

Westpark Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2024

Attendance: Tiffany Uman(stand-in chairperson), Deppy Papandreou (stand-in secretary), Diana Martire (principal), Alaina Charszan, MA Davol, Kelly Gurevitch, Mark Kashetsky, Talya Michon (parent substitute), Giulia Carosielli, Yolanda Galvez, Margaret Gogoris, Sylvie Lepage, Alia Odubayo, Mark Wetering

Regrets: Stuart Becker, Sophie Belzile, Phil Pinsky, Ashley Somer, Kenny Mandel,⁷ Mary Lawrence, Megan Van der Sluys

Commissioner): Craig Berger

227.0 Greetings and Land Acknowledgement

227.1 Verification of quorum Quorum established.

227.2 Appointment of Secretary Ms. Deppy Papandreou volunteered to be secretary for this meeting.

227.3 Approval of Agenda Discussion was had to add the following items on the agenda:

227.6 Business Arising

227.6.1 PELO

227.6.2 May 14 Governing Board Meeting to be rescheduled

227.6.3 Westpark Student Talent Show

227.7 New Business Arising

227.7.1 Governing Board Composition 2024-2025

227.7.2 Note the Meeting Dates of the Council of Commissioners

And to remove item originally numbered 227.7.1 Grade 6 Field Trip.

Motion to approve the agenda with the changes of the above-mentioned items was proposed by Sylvie Lepage and seconded by Marc Wetering. 12 in favor/ 0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion Carries.

227.4 Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2024, Discussion was had to clearly state the motions in the Minutes, to attach the Principal's Report to the Minutes, to remove the dollar (\$) amount and to provide the number of students in the Daycare Report as well as the 'bottom line'. Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of February

13, 2024 with the above-mentioned precisions was proposed by Mark Kashetsky and seconded by Giulia Carosielli. 12 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions. Motion carries.

227.5 Correspondence There was no correspondence.

227.6 Business Arising

227.6.1 PELO announced that parents were refunded the PELO fees and PELO now has 4 age-cohesive classes in lieu of 3.

227.6.2 May 14th Governing Board Meeting As our Westpark Art Show is on May 14th, 2024, Diana Martire suggested that we reschedule our governing board meeting for May 21, 2024 at 7 pm. Motion to reschedule the Governing Board Meeting from May 14th to May 21st, 2024 was proposed by Mark Kashetsky and seconded by Deppy Papandreou. Unanimously approved. No abstentions.

227.6.3 Westpark Student Talent Show Ms. Martire informed the board members that a finalized date for the talent show will be added on the Agenda for the April 16th Governing Board Meeting. The organizing staff is looking for an ideal date that will coincide with the availability of the students participating in the talent show and give the community at least a one- or two-week notice.

227.7 New Business Arising

227.7.1 Composition of the Governing Board 2024-2025 Discussion was had regarding the composition of the Board. Ms. Martire provided a factual account of board size of primary and secondary schools with similar enrolment. A healthy discussion ensued. A motion to maintain the status quo was proposed and subsequently rescinded as discussion amongst Board members continued. A motion to respond to the consultation with a request to reduce the Governing Board composition by one parent and one staff member for a total of 16 members was proposed by Marc Wetering and seconded by Margaret Gogoris. The motion was passed with 10 in favor, 2 opposed and no abstentions.

227.7.2 The dates for the Council of Commissioners meetings were noted. Attached to these Meeting Minutes is the report of the last Council of Commissioners meeting of February 27th, 2024.

227.8 Service Contracts No new service contracts were noted.

227.9 Fundraisers and Field Trips Ms. Gurevitch gave us an update on the previously approved SOCK FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN. We are currently waiting for the samples and, once received, purchase forms will be made available to the school community. The following Field trips were proposed:

* The kindergarten classes will be going to Clip & Climb on April 4.

- ** The grade 1 classes will be going to Clip & Climb on May 23.
- ** The grades 4 and 5 will be attending a music concert on April 19.
- *** The 6th grade will be attending a play at St. Thomas at a cost of \$15 for transportation.

A motion to approve the three field trips was proposed by Alaina Charszan and seconded by MA Davoli. 12 in favor. 0 opposed. 0 abstentions.

227.10 Reports

227.10.1 Principal Report

Ms. Martire reported that Westpark's Black History month was kicked off with a presentation for the senior grades. It was impressive how much our students already knew of prominent black women in history. The presenter was impressed and the staff were proud. School staff have been working on the Educational Plan collaboratively with plans to complete it in March. Once the draft version is ready it will be presented to the school council and governing board. The inconsistent weather has made the school yard challenging to navigate with ice and water. This has meant many indoor recesses and the lack of opportunity to use the equipment we have on loan for winter outdoor sports. This is the first year in many that the St Valentine's Day Dance was hosted in the evening. It was well organized, well supervised, well attended and by all accounts was enjoyed by many. Minimal funds were raised as the focus of this event was social for families and not a school fundraiser. Thank you to Home & School who also supported staff appreciation week. Each day staff were treated to accolades, treats and wonderful attention. Parents as well shared many kind messages of appreciation through the school board that was shared with staff members. The ski club enjoyed their final day on the slopes. This was a first-time activity for our school and with the success shown this year, we are planning to proceed with the ski club next year. Also, in the spirit of winter activities, tubing this year was shared over 2 days. K, grade 3-5 enjoyed cold but seasonal winter weather for sledding (Kindergarten) and tubing at St Sauveur. It was necessary to postpone the grade 1-2 & 6 tubing day to following March Break. Staff are busy evaluating and preparing report cards along with IEPs. Parent/Teacher conferences will take place by teacher request, following March Break.

227.10.2 Teacher representative

Mme Lepage reported on this past month's activities. She thanked Home & School for the wonderful week-long staff appreciation gifts, food and beverages. The teachers are truly moved by these wonderful and generous gestures. Students from grades 1 to 6 went tubing to Mt. Avila on two separate occasions while the kindergartners took public transportation to go sledding at Centennial Park. Our ski club had its final outings. Our teachers are preparing fun activities for Nutrition Month. We prepared report cards and invited parents for interviews after the March Break.

227.10.3 Daycare Report

Ms. Gogoris reported that it has been a busy month and tax receipts were issued.

227.10.4 Home & School

Ms. Gurevitch reported that the Teacher Appreciation week was a wonderful success. H & S will be organizing the Scholastic English book fair the evening of April 17th (for Westpark families) and during the day of April 18th when teachers will bring their students to peruse and purchase books. It was also noted that Executive Elections will be held over the next few meetings.

227.10.5 Parent Representative

Ms. Charszan reported that the next meeting will be on the 11th of April in person and that a report will be included at our next GB meeting.

227.10.6 Commission Report

Mr. Berger reported that our current DG Cindy Finn will continue in that capacity for another 5-year term. The Transco Bus Company reached a settlement and compensation to the affected families is being disbursed. April 8 will be a pedagogical day due to the Solar Eclipse. The subsequent meeting will be next week.

227.10. 7 Community Representative

No report as the posts remains unfulfilled.

227.11 Public Question Period

No members of the public posed questions.

227.12 Next Meeting Date

April 16, 2024 at 7.00pm

227.13 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8.35 pm.