

**Westwood Senior High School
Governing Board Minutes Thursday, February 15, 2018
6:45 pm – Conference Room
Type of Meeting - Governing Board Regular #7 - 2017-2018**

Attendees: Marie-Josée Coiteux Lynn Austin
Steve Dubinsky Mark Smith
Austin Rikley-Krindle Dan Rassi
Frank Clarke Helen Garoufalis
Danny Olivenstein

Regrets/Absent: Lisa Fougere Clyde Fitzpatrick
Jacques Grenier Anushka Ramshaw
Maria Lanzetta Alex Pimentel
Drew Allen

Invited Guests: None

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved: Steve Dubinsky
Seconded: Austin Rikley-Krindle
Motion carried unanimously

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, Jan 17, 2018

Moved: Steve Dubinsky
Seconded: Dan Rassi
Motion carried unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Public question period

No public present

5. Reports

5.2 Students

Four students went to Westpark Elementary to join 64 handpicked leadership students in grade 5-6 and together we met to talk about communication and leadership. Westwood Sr. had its own workshop in which we played an icebreaker game called shark attack followed by the question of why we played the game (communication and teamwork). We then separated into groups and discussed how to improve your high school experience.... for example: starting clubs, bully prevention, including everyone etc... The kids then presented their ideas and shared them with the group. We had three different groups come to our workshop and it went really well and everyone had a great time! Students were impressed with Westwood students and teachers said it was one of the best workshops ever held.

There was also a central student committee meeting. We discussed our leadership event on May 4th.

We are preparing for the upcoming talent show. TCBY weekly fundraising is ongoing and there was a valentine's day photoshoot for students.

5.1 Principal's Report

Thank you so much to Home & School and our community for all the baked goods, little treats and our staff appreciation luncheon today. It was delicious.

Congratulations to Mr. Dubinsky for winning an award for distinguished band director award for 2018

In recognition for his outstanding contribution to band in Quebec, his strong musical leadership and his consistent promotion of access to musical experience through band. Congratulations to Mr. Dubinsky and the band for a great concert this past Monday night.

Congratulations to Laura Guilbault – sec. 4 student author of a new book called Carnival Lights - book signing tomorrow in our library and at Chapters in April. The local journal will be here tomorrow to take pictures and write an article.

Mark Smith will be replacing Jason Cordery who is off on a medical leave. He will be in on Tuesdays until further notice.

DEER presentations for sec. 3 classes are taking place this week...healthy relationships and preventing abuse

Music band out at Mount Pleasant (AM only) tomorrow

Term 2 Report cards will be available on Fusion this Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Geordie Productions Pinky Swear play will be taking place Feb. 21*

Our band will be going to the Band Competition next Thursday Feb. 22nd at Hillcrest in Ottawa (change of date for sec. 3's all on the same day, not Feb. 21st)

Basketball Wheelchair clinic will be taking place next Tues. Feb. 27th

Grad Dinner will be taking place on Friday, April 13th, 2018. Scott Hamel (hypnotist) will be this year's show for the kids

May 2nd & 3rd is the date of the Variety show evening shows

Ms. Neeley, Mrs. Parkinson and I went to WWJR today to present the option form to the sec. 2 students during an assembly. Talked a bit about transition to senior and career paths

Course selection forms went out to students and are due back ASAP

At lunch on Feb. 13th, 20th & 27th Ms. Neeley is making herself available in the computer lab to help students with their cegep applications

Judith White and Janine Horrocks are keeping our Facebook page active. Send any information to them for posting.

Thank you to Ms. White and Ms. Koluzs for working with 3 groups of students to prepare for their presentations to the representative from Centre Jeunesse Vaudreuil and representative from LBPSB

\$300 was "won" allocated for the xmas baskets project

\$300 was "won" allocated for the Verdun elementary school project at xmas

\$400 was "won" allocated for the First Nations gift project

Projected student numbers for 2018-19

Sec 3 = 235

Sec 4 = 211

Sec 5 = 181

Correspondence-Thank you card from Algonquin school for having had them here for our Sec. 5 career fair

Thank you letter from the town of Rigaud for the help from our school community during the flooding

Thank you to Mr. Luthi, Ms. Sanders, Ms. Lanthier and Mr. Grenier for taking the kids on the ski trip to Le Massif this past weekend

Open House took place this past Thursday. It was very well attended by the community.

Thank you to Ms. Koluzs for taking 4 students with her to the Leadership conference at Westpark Elementary on Feb. 9th (ped day). This was a leadership conference for grade

6 students and our students animated a session for several groups of students. It was well received.

Love to Read Valentine contest - The library had a Valentine Contest. Take out a book from the library and give a recommendation of a book title you loved and you can enter into the draw for a pair of movie tickets for you and a friend for Valentine's Day.

We will be looking at starting the 100th anniversary project and coming up with ideas for that event.

Wishing you all a great March break

Next GB meeting is Wednesday, March 14th

5.3 Sector Parents Committee

Some commissioners will be replaced in the next little while.

