

**Westwood Senior High School
Governing Board Minutes
Governing Board Meeting 5 - 17 #5**

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

Attendees: Sheila Honeyborne
Helen Garoufalis
Jacques Grenier
Lisa Fougere
Lucas Petropoulos
Anna Lisa Taylor

Laura Pfeiffer
Lynn Austin
Dan Rassi
Frank Clarke
Lynn Fitzpatrick

Regrets/Absent: Danny Olivenstein Peter Nield

Invited Guests: None

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Lynn Austin
Seconded: Helen Garoufalis
Motion carried unanimously

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Moved: Frank Clarke
Seconded: Anna-Lisa Taylor
Motion carried unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

David O'Grady will be replacing Dean Graddon's spot on the board
Mark Smith will be replacing Peter Nield in February

4. Public question period

No public present

5. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report

One student teacher will be working with Sue Bain this winter
Stephanie Fortune is replacing Nancy Kolulz while she is away on sick leave
Nancy will be returning to work on February 13th
Supplemental exams start on Monday
Mid-terms will be taking place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - Jan 25, 26, 27

Student can do both exams

Supplemental exams for mathematics, science and history are usually earlier

Music students are going to Washington D.C. and will be doing fundraising events to help pay for the trip such as....

Walmart bagging, a bottle drive and a comedy night fundraiser

Bottle drive will take place on February 4 and February 18

Comedy nest evening will offer two tickets and bus transportation for 60 dollars

(see principal's report for more info.)

5.2 Students

Peter Schiefke Member of Parliament for Vaudreuil/Soulanges , also Minister for Youth, came to the school to speak to Mr. Luthi's classes and responded to students who had sent letters about the environment to him

Subjects covered....GMO's Micro Beads Efficient energy sources and Fossil fuels

Student council meeting with other schools is February 10

School council will be giving presentations to grade 5 and 6 at PCHS on social media, student life, and other topics

Christmas doors were done and are now being taken down....prizes were distributed

Rugby Juvi boys team has been practicing

Variety show had the MC test today. This test is used to help choose the host mc's for the upcoming variety show in May. We are looking for some good talent for the show.

5.3 Sector Parents Committee

Sector parents committee meeting is happening tomorrow night. More info to come next month

International committee met last night and we received an overview of the international programme.

In April, Frank Clarke will give us an overview of these programs.

5.4 Treasurer

Nothing to report for this month

5.5 Home & School

No meeting was held since our last meeting

Home and school be discussing *staff appreciation week* which will be February 13

Volunteers will be chosen and food will be prepared for the staff luncheons by the parents

Voting on home and school workshop will be on February 21 to decide whether they want to continue this activity next year

Mr. Dubinsky's music class can ask for a specific amount for their music trip

5.6 Commissioner

Danny Olivenstein is absent they have not met since second week of December

Frank discussed the events of the council meetings and the breach of ethics as well as the international program

5.7 Bridge to Burundi

Nothing to report

6. New Business/Correspondence

Nothing to report

6.1 Field trip approvals

Feb. 15th Grade 10 and 11 performing at Mount Pleasant. They will be missing morning classes - bus will be paid by music club

Thurs. February 23...Music students go to Ottawa all music students will attend

\$42 per student

The music competition and performance takes place 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

February 27th The Sr. concert band will perform at the Council of Commissioners meeting

The performance is at 7 pm.

The bus will be paid by music club fundraiser

February 24 and 25 – Outer's Club Team building outdoor activities. The group will go to Arundel

About 20 students ...cost is \$60 and it covers food, cabins and activities

Patrick would like to take Physical Education leadership students to Dix 30 Oasis Surf 16 students will be going surfing \$80 is the cost for the day

They need permission by governing board...it is not considered an extreme sport

Moved: Frank Clarke

Seconded: Lynn Fitzpatrick

Motion accepted

6.2 Change of Schedule Approvals

Nothing to report

6.3 Rental and Service Contracts

The new gym and washrooms are being rented out for St. Patrick's Day Parade committee from 8:00 - 5:00 pm on Saturday March 18th

Moved: Dan Rassi

Seconded: Lucas Petropoulos

Motion accepted

6.4 E-vote ratifications

Nothing to report

6.5 Capital Requests

See Sheila Honeyborne's report for additional details

Sheila has added replace some lockers to the liststart with the 5th floor of the building

6.6 Consultations

6.6.1 2017 -2018 Budget Consultation

After school bussing - Can we increase the number of buses leaving Westwood so that students can get off closer to home. This is a deterrent to many students who would like to stay after school for activities.

Integration aide time increase is being looked at

Request was made for more guest speakers from the community to come into the school

SQ officers come in every year to speak to the students

Investigate the feasibility of an off island adult centre for education

Create a dossier that encompasses all steps to move the idea forward for an off island adult education centre

6.6.2 Principal Criterion Consultation

What are we looking for in a principal? Should we have an administration staff member of each sex? Is this a valid recommendation?

7. Questions and comments / Varia

Laura questioned whether proper citation is taught in English classes? Discussion of which grade covers this topic and that teachers can choose the method they prefer. Online sites help greatly with this.

Is there a policy about assigning work before a holiday or break time? Parents were concerned about projects being assigned prior to Christmas break.

8. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Motion to Approve: Jacques Grenier

Seconded: Lynn Austin

Motion carried unanimously

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Sheila Honeyborne – Principal

Laura Pfeiffer - Chairperson