

**Westwood Senior High School
Governing Board Minutes Wednesday, June 20, 2018
6:45 pm – Conference Room
Type of Meeting - Governing Board Regular # 11 - 2017-2018**

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

Regrets/Absent: Anushka Ramshaw Julie Potvin
Drew Allen Maria Lanzetta
Austin Rikley-Krindle
Alex Pimentel Mark Smith

Invited Guests: None

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 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, May 16, 2018

Moved: Steve Dubinsky
Seconded: Helen Garoufalis
Motion carried unanimously

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Public question period

No public present

5. Correspondence

Nothing to report

5. Reports

5.1 Students

No report this monthstudents not present at the meeting

5.2 Principal's Report

Marie-Josée Coiteux thanked the governing board for their commitment this year and for their time.

On May 23rd-Mr. Dubinsky and his music students had their final WWSR Music Concert. It was a fabulous night. The students played so well.

Framed photos were presented to Steve Dubinsky from his students on the Florida trip

On May 30th-Academic Awards Banquet was held. It was very well attended and was a very special evening emceed by Mark Smith.

On May 31st-Athletic Awards Banquet was held. Victoria Gregoire was our emcee and prepared a very nice slideshow. It was a great night.

June 8th was our last regular day of classes

June 8th assembly held for our grade 9, 10 & 11's. Our grade 9's entered first, then we had our grade 10's come in and then we all clapped and cheered our grade 11's in. Mr. Smith and Mr. Benwell organized games in the gym

end of year assembly went well and a bar b q lunch afterwards for all students and staff ...it was a gorgeous day

June 12th-last evening the last Home and School meeting/dinner was held

June 19th was our last exam day.

June 21st-WWSR Convocation will be held at WWSR...great weather ahead for it

June 27th-WWSR Prom will take place at Chateau Vaudreuil

Exams sessions are going well with our last exams taking place on June 19th, 18

Congratulations to all the participants in the Fitbit challenge. With the top two teams ranking in more than 1 million steps each there was only a 5000 step difference between 1st and 2nd.Mr. Benwell's team #1 & Ms. Havard #2

5.3 Sector Parents Committee

Frank Clarke discussed closing of consultations for this year

It was a great group of people to work with and he is looking forward to carrying on next year....The group has been working very well with the administration

Always looking for more members...this group can give you a good idea of what goes on within the school and what you can do to change things

5.4 Treasurer

Nothing to report for this month

5.5 Home and School

No report this month

Thank you to the Home & School committee for supporting us and being incredibly generous with their donations

5.6 Commissioner Report

1. Programs and Services

Presentation

Marie-Josée Paquette and **Marie-Josée Messier**, teachers from **Forest Hill Sr.**, presented the committee members with the **Club Énergie** initiatives undertaken at Forest Hill Sr. They explained that Club Énergie started four years ago. The school's transformation is extremely innovative and effective. M. J. Messier had read an article written from a school in Finland whereby they had a 15 minute recess every hour. She was so inspired by this article that she thought of what can possibly be done with students in order for them to have physical breaks during the day, in order to increase the students ability to concentrate and perform better. Thus Club Énergie was born. With the approval and collaboration of school **Principal, Sylvie Monette** and a very small budget, stations were set up in the hallways of the school, exercise equipment was purchased and two classroom passes per classroom were created. Mme Paquette and Mme Messier reported that the results were almost immediate. There has been a dramatic drop in students visiting the Principal's office due to disciplinary issues. The teachers have since, provided workshops to other schools on how to go about setting up their own Club Energie.

Educational Services Report

Accent Quebec is a new website resource for parents to look at different resources such as field trips, books, community services, in order to bring French outside of the classroom to help their children. It was developed for elementary school but the idea is to expand it to secondary.

The Ultimate Battle of the books took place on April 17th. Macdonald High School represented LBPSB and competed against Trafalgar School for Girls from the Quebec Association of Independent Schools and Lauren Hill Academy from the EMSB. Macdonald High School won the Ultimate Battle for the second consecutive year.

A delegation of administrators from France spent the week of April 23rd touring LBPSB schools and meeting with representative from ESD. This visit grew, in part, from our involvement in **DELFL language certification** across the board. The representatives from France are interested in bringing immersion programs into their network and wanted to visit our schools offering immersion programs. The feedback was positive and lines of communication will remain open.

Student Services Report

There was a VIA session conference held by the Ministry on April 30th regarding the deployment of the Sexuality Education content. The deployment is mandatory for grades 1-11 next year. Lesson plans for teachers are being developed. We were informed that there will be training in English that will be offered but have not received the details as yet. Next year, \$1000 per school will be allocated to school boards to cover teacher release for training purposes. There will be an opt-out option for students and/or teachers. Further guidelines are expected between now and the end of June.