5.4 Treasurer

Nothing to report for this month

5.5 Home and School

Lisa Fougere has officially resigned as president. Need to have an interim president until May.

Xmas baskets and donations were great this year. Thank you to Westwood families from both schools.

Door decorations are great.

Music students going to schools for showcase

Open house , February 8th

Annual visit to Verdun school support 10 families with basket

Grad students to send blurb for grad book by the end of this week

Rigaud thanked students for volunteering during the flooding of spring 2017

Parent requesting a microwave for Sr. A second one is being donated soon.

500\$ donation to go to Mr. Dubinski, through the craft fair by Joel Webber, cheque made to Sr. school

Judith White WWSR requesting charge stations for students. 250\$

Craft fair total raised was \$5614.24\$

TSAW in February 2018 Taking place to February 12-16 2018

5.6 Commissioner Report

SNAC Report

Parent to Parent

Workshop

"The Art and Science of Supporting Your Child with Special Needs in the School System." The workshop will be open to all parents with students on an IEP It will be held on March 27 at 7:00 P.M. in the Boardroom

SNAC's major concern is that students with special needs are not always taken into account for field trips

ECA extra curricular activity and field trip consultation took place

Labour Relations and Local Negotiations:

Succession Planning: J. Brennan – started committee at head office for in-school administrators and head office administrators to look at succession planning. Collecting data on potential number of administrator retirees by July 1st, 2019 and within 3 to 5 years. There are significant pension changes being introduced as of July 1st, 2019; Pension will be based on best five years instead of three years; 2. The age for retirement without penalty increases from, 60 to 61; 3. The yearly penalty for retiring before the required age will increase from 4% annually to 6% annually

LBPSB 20th Anniversary

The 2018-2019 School Year will be a year of celebration for the Lester B. Pearson School Board which will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary. Stay tuned for more details!

Student Success Summary

A summary of school board statistics will be available to all parents and public. This document focuses strictly on student success and our results in comparison to Provincial percentages; proof that our students and staff are top notch in the Province of Quebec

Transportation

Bus strike is not over....union executive did not approve the contract....it is possible there will be another strike day

5.7 Bridge to Burundi

Nothing to report for February 2018

6. New Business/Correspondence

Letter from the city of Rigaud and a thank you from Algonquin College for inviting them to come

Dan Rassi and Steve Dubinsky would like to start a fundraising campaign for a limo service for grad evening ...tickets will be \$10 each or two for \$18 to raise money for the band's disney trip for the music students

Moved: Mark Smith
Seconded: Frank Clarke
Motion approved

6.1 Field Trip Approvals - Schedule changes

Music festival was supposed to be sec. 3 on February 21 and sec. 4 and sec. 5 on February 22... now it will take place on February 22 for all grades

Model UN Marianopolis has been cancelled because Jason Cordery is off on sick leave Ms. Neeley is unable to fulfill this project with her current workload.

Visit to parliament to see MP Peter Schiefke on March 28 will be a carpool... 3 adults and 12 students will attend. Ms. Neeley, Ms. Riccardi and Mark Smith will supervise the day

May 8 english history students going to Upper Canada Village ... 11 adults and 115 students, \$27 per student
Leaving at 8 a.m.return at 2.10 p.m.

National We day on Feb. 21 at Theatre St. Denis. Having trouble finding a bus to rent for the day
Train or bus \$20 per student 1-9 ratio

Schedule changes

Portage visit cancelled and now it is Fosters on March 12 and March 16

Partners for Life is visiting for sec. 4

Mr. Roy would like permission for the grade 10 english class to do a survey on specific attitudes and behaviours at westwood

Moved: Lynn Austin
Seconded: Steve Dubinsky
Motion approved

6.2 Rental and Service Contracts

Request from Hudson town hall for St. Patrick day parade preparations...they have asked for gym and classrooms this year on Sat. March 17 from 9 - 5 p.m.

6.3 SNAC representative

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

6.4 Consultations

All up to date - no consultations this month

6.5 Anti-Bullying and Anti-Violence Plan

The plan was put forward and any incident that is brought forward to us must be looked into.

Staff will look into it and victim and perpetrator are spoken to and a resolution is found for the situations. Bullying situations are pretty rare now due to this project

Staff are watching for information to support this project.

Our commitment as a school to report things, look out for incidents and reach out for outside support .

Moved: Mark Smith

Seconded: Austin Rikley-Krindle

Motion approved.

7. Questions/Varia

Nothing to report

8. Review and confirm future governing board meeting dates

8.1 Mar. 14 Apr. 11 May 16 June 13

9. Public question period

Nothing to report

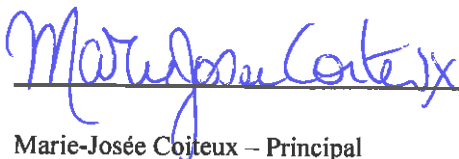
10. Motion to adjourn

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Motion to adjourn: Frank Clarke

Seconded: Austin Rikley-Krindle

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Marie-Josée Coiteux – Principal



Clyde Fitzpatrick - Chairperson