

Westpark Governing Board Meeting  
Minutes  
February 18, 2025

- 237.0 Greetings and Land Acknowledgement
- 237.1 Verification of quorum
- 237.2 Appointment of secretary
- 237.3 Approval of the minutes for the meeting held on January 21, 2025  
(motion by Stuart, seconded by Meghan)
- 237.4 Correspondence & First Public Question Period
- 237.5 Business Arising
  - 237.5.1 Parent drop-off  
Discussion ensued on the parent drop off and options to improve lateness.
- 237.6 New Business
  - 237.6.1 LBPSB Budget 2025-2026 consultation response  
Moved to the next GB meeting.
  - 237.6.2 CCQ
  - 237.6.3 Morning entrance
  - 237.6.4 Snow removal
- 237.7 Field Trips & Fundraisers
  - 237.7.1 School
  - 237.7.2 SEED
  - 237.7.3 Home & School  
End of year School bash (motion by M.A., seconded by Meghan)
  - 237.7.4 Graduation Committee
- 237.8 Service Contracts
- 237.9 Reports
  - 237.9.1 Principal

February Meeting Report

Thank you to our Home & School for staff appreciation. They have acknowledged that the Westpark staff “Raise the Bar”! Thank you also to our Phys Ed team Mr. W and Ms Iafano who have spent the past 2 weeks bringing classes outside for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Although the first week was exceptionally cold, the snow conditions on the property have cooperated for some great experiences. This year Westpark will not be going tubing as it has become too expensive and challenging to organize. Many classes did plan a sledding outing at Centennial Park independently. Ther recently was a grad committee meeting where members have been asked to form sub committees for the planning of the celebration in June. They will also explore further fundraising and donation possibilities. Our school team came together for the Regional Day with a theme of “Belonging” and had the pleasure of hearing about Sebastien Sassville’s inspirational feats. We are stronger together as a team.

Student safety during the morning drop off continues to be a concern on Westpark and Howard. Too many parents are not following the rules and procedures causing dangerous conditions for our children. Administration met with the community police to understand why Westpark does not qualify for a crossing guard and further police

support. They gather information regarding the number of walkers, regular vehicle traffic, number of options available, presence of children without adult support and number of intersections. A crossing guard is guaranteed a minimal number of hours per day, and it is already exceptional that Westpark Blvd has 2 crossing indications with lights. Since parent traffic is not part of the consideration, our school community does not even come close for consideration. For over 15 years there has been countless school administration and police interventions and parent communications with little to no change. The priority of staff supervision on Howard is the safety of our students on school property and not to manage the poor behavior of parents who refuse to follow the drop off procedures.

*Regards,*  
*Ms. Diana Martire*  
***Principal***

237.9.2 Teacher representative

(teacher appreciation week was so grateful and appreciative)

237.9.3 Daycare

(tax receipts to be issued in the end of Feb.)

237.9.4 Home & School

(teacher appreciation week, book fair signup sheet)

237.9.5 Parent Representative

(Mark updated us on the next Parent Rep meeting which will be held this Thursday)

237.9.6 Commissioner

(Commissioner report will be on LBPSB website)

237.9.7 Community Representative

(Great report on community events) Will be added to minutes this week.

237.10 Second Public Question Period

237.11 Next Meeting Date: April 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday. We will discuss School budget for GB (we have around \$600.00 to spend)

237.12 Adjourn: 7:46 P.M.