

Westpark Governing Board Meeting
Minutes - Monday, September 18, 2023

Attendance: Deppy Papandreou, Diana Martire, Giulia Carosielli, Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Kenny Mandel, MA Davoli, Marc Wetering, Margaret Gogoris, Mark Kashetsky, Mary Lawrence, Megan van der Sluys, Phil Pinsky, Steven Small, Stuart Becker, Tiffany Uman, Yolanda Galvez

Public: 3

Commissioner: Absent

Secretary: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

221.0 Greetings and Land Acknowledgement

Mark calls the meeting to order at 7:03pm

221.1 Verification of quorum

221.2 Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve: Giulia Carosielli

Second: Yolanda Galvez

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions; approved

221.3 New Business

221.3.1 Cost of Recorders for Music Class

For grade 6: alto recorder – students may bring in their own, or purchase through the school @ \$17.00. For grades 3-5: soprano recorder – students may bring in their own, or purchase through the school @ \$7.25

Motion to approve: Margaret Gogoris

Second: Tiffany Uman

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions; approved

221.3.2 Grade 6 Field Trip

November 28th, Montreal Science Centre. Ratio 1:8. 8 am – 2 pm. Bus transportation, bring lunch.

Motion to approve: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

Second: Deppy Papandreou

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions; approved

221.3.3 Harvest Fair in S.E.E.D.

Will take place one week between October 8 through 22, will meet this week to determine when produce will be ready. Will run the whole week or until everything is sold. All items made from produce from our garden. Profits to be split between West Island Women's Shelter and The Montreal Children's Hospital

Motion to approve: Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch

Second: Kenny Mandel

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions; approved

221.4 Public Question Period

Discussion about adding Sharks shirts in various specific colors for spirit days. These would not be part of the color code for daily wear but permitted on the specified spirit days. Would like to start with Orange (Truth and Reconciliation) and Pink (Anti-bullying)

Motion to approve: Tiffany Uman

Second: Marc Wetering

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions; approved

Question about the use of vulgar language in the playground, and how the school is handling this issue. Discussion about ways to keep grade levels separate to ensure younger children are not exposed to words/topics before they are ready for it. This has also been brought to the attention of the school as an issue on the buses. This will be added to the October agenda for further discussion.

221.5 Next Meeting Date

October 10 at 7pm

221.6 Adjourn

Mark adjourns the meeting at 7:15 pm