



MINUTES

PARKDALE GOVERNING BOARD

December 18, 2024

Attendance: George Koutsoulis, Karolyn Liverman, Janna Maggio, Cynthia Chaumont, Angela Zambito, Hadas Noami, Darseha Kodeeswaran, Anthony Mohammed, Thirsta Ernest

Call to order 6:07

1. Addition to and Approval of the Agenda for December 18, 2024 – Motion by Angela 2nd by Thirsta Ernest – all in favor

2. Approval of the minutes from meeting held Wednesday October 10, 2024 – Motion by Cynthia Chaumont, Darseha Kodeeswaran – all in favor

3. New Business:

3.1 Parkdale Educational Project Action Plan – Mr. Koutsoulis presented the data for the Action Plan and explained the targets for the next four years. Data for Our School Survey will be presented at the next meeting. Motion to approve – Anthony Mohammed 2nd by Janna Maggio – All in favor.

3.2 Addition of pedagogical day to 2024-2025 school calendar – January 31st will be an addition pedagogical day. Revised Calendar was sent to parents.

3.3 Approval of local field trips: Motion to approve all local Field Trips for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion by Darseha, 2nd by Anthony – All in favor.

- Verdun circus School K4 & 5,

- Pointe a Calliere - Grade 4.

- Grade 3s & Int. Lang. Jan. 28th,

- McCord Museum Jan. 13 Grade 3 & Language classes organized by PDCIA Ibrahim Abou Arab

FIELD TRIP APPROVALS

- Motion to approve Winter Camp for Gr.6 Leadership Students Jan.14-15 Camp Bon Depart with Everblast. No cost to parents - Moved by Angela 2nd by Cynthia - all in favor.

- Coming Soon Info on Ottawa Gr.6 - Tabled

4. Principal's Report – See Report below

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - DECEMBER 18, 2024

- Our current enrollment is at 325 students. Registration for Preschool is February 3-7.

- Parent teacher interviews held November 20th using on-line booking of appointments. Teachers reported an increase in parent participation.
- November 28th Magic Show for students with emphasis on mental health and wellness.
- Playventures – Cycle 1 students. 10 week program that focused on playing games to foster self-confidence, self-awareness, team spirit, communication, focus and emotional balance in our students. Last session was December 10.
- **The Recess Success program**, Provide grade 1 and 2 students with organized games, will begin in January. This program will be facilitated by 20 grade 5 and 6 students. These students will follow a schedule and be on the junior side during morning and afternoon recess (not during lunch).
The grade 5 and 6 students who have been chosen participated in 2 workshops, led by Dynamix. The workshops were held Thursday December 5 & 12, from 12:40-2:40.
- Assembly on : “Leading with your Heart” held on December 6 for our Gr.3-6 students.
- Summer Sun day held on Monday December 16
- LHA Dance Troupe performed for all of our students Tuesday December 17th. Bake sale - PPO.
- Pizza day Fundraiser.
- Donation of gifts from EMSB to preschool students December 19th Parkdale has received a donation of 25 bicycles and helmets to be allocated to 25 students.
- Holiday Movie Day December 19th and Pyjama Day December 20th.
- Community Development Projects: CDA. Melyssa, secured \$10 000 from RRM (Réseau réussite Montréal) to promote learning of French language in our school. \$3000.00 allotted for French games and \$7000.00 for animation of science program in French once a week.
- Yoga Program for WINGS classrooms.

5. EMSB Parents Committee Report: October Meeting: Subcommittees were formed. November Meeting: Safety in Bus dismissal for traffic, proposed letter from the governing board to pressure city officials and SPVM for action and more presence around the school. Administration will send a memo to parents asking for more vigilance during entry and dismissal traffic. GB Members of EMSB, to give a resource book for variety of organizations for speakers, indigenous culture, anti-bullying, kindness, online & sexuality etc..

6. PPO Report: Bake Sale Success close to 500\$ in profit; Ask parents for more support to send in goods. Pizza Day lower profit but better food. Will be re-evaluated with PPO.

7. Daycare Report – See report below

November ped day recap:

- November 1st: The theme of the day was Slimetastic. The students got to make their own individual slim and had the chance to bring it home.
- November 21st: The company Sportlife came to animate team building games in the gym.
- November 22nd: The students for to come in their pjs and baked sugar cookies.

8. Selection criteria for the appointment of a school principal – Tabled until January

9. Varia – On behalf of Mr. Koutsoulis and Ms. Karolyn we wish you a happy healthy New Year and a restful holiday season.

10. Adjournment – 7:41 p.m. Next Meeting January 22nd