

**Westpark Governing Board Meeting
Minutes
November 14, 2023**

Present: Alaina Charszan, Giulia Carosielli, Sylvie Lepage, Mark Kashetsky, Ashley Smolar, Deppy Papandreou, Yolanda Galvez, Craig Berger, Diana Martire, Megan Van der Sluys, Marc Wetering, Mary Lawrence, Margaret Gogoris, Kenny Mandel, Alia Odubayo, Kelly Arfin-Gurevitch, Stuart Becker, Phil Pinsky, Tiffany Uman

Regrets: None

223.0 Greetings and Land Acknowledgement

223.1 Verification of quorum

223.2 Appointment of a Secretary

Kenny Mandel accepts the role of secretary for this meeting.

223.3 Approval of the agenda

Approval of the agenda with an addition of a public speaking period and a hybrid meeting model
- Phil, Mark approved the agenda

223.4 Approval of the minutes for the meetings held on October 10th, 2023

Conflicting opinions regarding the previously proposed fundraising activity. This GB will have the challenge brought to the School Board level to discuss further.

223.5 Correspondence

No correspondence to report

223.6 Question period

Security guards added. Security measures considering current events. Ms. Martire responds by explaining that there is security provided by local police and public security that is observed multiple times of the day.

223.6 Business Arising

223.6.1 Appointment of a community rep

Appointment of a community rep stalled for the next meeting. Alaina suggested nominating 2 community reps at the next meeting.

223.6.2 CONSULTATION - By-Law 9 - Complaint Process – Draft response

Complaint Process - draft process - Mark motion put forward for draft response - seconded by Alaina, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.6.3 CONSULTATION - Commitment to Success Plan – Review policy

Motion put forward for draft response by Phil, seconded by Kenny, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.6.4 CONSULTATION - Enrolment Criteria Policy - Review

Boundaries for High School Open Boundaries - Motion put forward for draft response by Margaret, seconded by Phil, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.6.5 CONSULTATION - Policy on School Daycare and Lunch Program and School and Continuing Education Fees Policy – Review

Motion put forward for draft response by Margaret, seconded by Alaina, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.6.6 Hybrid meeting

Teachers' discuss - Motion to make all future meetings hybrid except Feb & March which will be exclusively online. Motion to respond by Mark, seconded by Margaret, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.7 New Business

223.7.1 Land acknowledgement to be said during all public-school events

Mark questions whether the land acknowledgement is said at all public school events and Ms. Martire assures the GB that it is.

223.7.2 Review ABAV plan and Code of Conduct

Zoom meeting this week or next to approve AVAB Plan - Code of Conduct - Feedback gathered from student reps, new Code of Conduct

Phil proposed a one item/month to discuss these actions. Motion by Ashley, seconded by Tiffany, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.7.3 Strike action information

School admin will continue meetings unless a strike action is completed - another strike day/action cannot be carried out for another 7 days. Phil proposed sharing additional information to the entire school community. Ms. Martire agrees. Phil proposed having parents reaching out to support the teachers' endeavor. - 223.7.4 Communication:

223.7.4 November 24th

Ms. Martire proposed: Monday 27th for next parent-teacher, 27th during the day, 28th in the evening.

223.7.5 Communication

About the new reporting system.

Hydro Quebec work - Lighting - is urgent and must be completed before winter or will have to wait until summer.

223.8 Service Contracts

Contacts required for the PELO Teachers and PELO Coordinator. Motion by Alaina, seconded by Mark, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.9 Field Trips & Fundraisers

223.9.1 Eco Museum rescheduled

223.9.2 Art show: Gym will be turned into a museum for K-6, 3 evenings, Week of May

223.9.3 Multicultural music concert, grades 4 and grade 6, \$15/student, April 17th

223.9.4 Ski club for grades 5-6 - Jan 15th, 27th, Feb 19th - Cost \$30/\$35/\$40

223.9.5 Food collection for On Rock Food Bank - collection for one week beginning December

223.9.6 Grade 3 trip - May 21st, 2024 - Towns, Villages, playing indigenous games - activities -

Transport by 4 school buses, No Cost - covered by grant

223.9.7 Home and School - Book Fair on December 5th and during the day of the fair

223.9.8 Grads would like to have a bake sale - Holiday ticket raffle - Parent Hoodie sale

Motion to approve all field trips and activities, by Phil, seconded by Giulia, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.9.8 Fundraiser - Giulia reports that money raised goes to the ART ROOM to buy more supplies. With over 550 students, I'm going through supplies fast. Raffle basket: Need help with donations. Motion to have art fundraiser by Phil, seconded by Kelly, no abstentions, motion carries.

223.9.7 Blanket approval for neighbour walks (area extended) Motion to approve by Phil, seconded by Yolanda, 10 opposed, motion does not carry. Suggested to notify parents about park trips.

Motion to extend the meeting to 9:30 by Mark seconded by Alaina, 8 opposed, no abstentions, motion carries. Meeting may continue until 9:30 pm.

223.10 Reports

223.10.1 Principal

The construction project is coming to an end. It is a pleasure to see the parking lots complete and pavement markings indicated. Any day now all the fencing/gates will be completed with the garbage bin section closed in as well. Mid October the new lighting is scheduled to be installed, there is a delay of all railings and the school yard markings will be completed following the drying of the spring rains with 4 car charging stations marked and to be installed next school year. The admin team has gone door to door to thank the adjacent neighbors for their patience and understanding.

There have been changes to our resource department staffing. Currently, there is a third sub in place with a potential candidate starting soon. Our integration aide team is in place and will remain as is for the balance of the school year. We will continue to replace an aide as best as possible for sick days but will try to adjust the schedules for PLA days as these days are not typically replaceable by substitutes. However, the safety and well being of all our students remain a priority and where there may be a risk of safety, the child and class would always be replaced.

There was a great turn out of enthusiastic parents at the first Home & School meeting for this school year. Home & School presented staff with a "gift" of money to purchase items for their classroom and they have been busy with our first big fundraisers bringing Chocolates, pizza and TCBY to our students. They will also be supporting a Halloween Door decorating contest, with a team of judges and prizes awarded to the winners.

National Truth and Reconciliation Day was appropriately marked with many of our staff and students participating in Orange Shirt Day, an entire school assembly with grade 5 students reading the Land Acknowledgement and singing before the story of Phylis Webstad's book, The Orange Shirt Story was read, followed by in class activities led by our CASCA professional Sarah Zaslov.

A parent asked why the assembly was held on Zoom - Explanation provided by Admin and Mark suggests that the success of the ZOOM assembly be shared with the parent community.

223.10.2 Teacher representative

Report not recorded properly.

223.10.3 Daycare

Harvest sale made \$2200 to Children's Hospital and women's shelter.

Hop-Hop app is in use for parents who have registered. Margaret explained that Danielle is overwhelmed by the functionality of the app. Margaret will have a meeting to discuss implementation of the app. Phil suggested that Margaret contact the company/software to improve functionality

223.10.4 Home & School

New water fountains will be purchased and installed. 12 new Robotics computers. Holiday door decoration - (Hot) Chocolate profits

223.10.5 Parent Representative

No report this month.

223.10.6 Commissioner

Council of Commissioners approved air filter replacement resolution. Fundraiser at local (Rocket Hockey Game - December 7)

223.10.7 Community Representative

No community rep on GB at this time.

223.11 Public Question Period

No questions asked.

223.12 Next Meeting Date

Tuesday December 4th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

223.13 Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.