

Westpark Governing Board Meeting

Minutes September 17th, 2024

Attendance: Phil Pinsky, M.A. Davoli (Kelly Geurivitch replacement), Erica Grand (sub for Tiffany Uman) Karen Benabou, Stuart Becker, Mark Kashetsky, Alaina Charszan, Ashley Smolar, Kenny Mandel, Talya Michon, Mary Lawrence, Megan Van Der Slys (sub for Alia Odubayo), Dlane Rooney (sub for Giulia Caroseli), Margaret Gorgios,

Regrets: Tiffany Uman, Giulia Caroseli, Alia Odubayo

233.0 Greetings and Land Acknowledgement

233.1 Verification of quorum

233.2 Appointment of a Secretary : Kenny Mandel confirmed

233.3 Approval of the agenda: Motion put forward by Karen, seconded by Alaina

233.3.1 Election of the Chairperson: Mark Kashetsky and Phil Pinsky introductions presentation. Phil Pinsky elected Chair for 2024-24 Westpark Governing Board.

233.3.2 Election of a Vice Chairperson: tabled for next GB meeting

233.3.3 Appointment of a Parent member to fill a vacant seat: M.A. Davoli elected as last parent member to fill vacant seat for 1 year term

233.3.4 Appointment of Community Representatives: Alaina nominated Karen Benabou and Phil nominated Talya Michon. Both are elected as community reps.

233.4 Approval of the minutes for the meetings held on June 10, 2024: Motion put forward by Megan, seconded by Stuart

233.5 Governing Board Operation

233.5.1 Review of Rules of Operation (as outlined in the Education Act), tabled to next meeting

233.5.2 Approval/Modification of Internal Rules of Management, tabled to next meeting

233.5.3 Governing Board Budget: Motion put forward by Ashley Smolar, seconded by Chelsea Bayer

233.6 Dates and times of meetings: Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, April 9, May 20, June 11. Motion put forward by Alaina, seconded by Stuart

233.7 Correspondence: none

233.8 Business Arising: none

233.9 New Business

233.9.1 School fees: decision to add up to \$0.47 on each line where necessary.
Motion put forward by Christina, seconded by M.A.

233.9.2 PELO: Registration for Hebrew, Hindi, and Italian classes. Hebrew classes have begun already.

233.9.3 Subject Time Allocation: English and French language.
(tabled for next meeting in Oct 15)

233.9.4 Evaluation of Learning: Specialists will add to the evaluations.

QUESTION PERIOD ADDED

Passionate discussion was had by parents from the public on bullying and the Administration addressed the issues and how the process should take place in order to escalate an issue.

233.10 Field Trips & Fundraisers

233.10.1

Motion put forward by Alaina, seconded by Mark.

233.10.2 Blanket Approval for LBPSB sports activities and tournament field trips. Approval of \$22.00 or less for bus transportation. Motion put forward by Megan, seconded by M.A.

233.10.3 Dec. 5 - Math Olympics – Motion put forward by Mark, seconded by Mme. Chelsea

233.10.4 Blanket approval for teachers to be able to bring students within the radius of the mailbox by the school and adjacent park. Motion put forward by Mme. Sylvie Lepage, seconded by Mme. Chelsea.

233.10.5 Blanket approval for teachers to be able to bring students within 3KM radius to be tabled for next meeting

Extend the time of the meeting to 9:30 PM. Motion put forward by MA, seconded by Stuart

233.10.6 Sock fundraiser – up to \$11.00 for sock drive. Motion put forward by Megan, seconded by Margaret

233.10.7 Door decoration for Halloween, classroom teacher led, prize provided by Home & School: Motion put forward by Melissa, seconded by Ashley

233.11 Service Contracts: none to report

233.12 Reports

233.12.1 Principal

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year to our Westpark community. It is a pleasure to be working with Marie-Josée Coiteux, in the role of Vice Principal. She comes to us from St Thomas GHigh School with a wealth of experience and insight. Dr Cindy Finn, Director General, joined our staff to welcome our students on the first day of school. Admin has also been welcoming new staff members along with many returning staff.

Home & School has begun the year with Chocolate fundraisers in place along with TCBY and Pizza days organized for the year. Welcome to our new Co-Chairs Jessica Rogers and Erica Grand. The GB AGA went well, with 5 new posts filled. This year's committee is a mix of new and returning parents and staff members.

There have been a few challenges with the different scheduling requirements within the school, but things are moving along and it appears that students and staff are getting into the regular routines that come with this back to school season.

233.12.2 Teacher representative report

233.12.3 Daycare Activities

Ped day dates: Sept. 27

Nov. 1 - Animation Kids - \$21.00

Nov. 15 - Club - \$20.00

Nov. 22 - Sports - \$17.00

Jan. 24 - TBD

Feb. 7 - \$10.00

Feb. 17 - clip n climb - \$37.00

May. 16 - \$10.00

Motion forwarded by Mme. Chelsea, seconded by Kenny

233.12.4 Home & School

Sept. 24 meeting, Chocolate sales, pizza & TCBY orders going well

233.12.5 Parent Representative

Oct. 10 AGA meeting

233.12.6 Commissioner

233.12.7 Community Representative

233.23 Public Question Period

233.24 Next Meeting Date: Oct. 15, 2024

233.25 Adjourn: 9 :30PM