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CEDARCREST SCHOOL
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Attendees - Members:
Maria Argyriou, Raymond Ayas, Lorraine Bélanger, Claudie Laplante, Eugenia Carystios, Jessica Sabatini, Khadija Shabbir, Jayshree Sirmour, Stephanie Vezina-Tulli

Absentees – Members: Julie Buckland, Georgia Stamatopoulos, Marylène Favreau

Public in Attendance: Jennifer Marsan

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was held virtually. The meeting started at 6:40 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Home and School June 13th Fundraiser

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt today's Agenda was put forth by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli, *seconded by* Khadija Shabbir *and carried by members in attendance.*

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING DATE

Minutes were approved as drafted.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 31, 2025, Meeting Minutes was put forth by Claudie Laplante, *seconded by* Stephanie Vezina-Tulli *and carried by members in attendance.*

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

A. Afterschool Programs

a. ***Motion to approve Coding and Robotics with TVA was put forth by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli, seconded by Maria Argyriou and carried by members in attendance.***

b. Motion to approve Enfant Compagnie was put forth by Raymond Ayas, seconded by Claudie Laplante and carried by members in attendance.

- Jessica Sabatin will send mail to get the list of all programs they offer.

c. Motion to approve Choir with Chroma Musika was put forth by Khadija Shabbir, seconded by Lorraine Bélanger and carried by members in attendance.

B. Response to Letters

a. Administration Appointment

- Letter was sent to Mr. Nick Katalifos regarding our request for a long-term administration appointment. Received a response that they have Cedarcrest's best interests at heart.

b. Cross Walk

- Jessica Sabatini, Chair, and Mr. James Kromida, both reached out to Annie Gangier, regarding the safety issues with the cross walk in from of the school on Muir.
- They were informed that Saint-Laurent's speed bump project proposal for 2025-2026 was not retained, due to lack of budget, but that our letter would be included in their 2026-2027 application.

c. Field Trips

- Science Centre cycle 2 and 3 - $10/student
- Circus kindergarten, grade 1, and 2 - $10/student
- Maison Theatre grade 5 - $20/student
- Old Montreal grade 5 - $87/student
- Grade 3 : Centre plein-air Fatima – May 23, 2025 (cost to parents: $21/student)
- Grade 3-4 : Bois de Boulogne – June 10, 2025 (cost to parents: 27$/student)

Motion to approve all paid field trips for the 2024-2025 school year was put forth by Raymond Ayas, seconded by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli and carried by members in attendance.

d. Fundraisers

Motion to approve Home and School fundraisers for the 2024-2025 school year was put forth by Maria Argyriou, seconded by Khadija Shabbir and carried by members in attendance.

e. School Calendar

Motion to approve the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year was put forth by Jayshree Sirmour, seconded by Raymond Ayas and carried by members in attendance.

f. Student Handbook

- Changes made:
  - Addition of outdoor recess dress code
  - Rewording of expectation of medical appointments during school hours

Motion to approve the school handbook for the 2025-2026 school year was put forth by Khadija Shabbir, seconded by Claudie Laplante and carried by members in attendance.

g. Supply Lists

- Discussed rewriting the lists with all the subjects supply list together based on the items categories, not on the subject categories to avoid confusion. Parents requested that the lists be rewritten for the 2026-2027 school year as it is do late to do so for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Physical education uniform removed from the K4 and K5 supply lists since they are no longer changing for physical education.

Motion to approve the removal of the physical education uniform from the K4/K5 supply lists was put forth by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli, seconded by Khadija Shabbir and carried by members in attendance.

Motion to approve the supply lists for the 2025-2026 school year was put forth by Jayshree Sirmour, seconded by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli and carried by members in attendance.

h. Lunch Supplier – Le Bistro

Motion to approve the supply lists for the 2025-2026 school year was put forth by Jessica Sabatini, seconded by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli and carried by members in attendance.

i. School Photo Supplier – Green Apple Studio
   - Cedarcrest will continue to receive graduation night services for the remainer of their two-year contract with Green Apple Studio. All other services will remain unchanged.

   Motion to approve the supply lists for the 2025-2026 school year was put forth by Jessica Sabatini, seconded* by Raymond Ayas *and carried by members in attendance.

j. School Yard Post Construction
   - Postponed until June 10th meeting once administration has a opportunity to meet with the project manager.

7. REPORTS

a. Principal's Report: Eugenia Carystios

- K orientation May 30th
- Grade 6 graduation ceremony June 18th
- Babysitting course, 3 evenings
- Math skills prep course June 6th
- May 28 GMA track and field
- Summer camp, EMSB with Cedarcrest and Parkdale, registration open, letters have been sent home
- Day care week, last week, went well

b. Teacher's Report: Stephanie

- Field days June 2-4, 3 days – sports mobile from GMA – grade 1-6
  - Vicky is coming in to do kickboxing for field day
  - Science portion will be included as well
  - Physical education student teacher doing activities for the preschool kids
- Bike week! June 9-12 – preschool will do balance bikes

c. Commissioner's Report

- None

d. EMSB Parents Committee Report: Jessica Sabatini

- Parent Council Highlights from the April and May meeting were sent out to all members

e. Daycare Report: Principal

- Daycare week was successful.
- 107 regular students and 15 sporadic students enrolled for 2025-2026 school year

f. Home & School Report: Jennifer Marsan

- Ceramic Night – 45 tickets sold
- Used clothing sale in September
- Corn roast for Sep 19th, 2025, will be discussed in next GB meeting.

8. QUESTION PERIOD

- Complain on cockroaches at school premises by Khadija Shabbir – Precaution and corrective measures are already in place and inspected by the extermination company assured by the Principal Eugenia Carystios.
- ***Motion to spend governing board's $250 budget on dinner at the June 10, 2025 meeting was put forth by Jessica Sabatini, seconded by Claudie Laplante and carried by members in attendance.***

9. Next meeting

- June 10th, 2025 in person

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46PM.

Minutes By: Jayshree Sirmour

Signature: Chair, Jessica Sabatini