

Governing Board - Wilder Penfield Elementary School
Minutes of the Meeting – May 16, 2023 6:15pm



ATTENDEES:

Christina Bakalis, Resource Representative
Marie Chantal D'Aoust, Teacher Representative
Lindsay Knowlton, Teacher Representative
Meghan Marak, Teacher Representative
Magda Natkaniec, Teacher Representative
Tracy Torok, Secretary
Mary Vassilakis, Daycare Representative
Raffi Alexanian, Parent Representative
Genevieve Bienvenu, Parent Representative
Donna Cheung, Parent Representative
Onnig Kouyoumdjian, Parent Representative
Samantha Simeone, Parent Representative
Eric Thibault, Parent Representative
Geneva Pearsall, Substitute Parent Representative
France de la Rochelle, Principal

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Jason Doan, Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:17 pm by Onnig Kouyoumdjian, GB Chair. Quorum established.

2. Approval of the Agenda- Amendments, revisions, adoption

Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Genevieve Bienvenu and seconded by Geneva Pearsall.

14 Votes in favor

0 Votes opposed

0 Abstentions

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the March, 2023 meeting was moved by Christina Bakalis and seconded by Meghan Marak.

13 Votes in favor

0 Votes opposed

0 Abstentions

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Business Arising

None

5. Question Period No.1

None

7. Reports and Correspondence

7.1 Principal & Teacher Forum

- K Orientation: Bags and t-shirts were made for each student. Books were donated by Home and School. Bag included a ball, wicky stix, crayons, scissors, etc.
- Grade 4 vaccinations went very well.
- 5/6 split class was approved in cycle 3 for next school year.
- Assembly on perseverance and autism went very well. This month they will be focusing on responsibility.
- I Love to Read Week - \$5083 was raised. Results in approximately \$300/classroom.
- Junior Cross Country Run was amazing. 90% turn out of kids. Approximately 30 parent volunteers.
- Cycle 1 shows are almost ready.
- Literacy program is complete. They are in the process of testing the students to see how they have improved.
- K5 visited the Musée des Enfants, Grade 2 went to Clip N Climb and Grade 1 went to the Circus
- Mme. Sophie is officially retiring.
- Play Structure is almost ready!

7.2 Daycare Forum

- Ped. day is planned for this Friday, May 19th. Theme is It's Everybody's Birthday!
- Planning for two retirees.

7.3 Home and School Forum

- Bingo Night: Home and School is in the process of organizing a family Bingo Night. There will be various prizes for all ages, a bake sale, and a raffle.
- BBQ: The end-of-year BBQ will be held on Thursday June 15th (rain date Monday, June 19th). There will be a bubble show, cotton candy, glitter tattoos, a performance by the school skipping club, a photo booth, a bubble station, and a DJ. Families will pre-order their food although some food will be available for purchase on site.

7.4 Commissioner's Forum

- Update can be found in the meeting kit.
- Stephen Colpits will be returning to the school board.
- Info regarding Bill 40 and Bill 23
 - Bill 40 eliminated school boards. English school boards were able to get a stay until a judgment was rendered by the courts. The English school boards won the initial case and it is now with the court of appeals.
 - Bill 23 will likely only be passed in the fall. However, the government is acting as though all schools are in service centers.
 - A judge will be rendering a decision by June 24th. Both sides will likely appeal the decisions depending on what is rendered. It will end up at the Canadian Court of Appeals if necessary. Please pay attention to the outcome of the decision.
 - School Board website translations are on the way.

7.5 LB Parents Committee Forum

- April meeting was cancelled.
- EPCA is holding a session tomorrow at 7pm. EPCA will be launching a survey in regards to Bill 23.

7.6 Chairperson's Forum

Nothing to add.

7.7 Other Correspondence

None

12. Varia

None

13. Question Period No.2

None

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Onnig Kouyoumdjian at 7:18pm.

Next Governing Board Meeting: June 13th, 2023 at 6:00pm

Minutes prepared by Samantha Simeone & Onnig Kouyoumdjian



Onnig Kouyoumdjian
Governing Board Chair



France de la Rochelle
Principal