

PARKDALE SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 5:30PM

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

Absent: Ms. Angie Vogas, Ms. Bharathi Srikakolapu

Meeting Started at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Ms. Sorina Chis

AGENDA

1. Addition to and Approval of the Agenda for December 19, 2023

Motion to approve: Angela Zambito. All in favor.

2. Approval of the minutes from meeting held Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Motion to approve: Apostolos Kouzoukas. All in favor.

3. New Business:

3.1 Consultation for Educational Project Update

- School received feedback from parents, cycle 3 students, teachers.
- Some teachers have been asked to tutor at risk students, online, using government funds received.
- School will be responsible for reporting percentage of students who get 70% and up on French exams.

3.2 Nomination for GB Parent Member

- 1 nomination, for Anthony Mohammed to replace Tori Kennedy.
- Motion to approve: Hadas Noama. All in favor.

3.3 Principal's Report

- December 19 – after school soccer program began for Grades 4-6
- December 19 – Lauren Hill dance troupe performance for grades 3-6
- Zoo therapy ongoing for closed classes, at no cost to the school. Dogs and rats brought in.
- December 20 – Pizza Day fundraiser
- December 1 - Dental hygienist visit for grade 2, identified students in need of sealants
- December 18 – Dental hygienist began sealant work, provided by the CLSC at no cost
- December 21 – Cozy Sweater Day, Santa visit for Kindergarten classes
- Generations Foundation and EMSB provided holiday gifts for all Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students
- December 22 – Pyjama Day, Santa visit for closed classrooms

- Sun Youth provided holiday baskets for families in need, filled with food and gift items. Baskets made available to both students and staff.
- Melissa Taganyi returning as CLC agent, received grants for Grade 6 Photography Club to begin.

3.4 - EMSB Parents Committee

- Important message to parents: as long as you have a physical copy, BLUE PAPER of your certificate of English eligibility, YOU CAN NEVER LOSE ENGLISH ELIGIBILITY!
- Introducing "CHATGPT" (artificial intelligence) in the classroom, with the goal of teaching high school students how to find reliable sources and information. Teachers will be trained on how to present material.
- Introducing "Diffit.me" for educators, a database for resources to aid in lesson planning.
- March Break 2024-2025 will align with French school boards.
- All remaining services that were blocked because of COVID, are now accessible.

3.5 PPO Update

- Pizza Day Fundraiser- December 20th
- Free Dress Day Fundraiser – January 19th
- TCBY Fundraiser– January 31st

3.6 Daycare Report

- Fall extracurricular ("Art through Time") ended on December 15th
- "Funky Feet" dance program will start during winter session for the younger group

4. Varia

- No items

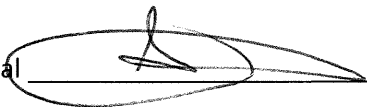
5. Question Period

- No questions

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM. Motioned by Hadas Noama. All in favor.

Principal



Chairperson



Signed on

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