

Westwood Junior High School Governing Board Minutes
26 January 2016
Staff Lounge

Attendees: Chris Buddle (GB Chair), Barbara Hunter, Kelly Roy, Marie-Josée Coiteux (Principal), Mariette Gallan, Jennifer Lussier-Price, Terri Carrier, Melisa Salama, Daniel Olivenstein (Commissioner), Lisa Fougere (Home & School representative),

Regrets: Mike Giannoumis

Meeting commenced at 7:10 PM

1. Adoption of the agenda: Moved by MGa, Seconded by KR. Motion carried
2. Adoption of the minutes from meeting of 2 December; Moved by KR, seconded by BH; Motion Carried
3. Business arising
 - 3.1. Major School Change: rezoning will benefit enrolment to WWJr; the board is also considering Adult Education options for either WWSr or WWJr; any changes or options related to transportation will not be available until May.
4. Reports:
 - 4.1. Principal's report - see attached
 - 4.2. Sector Parents Committee: no report.
 - 4.3. Home & School: see attached
 - 4.4. Commissioner's report: see attached
5. New Business
 - 5.1. Capital Projects: capital projects were discussed; motion by TC, seconded by JLP, motion carried.
 - 5.2. Teacher Negotiations: ECA ban has been lifted; a work-to-rule revote may occur. No other updates were availabilities.
 - 5.3. Bill 86: implications of Bill 86 on governing boards, and other issues related to the Bill were discussed; there was an overwhelming concern with the Bill, and GB members are urged to inform themselves, and through their own networks, raise these concerns as widely as possible. An upcoming meeting about Bill 86, at the CPC, was announced.
 - 5.4. GB SNAC representative: Terri Carrier has agreed to be the SNAC representative for our GB.
 - 5.5. Field Trip Approvals: Petit Bonheur for Matrix Program students Feb 8-10, 56 Students 5 Adults - \$220/student - for grade 7. Moved by KR, seconded by TC - carried; March 15/16 to visit Ottawa museums and hockey game for Matrix (Grade 8) - \$215/person Moved by MGa, seconded by JLP - carried; New York City for Band - Harlem - April 13-16, (into the weekend) \$492 Moved by JPL, seconded by BH - carried

- 5.6. Change of Schedule Approvals: Feb 18 - WWSr to visit to talk to Sec II, 11:30 AM to discuss options for Sec III (need 30-40 minutes): Moved by MGa, seconded by JLP - carried;
- 5.7. Fundraising: A series of Student Life Activities were discussed for Feb, March and May, in which some funds would be raised, and these funds to go to cover costs and/or go to charity. Moved by MGa, seconded by TC - carried;
- 5.8. Selection Criteria for the School Principal: selection criteria for 2016-2017 was presented and discussed, and approved. Motion for accepting the selection criteria was moved by TC, Seconded by MGa;
6. Public Question Period: no public present.
7. Adjournment: 8:49 PM - Moved by KR, seconded by MGa. Next meeting is scheduled for 23 Feb, 2016.

Governing Board Meeting

January 26th, 2016

Principal's Report

Christmas Baskets were delivered before Christmas and I want to thank our WWJR community for their generosity. Ms. Quinn and Mr. Cordery worked hard to make sure that every basket was filled and they helped deliver them with the students.

Ms. Price and Ms. Muramatsu are taking the kids outside for every Phys. Ed Class to either snowshoe, cross country ski, use crazy carpets and/or some skating.

Home and School is reviewing teacher's wish lists requests and have voted to give the WWJR Phys. Ed department \$500 for the purchase of outdoor equipment. This is very generous and we thank the Home and School Association.

Students have been asked to dress appropriately for this. Helmets have been purchased. Skates will be borrowed from WWSR and some will be bought at Play It Again for students who may not have any.

Our after school homework program started after the holidays and takes place Tues, Wed & Thursdays from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in our learning center. Ms. Hunter, Ms. Isherwood, Ms. O'Briain and Ms. Fillion take turns staying. Two adults are there at all times.

Band practices have started on Tuesday and Thursdays-Winter Concert will take place the evening of February 17th

Francisation is taking place on Tuesday, Wed and Thursdays.

Practices have started for Midget Girl's Rugby, Midget Boys Rugby, Track and Field, Bantam Boys Rugby

Stephanie Consantino is replacing Mme Theoret who has left on maternity leave.

Mrs. Stanworth will be retiring with her last day being February 19th, 2016

End of Term is February 4th, 2016

An ERMS message went out to the WWJR community to let them know that WWSR will be having their Open House on the evening of Feb. 4th. Sheila is preparing a letter for Open House which she has requested I send out on Thursday as another reminder.

Our order for 30 Chromebooks came in and Corey (our tech) set them all up and they are set up in the cart for teachers to borrow. We now have two travelling carts of 30 Chromebooks and 2 carts of IPADS

At the beginning of the year the staff council and Governing Board at WWSR accepted to have a grade 7-11 Dance. This never took place because of the ECA ban. Now that the ECA ban is lifted the staff at WWSR is planning to have this dance on Friday, Feb. 12th in their cafeteria from 7-10:30 p.m.

