

PARKDALE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mr. George Koutsoulis (Principal), Ms. Jennifer Martins (Vice-Principal), Ms. Diana Piazza, Ms. Angie Vogas, Ms. Angela Zambito, Ms. Sorina Chis, Mr. Apostolos Kouzoukas, Ms. Hadas Noama

Absent: Ms. Tori Kennedey, Ms. Bharathi Srikakolapu

Meeting started at 5:58 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Ms. Sorina Chis

1. Addition to and approval of the agenda for November 28, 2023

Motion to approve: Diana Piazza. All in favor.

2. Approval of the minutes from meeting held Wednesday October 18, 2023

Motion to approve: Angela Zambito. All in favor.

3. New Business:

3.1 Anti-bullying Anti-violence Plan 2023-2024

- Document created annually by team of teachers, technicians, administrators
- Looks at key patterns that emerge at school with respect to bullying and violence
- Identifies priorities of the school and relevant preventive measures
- Phys Ed team has received a grant of 5700\$ to replace (receive + install) a basketball hoop for the yard
- Outlines the measures for collaborating with parents/guardians, procedures for reporting, ensuring anonymity/ confidentiality, supervisory and support measures and disciplinary actions
- Plan will be posted on school website for parents to browse if/when necessary
- Videos available from EPCA to help parents that have language difficulties understand the document

Motion to approve the anti-bullying anti-violence plan 2023-2024: Apostolos Kouzoukas.

All in favour. Motion passes to approve.

3.2 Educational Project Consultation

- Up for review and updates every 3 years
- Teachers, cycle 3 students, daycare have been surveyed
- GB parents survey link will be sent tomorrow by Ms. Martins
- Only 22 parent responses, Ms. Martins will resend the link in hopes of greater turnout

3.3 Principal's Report

- November 15 – scholastic book fair raised roughly 3500\$ cash, 1000\$ credit
- November 16 – parent teacher interviews held, school is no longer giving out report card hard copy, parents must be using Mozaik (manuals and videos were sent out by admin)
 - o PPO or CLC to potentially lead a Zoom tutorial on how to use Mozaik (Mr. K will follow up as it's already been suggested)
- November 28 - PPO fundraiser for TCBY, roughly \$1500 ordered
- No updates on school bus strike
- WINGS classes: Zoo therapy will begin December 1 and yoga sessions ongoing
- December 12 - after school soccer program for Gr. 4,5, 6 will be starting
- Current student enrollment – 349

3.4 EMSB Parents Committee

- EPCA website will have videos regarding the complaint process (ABAV)
- School board elections coming November 2024
- No news on the bus strike from EMSB
- Certificate of eligibility for CEGEP – if parents choose to send their kids to any amount (years) of French schooling (elementary, high school), they MAY lose English eligibility for CEGEP, for good. Teachers advised to let parents know.
- GB funding can be used for scholarships, meals, and babysitting
- School websites are extremely outdated, but Mr. Koutsoulis cannot update it. Measures being put forth to make all information bilingual

3.5 PPO Update

- Pizza Day - December 20th
- Pyjama day/ fun dress postponed to January

3.6 Daycare Report

- 2023-2024 handbook will remain the same
- 8.95\$ → 9.20\$ fee increase

Motion to approve: Diana Piazza, All in favor.

4. Varia

- Ms. Tori Kennedy has resigned from her role as governing board member. Chair of GB will look into replacing Ms. Kennedy.

5. Question Period

- No questions

6. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Angela Zambito. Seconded by Sorina Chis.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.

Principal _____

Chairperson _____

Signed on Dec 19, 2023 _____