An Indigenous Celebration was held on April 30th at LPHS. This event was organized by Sue Simatos, Community and Spiritual Animator, and was attended by students from St. John Fisher Sr., JRHS, Lakeside and LPHS. The event featured Mohawk traditions, music and dance

2. SNAC Report

Somebody's North Star, Why Self-Care Matters

Dr. Nzula presented an in depth and challenging presentation on managing stress and why taking care of ourselves was the main priority if we, as parents of students with special needs, are to be the best we can with our children

Her handouts first asked the group how we knew we were stressed and how we would like to manage it.

She discussed the necessity of responding to our "red lights", the way our bodies talked to us

She then proceeded to ask us to develop a self-care plan which had to be self-dependent.

She then demonstrated that in order for it to be successful we had to schedule it, like an appointment that required a commitment.

Within that commitment events could be moved but not deleted to ensure the plan's success

The final step was a check-in procedure to ensure that the plan would be carried out

Her presentation was a no-nonsense approach and was received with enthusiasm and appreciation

SNAC AGA Update-Posters

Posters were approved with slight alterations and will be sent to all schools

IEP Rep on GB Subcommittee

The committee is looking for a "communication liaison" person on each GB and will solidify its request over the summer in consultation with the Parent Committee. In the meanwhile it will delete the present information on this topic from its website

3. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee approved the number of representatives for the Governing Boards of the schools and Centre's

4. Intercultural Advisory Committee Meeting Report

- The Intercultural Advisory Committee meeting had its last meeting of the year on May 22nd, 2018. We did a review of our activities for the year: School Grants Recommendation to Council for the Blanket Exercise for all Grade 9 and 10 History teachers Talk by Dr Andrea Sterzuk Request to Council for an additional budget to organize activities to counter hate and racism We also discussed Indigenous Day, Bill 62 and brainstormed different activities we could do to counter hate and racism next year.

5. Pearson Educational Foundation

'Tis the Season to Graduate PEF has been busy providing the Margaret Manson Awards, to honour and encourage an exceptionally persevering graduate from each Elementary and High School and Adult Centre. The original endowment established in memory of Margaret Manson has long ago been depleted, and so the PEF Board of Directors supports this award with personal donations. Congratulations to all our LBPSB Grads

5.7 Bridge to Burundi

Nothing to report this month...we are hoping to do more for this cause next year

6. New Business/Correspondence

6.1 Field Trip Approvals & Schedule changes

Field Trips

-Student Life Camp-September 20th-21st, 2018

-IDP Trip to El Salvador-February 21st-March 14th, 2019

Idp trip 2019 to El Salvador

Interviews were done and 15 students in secondary 5 are eligible. They are academically strong and can afford to miss some days of school

February 21 - March 14 extension of three days because of flights being cancelled

-Oka National Park-September 7th-9th, 2018

\$50 per student three days two nights ratio 1 -5

-LBPSB Career Fair-November 13th, 2018

Riverdale High School for sec . 5 students ...leave at 8 a.m.
school bus arranged by school board

-Model United Nations Symposium-November 22nd-November 25th, 2018

Sheraton in Mtl 8 students and 2 adults

They stay over because they go quite late and get up early

Three nights at the hotel

Schedule changes

Corn Boil/Air Bounce-Telescopic schedule Sept. 7th, rain date Sept. 14th (everyone during regular lunch hours and for last period)

Andy Thibodeau September 20th sec. 3, 4 & 5's will see a 75 minute presentation

Moved: Steve Dubinsky
Seconded: Mark Smith
Motion approved

6.2 Schedule changes

Corn Boil / Air Bounce-Telescopic schedule Sept. 7th, rain date Sept. 14th (everyone during regular lunch hours and for last period)
Telescopic schedule that day.

Andy Thibodeau September 20th sec. 3, 4 & 5's will see a 75 minute presentation on school spirit

Moved: Steve Dubinsky
Seconded: Mark Smith
Motion approved

6.3 Rental and Service Contracts

None

Motion approved

6.4 Consultations

None

Motion approved

6.5 Sexuality Education

The program is being implemented slowly and will start at grade 7, nurse resource team, social worker, psychologist, are all working on this. Governing Board discussed that the title of this program should have been relationship skills as some parents are not comfortable with this program because of the title.

Motion approved

6.6 Governing board composition 2018 - 2019

We have to talk up Governing Board next year at the first meeting and we struggle to get members from the community to come and join us.. We should have 5 parents, need minimum 4 non-teaching professionals , minimum of 2 teachers should be on the committee

Motion approved

6.7 School fees - 2018 - 2019

Marie-Josée Coiteux presented the school fees list for classes for next year

Moved: Steve Dubinsky

Seconded: Lynn Austin

Motion approved

6.8 School Budget

Marie-Josée Coiteux presented the March 2018 actuals and June 2018 proposed

Moved: Mark Smith

Seconded: Steve Dubinsky

Motion approved

7. Questions / Varia

None

8. Public question period

Nothing to report

10. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting of current governing board will be Wed. September 5th for current Governing board

And new GB will be formed at the AGA on September 12th

Motion to adjourn: Lynn Austin
Seconded: Helen Garoufalis

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Marie-Josée Coiteux – Principal



Dan Rassi – Chairperson