for k-4 students, Feb. 7th and 8th full day assembly for grade 5 and grade 6 "Take the Time Day"

Mesure and Resource:

We have officially hired Joseph Stallone for the mesure targeted to support our cycle 1 students, Mr. Stallone will work closely with our French resource teacher in order to coordinate the literacy groups.

We have increased Miriam Silverberg hours for our kindergarten mesure, she will now include kindergarten in her daily schedule to support their social interactions.

We also received an extra 20% resource, we have combined that 20% with francisation and another mesure to hire Lonna Volasco to work with our cycle 2 and 3 students to support them in French.

Parent-teacher interviews:

This year we will book interviews through our Fusion program. Parents will receive an email letting them know when they can book their apt.

ERMS issue:

We had a glitch in our system, some grade 4 parents did not receive the email that said we postponed hot lunch due to a cross country run, therefore some students had no lunches. We wanted to re-assure everyone that due to religious and dietary restrictions Margaret called all the parents of the children who did not have a lunch, if a parent expressed concerns about getting them lunch to school, Margaret offered to provide lunch for those students.

Extra-curricular activities:

We have two companies who approached us with after school program, Funky Dance and Wondering Artist. Both programs seem interesting, we need to maybe decide on one of them as we already have some extra-curricular activities; Champs, Wednesday and Thursdays, Italian and Hebrew PELO Tuesdays. Room is a concern as we have over 310 student registered at after school daycare.

A GB member added a third activity to the mix- bootcamp, but since this is an activity that can be done outdoors, we will revisit this one in the spring.

Board members discussed the two other activities in length and some suggestions were made regarding where in the school they would take place, who would coordinate, and which students the activity chosen should be offered to at first.

Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch motioned to try a session with the wondering artist for Cycle 1 students in Mme. Lebrun’s classroom with Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch as the coordinator.

Seconded by Nathalie Lebrun

All in favour
170.8.2 Field Trips and Fundraisers

Field Trip Explanaton	Date/ Time	Ratio	Lunch?	Transportation	Cost	Grade
Le Mysterre du professeur Sensas Science - Learning about 5 senses	Jan 26 th	1:16	School	At school	7.25\$	K
ASTER - Inflatable planetarium Science - Solar system	April 9 th	1:16	School	At school	14\$	K
Parc Nature Bois-de-Liesse Science – Animals	June 5 th	1:05	School	Bus	18.25\$	K
STEAM project with Lindsay Place STEAM	Nov 16 th	1:10	School	Bus	FREE	1
STEAM project with Lindsay Place STEAM	Nov 7 th	1:10	School	Bus	FREE	5
OSM Opportunity to learn about classical music	Jan 29 th	1:10	School	Bus	20\$	5 & 6
Musee de Vaudreuil STEAM - Space, Time, and Society	Dec 14 th	1:07	School	Bus	\$15	2

Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch motioned to approve above listed field trips

Seconded by: Alaina Gross

All in favour

Organization	Purpose	Grade	Date
Christmas Baskets	Collecting food and other items for famlies in PSC & at Springdale	School	Nov/Dec
Splash & Dash	Fundraiser for Sarah's Floor (cancer ward)	School	3-Nov
	Dress Down Day (Donation at discretion of family)		
Movember	Dress Down Day (Donation at discretion of family)	School	20-Nov
	Silly Mustache day		30-Nov
	Benefit Children's Hospital		

Nathalie Lebrun motioned to approve above listed fundraisers
Seconded by: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch
All in favour

170.8.4 Service Contracts- None

170.8.5 Teacher representative's update

Cycle 1:

- Blogging night was held for some parents.
- A mentoring system has been set up where some older students get together with the younger ones to read.
- Halloween theme
- starting consonants and learning to write sentences.
- STEAM: gears, simple machines and robots.

Cycle 2:

- Univers Social: Learning about the first settlers of Nouvelle-France, the harsh climate they faced, attempts from France to populate Nouvelle France and the labourers who built the colony.
- Français: Writing scary Halloween stories, researching topics for oral presentations, climbing the Pyramide des verbes, and practicing important reading comprehension strategies, such as making predictions, discovering the meaning of words from les mots de la même famille etc
- English: They just finished the presentations of their park designs (based on Tales of the Fourth Grade Nothing)
- character study where the students were able to stick adjectives on their teacher-making her full of character!
- For STEAM grade 4 went batty and created "bat wings" that landed in a target or went a a great distance.

Music: During the year Mme Boileau will be hiring some specialized teacher to come and work with band students.

Resource: Groups have started! Students are learning through many different modalities as we read, write, bake, and move. The room is full of iPads, chromebooks and yoga mats. It is designed so that whether students are working as a team or learning to be autonomous, it is always a fun challenge.

Phys Ed: K & Gr: 1 working on spatial awareness, and movement, manipulation (throwing and catching)

170.8.5 Regional Parent Representatives' update

The AGA is took place at the school board. A new executive was voted in. Different members of the pc were voted in as well to sit on several different sub committees. The next meeting will take place in the beginning of November and they are open to

the public.

170.8.6 Commissioner's report- none

170.8.7 Daycare's update

Everything is running smoothly. Current enrolment is at 309 students. The annual Fundraiser benefiting the West Island Womens' Shelter was presented and voted on.

David Ceber motioned to approve the fundraiser

Seconded by: Alaina Gross

All in favour

170.8.8 Community Representative's update

Michelle Sternszus motioned for Andrea Altman and Andrea Satin to fill the roles of Community reps.

Seconded by: Pina Garritano

All in favour

Alaina Gross motioned for Lana Geller to fill the role as secretary

Seconded by Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

All in favour

170.8.9 Home & School update

-Pizza lunch sales raised 16000\$

-Chocolates are due back on Friday

-Book fair was a success

-H&S just spent \$13,000 on teacher allocations which are much appreciated

-Discussions regarding the annual parent evening have started. Details will follow and the event will take place in April.

-New curtains for the gym are in the works

-H&S paid Dare to Care as well

170.9 Public Question Period-none

170.10 Date and time of next GB meeting

December 12th 7 pm

170.11 Adjourn at 8:34 pm