

**Westwood Senior High School
Governing Board Minutes Wednesday, November 8, 2017
6:45 pm – Conference Room
Type of Meeting - Governing Board Regular #4 - 2017-2018**

Attendees: Marie-Josée Coiteux Clyde Fitzpatrick
Steve Dubinsky Lynn Austin
Mark Smith Jacques Grenier
Dan Rassi Lisa Fougere
Anushka Ramshaw Danny Olivenstein
Helen Garoufalis
Alex Pimentel Drew Allen

Regrets/Absent: Frank Clarke Austin Rikley-Krindle Maria Lanzetta

Invited Guests: None

Public: None

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Steve Dubinsky.
Seconded: Mark Smith
Motion carried unanimously

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Moved: Steve Dubinsky
Seconded: Mark Smith
Motion carried unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Public question period

No public present

5. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report

Thank you to the advanced art students for all their wonderfully decorated Halloween doors.

Bougie, MJ and Rosanna rated them for winners and winners got pizza, donuts and timbits

Thank you to Ms. Austin for organizing the pumpkin decorating contest in the library. Prizes included candy.

Spirit Day-every Friday we are encouraging students and staff to wear WW clothing. I would like to thank the student life students who are greeting us in the front hall with smiles, great music and dancing every Friday morning.

Remembrance Day assemblies-will take place this Friday. The assemblies are split with 9 & 10's and then 10's & 11's. (Telescopic schedule)

Basketball tournament @ WIC, Nov. 10th, 2017

Peter Schiefke coming to speak to the UN club (20 students) on November 15th, 2017 during period 4 (1:00-2:15p.m.)

United Nations symposium-11 students participating @ Sheraton Montreal November 16th-19th

Report cards will be available to parents on the Parental Portal/Fusion on November 17th @ 2:30 p.m.

Parent teacher interviews will be able to be made on line with the Fusion Parent Portal at that time.

Grade 9 Vaccinations-taking place November 22nd

WWSR Music Concert-taking place November 28th

Student life camping trip @Notre Dame de Fatima on Oct. 19th & 20th went well

WWJR Open House-senior band played at the open house and sounded amazing. Thank you to the band and also the students from outdoor ed and volunteer students who came to junior to represent WWSR. Everyone did a great job.

Alternative class Nov. 2nd & 3rd 'Arundel camping trip went well

Battle of the Books-students who love to read are invited to join Ms. Austin in the library to join the Westwood Battle of the Books team.

Career Fair is taking place at Riverdale for our all our WOTP students and grade 11 students at Riverdale next Tuesday, Nov. 14th.

Grad photo retakes will be done on Thursday, November 16, during lunch.

Curling try-outs have started

Midget Boys basketball practices are happening.

Flooding in the main floor conference room and downstairs. The floor lifted so the room is under renovation right now.

The room downstairs under the conference room will be renovated also.

Moved: Dan Rassi

Seconded: Steve Dubinsky

Motion carried unanimously

5.2 Students

Student life camp took place and was a big success

Games were played ...Bubble soccer Mark Smith spoke to the students

90 students attended the event...

We were lucky we had good weather this year, thanks to all who participated
Grad photos took place recently
Christmas baskets for Verdun - the organizing is getting started
We have to rethink our gathering method for the baskets as we don't have homerooms this year
Spirit days are happening on Fridays
Peter Nield and Nancy Kozusz welcomed everyone with music at the door

5.3 Sector Parents Committee

Frank Clarke not here tonight

5.4 Treasurer

Nothing to report for this month

5.5 Home & School

Junior open house took place on the 19th, and kudos to everyone on that great evening

Craft fair is coming up. Looking for gift certificates to make the baskets for the prizes

Baked good will be needed when we get closer to the date

Used book sale will be held at the fair. We are looking for books for the event

Smartphones sexting and social media seminar event took place....speaker helped out parents as to what they should know. Moderating screen time...cyberbullying and earning trust. 40 parents attended she may come back in the spring for another workshop.

Fall conference for home and school, great thought provoking day. Learn Quebec was there to talk about schools of the future and deep learning.

Parents loved the new concepts and new pedagogies for learning

Workshops on teen depression

Rosemary Murphy on home and schools and principal relations

Perks of being a member include that we can attend these workshops.

This event took place at Petes.

Next craft fair meeting is tomorrow to start wrapping baskets.

December 5th is our Christmas supper for the committee.

5.6 Commissioner

Appointment of student commissioners was done,....we are the only school board who has student members.