The students must have their school ID to get into the dance. There will be a lot of supervision with no access to the rest of the building other than some washrooms close by. If the students leave the building they will not be allowed back in. There will be a \$5 charge to cover some food and I believe anything left over will go towards the grad as it is the grads who are helping with the dance

Correspondence-ERMS went out with the information for the SNAC workshop on Feb. 2nd

ERMS went out for the evening with Rick Lavoie on Feb. 8th

ERMS went out for the Bill 86 information evening on Jan. 28th

ERMS *will go out* reminding parents that the lane in front of the school is for buses only during 7:00-7:55 a.m. and also that we have a late bus which comes at 3:55 p.m. and the bus lane needs to be clear for it to come in and pick up our students. Cars were parked in three rows blocking the access for our late bus today.

Council of Commissioners Report

January 25, 2016

1. Request for reconsideration-MSK Lakeside Academy

- Commissioner Eric Bender requested a year-long extension to the decision to close Lakeside based on new information regarding the IB program and new Municipal and Federal input
- The issue was rigorously debated and the vote was 9-4 to accept the extension
- The Council will review the decision next December to see if the program is viable
- No exact criteria were established for viability

2. Request for reconsideration-MSK Riverside Elementary

- Commissioner Noel Burke requested a year-long extension to the decision to close Riverside based on new information regarding a request for an IB program as well as a Francais Plus program and new Municipal and Federal input
- The issue was rigorously debated and the vote was 9-4 to accept the extension
- The Council will review the decision next December to see if the program is viable
- No exact criteria were established for viability
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3. SNAC Report

- SNAC IEP Parent-to-Parent Workshop on February 2nd, 2016: SNAC will be hosting an IEP workshop entitled “An IEP Journey: A Parent to Parent Perspective” on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7pm in the main boardroom of the LBPSB Head Office. All parents of students with an IEP are welcome to attend this free workshop. For more information and to register, please visit the SNAC website: <http://snac.lbpsb.qc.ca/>.
- IEP Parent Representative on Governing Board: Further to SNAC’s and CPC’s efforts last year, a new role of IEP Parent Representative on Governing Board was introduced this year. So far, SNAC is

aware of 8 Elementary and 2 High School representatives that have been elected to their GBs, while there may be more that have yet to contact SNAC. SNAC is very pleased with this excellent start to the initiative. A Q&A document to clarify the role of this position has been approved by SNAC, for the purposes of responding to questions that have been raised by various GBs. The document will be shared with CPC with the hope that SNAC can work together with CPC to further the adoption of this proposed position at even more schools in the future.

4. Education Committee

- **Presentation: Annual Report**
- T. Rhymes presented the LBPSB 2014-15 Annual Report. He reviewed all the Information and discussed the 5 goals as well as their objectives. He then focused on the prime targets and reviewed the results.
- The Tell It From Me (TIFM) survey has been open for the last 3 weeks and is closing on December 11, 2015. The Chairs of all GBs should receive the results in late January, 2016 • Last week T. Rhymes, two consultants and two principals visited a “future ready” school called Yarmouth High School in Maine . A summit on this topic will be held in April 2016. • The LCEEQ Math training project is a 5 year plan project which hopes to reach 75% of the secondary cycle I teachers. A summer symposium will be given at St. Sauveur in 2016

5. Facilities and Security Committee

- Air Quality: B. Côté informed the Committee that all of the reports on air quality had been received before the Christmas break and that they are being reviewed by the School Board.

6. Central Students Report

- We viewed the film Silent Majority, we thought that it was very interesting, informative and provide us with a very relevant message. We thought it would be ideal to show at our anti bullying assembly, although we did note it was a little long, we also recommend showing it in class and having it open for discussion.
- On the topic of Chatterhigh: the social media tool for career exploration. We at the Central Students Committee feel that it is not something students would do regularly, unless instructed to do so within class time. Over the past 2 months, we had only one CSC member use Chatterhigh consistently. We feel that with how busy our lives are outside of school, it is simply not something we feel students would be interested in pursuing on their own.

Submitted:

Danny Olivenstein

WWH&S Report to JR GB 2016-01-26

H&S will have a table at the WWSR Open House is Thursday Feb 4 to promote our wonderful organization and boast our OVER 90 MEMBERS!!!!

TSAW is set for Feb 15 to 19

Feb 15 Muffin Monday at JR and SR,

Feb 16 SR luncheon

Feb 19 JR luncheon

and surprises throughout the week

If anyone can send in a cooked dish, appetizers, fruit/cheese/veggie platter or muffins, desserts please email Shelley at hallshelley@yahoo.ca

WWH&S newsletter was sent out at JR by ERMS to all parents. It has pictures from the craft fair and details for the TSAW.

We have a committee to update our Bylaws to hopefully be adopted at our AGM in May 2016.

We received a request for phys ed equipment from Ms Price. H&S has motioned approval of \$500 for immediate purchases.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wed. Feb 10, 2016 at 7 at JR campus.