They were sworn in and they started asking questions right away. They vote with the other commissioners

SNAC report - IEP resource kits were given out
There is a website that parents can go to to learn more about this

Transition to high school for students was held for SNAC students heading to high school

Extracurricular activities we discussed field trips and how students are taken care of when special needs students attend...how do we keep them safe

Executive committee decided that Allion school will be given to Marguerite Bourgeoys. School Board
LBPSB received 30% of the cost of the building to pay off other debts within the board

Programs and services....DELFI program was presented to students.. It is a program that assesses french language learning. It is valid across the world. This gives automatic credibility to your french ability.

Beurling Academy did this program last year... our teachers are attending workshops to teach our teachers how to use this program. Students who pass this program are as adept in french as those who attend french schools. Eventually this program will be used across the school board with all the students. Students who want to be certified will be required to pass this test.

Steve Colpitts went to a conference with Mr. Fullan, author of The Principal, he spoke about deeper learning programs and their benefits.

A few of our schools will be implementing a pilot project for this

Facilities contract --- WWSR will be getting some new improvements.

Conversion of the school to a bi-energy heating system, replacement of floor tiles, water compressors, exterior stairs and ramps, the renovation of bathrooms, locker rooms, caulking, crawl space, ventilation systems, and water meter installation at Westwood Sr. High School

Budget will be in millions

6.7 Bridge to Burundi

Nothing to report for November

7. New Business/Correspondence

7.1 Field Trip Approvals

Jason Cordery to go to Father Dowd with senior students and junior students
70 students will attend but only 15 from Westwood Sr. on Thursday December 7th
Grade 9 french history have a field trip event the next day so they will not be attending

Motion approved

Cdn. Museum of History and Upper Canada Village -- 90 students in french history classes
6 adults --- \$72 per student , school bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. and will arrive back here at 9 p.m. on Friday, December 8th

Motion approved

Music classes -- April 14 - 21, 2018... senior music students going to Orlando and Disney World.. 6 night stay at the park and 3 days at Disney . They will attend the Disney Performing Arts Workshop....taking a coach bus, \$1650 includes bus, food, and disney accommodations

Motion approved

Mont Ste. Anne ski trip.... February 9 to 11, 2018... leaving early on the 9th
\$365 for students
Open to all grade10 and 11 students

Motion approved

Team building trip will be November 24 and 25 15 students from program
Outdoors club
Arundel camping tripcost is \$60 for the trip

Motion approved

Physical Education leadership class....rock climbing at Multiplex in Vaudreuil
Mme. Coiteux would like to approve this without having a specific date planned for this trip

Motion approved

Crossfit gym in Cite des JeunesBrock Gibbs would like to go there with 29 students.
We would like to approve this with having a specific date planned for this trip

Motion approved

November 17 is a Mount Pleasant ped day....their daycare technician would like a few students to help out on a ped day there. The students would miss their first class that day.

Motion approved

Resource team, nurse, social worker, and guidance counsellor are looking for good speakers to come and talk to our students. Sec. 3 students will meet with YMCA guest speakers for drug prevention in March or April.

In February 2018 Partners for Life will be coming to WWSR

Le Portage -- drug prevention team will be presenting to secondary 4 and 5

LGBTQ centre will do a presentation for the students

Math classes will be doing the Tell Them From Me survey

Motion approved

7.2 Change of Schedule approvals

Remembrance Day assembly will affect the schedule.

Motion approved.

Westwood start time. Flyer to go home to parents about pros and cons of start time. This will be followed up by a survey to the parents.
Mark Smith will attend the junior school governing board meeting to speak to them about this proposal.

7.3 Rental and Service Contracts

Nothing to report

7.4 SNAC representative

Danny Olivenstein has given his SNAC report as part of his report.

7.5 Appointment of Community Representatives

Austin Rikley-Krindle did not attend tonight

7.6 Consultations

Food and nutrition policy - needs to be responded to by November 24
Some revisions were made this year to the report
Events involving food are limited to twice per month now

Motion to approve: Lynn Austin
Seconded: Mark Smith

Motion approved

Evaluation of student learning policy

8. Questions/Varia

Running routes for the school were being discussed on social media....we should be using the back roads instead of St. Charles or Main Road

Are there any chances for parents to be involved in an activity here at school with their parents.?

Meeting in December will be covering the Westwood Sr. budget and we will be having our Christmas dinner at the same time

9. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Lynn Austin

Seconded: Mark Smith

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, December 13, 2017



Marie-Josée Coiteux – Principal



Clyde Fitzpatrick - Chairperson