



## Willingdon Governing Board Minutes

Monday, March 24, 2025

Meeting commences at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Nick Batzios (teacher), Eugenia Carystios (vice principal), Kelly Cloutier (parent, alternate) Nadine Collins (community rep), Silvana Crigna (principal), Jessica Doubt (vice principal), Daniela Fietta (Home & School co-chair), Lynn Grunberg (teacher), Karen Kleihauer (parent), Felicia Maccio (teacher), Kristin McNeill (parent), Laurice Morcos (teacher), Sharon Nelson (commissioner), Daniel Quinn (chair), Kevin Reeves (parent), Alex Ruau (parent), Nadine Thomas (daycare tech member) and Kathleen Usher (teacher).

Regrets: Halah Al-Ubaidi (community rep), Karyn Moffatt (parent)

Minutes taken by Kristin McNeill.

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

2. Approval of Agenda

Addition requested: Follow up on the intersection Monkland/Royal (Item 4d).

*Moved by Kevin and seconded by Nick. Adopted unanimously.*

3. Approval of the Minutes of January 20, 2025 Meeting.

Two modifications were requested: One to Point #6; and one a name spelling correction.

*Moved by Felicia and seconded by Kathleen. Adopted unanimously.*

4. Business Arising

a. Ratification of e-Votes

Seven items were voted on by e-vote since the last meeting: Fundraisers (for Leucan and Women on the Rise), B.A.S.E. Daycare outing, Steel pan presentation, Anti-bullying presentation, K4 field trips, Lunch-time coding club, Game Time Sports.

Motion to ratify the e-votes in one motion.

*Moved by Kevin and seconded by Lynn. Adopted unanimously.*

b. Parent Inquiries Sent to Willingdon Email Address

The Board sent directive that the Governing Board cannot have or create a dedicated email address.

The chair and principal will continue to communicate about messages containing matters pertaining to GB. Matters related to the school should continue to be directed to the principal. Information for parents can be communicated in the Friday email update.

c. Google Classroom and Parent Communication Update



The calendar on Google Classroom will soon be used by teachers to post assignments so that students and parents have all assignments in one place. Separate trainings will be provided for staff and parents. Accommodations are in place for students who require it.

d. Road safety: Monkland/Royal intersection

SPVM commander at Station 9 is analyzing the intersection and will provide an update on the decision if any further action will be taken by SPVM, according to an email sent to the principal.

5. New Business

a. Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie Opportunity

The Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie's mission is to install healthy life habits in young people through regular physical activity and good nutrition. Since November 2008, the School Tour team has visited elementary schools all across Quebec to motivate children to adopt healthier life habits and take part in the Energy Cube Challenge held in May. Motion to approve an assembly for a presentation to take place April 25 at each campus.

*Moved by Lynn and seconded by Kristin. Adopted unanimously.*

b. Coding Club

A parent is offering a coding club for about 15 students at Senior campus, for free. This is a pilot project and may be offered in the future – more info to come.

c. Snow Day/Ped Day Update

The originally scheduled PED Day on May 2 returns as a regular school day, as requested by the Board to make up for one snow day.

d. Approval of Grade 5 Segal Centre performance (May 6)

A student will be performing and has invited students to watch. Motion to approve costs for busing, tickets and staffing.

*Moved by Kathleen and seconded by Nick. Adopted unanimously.*

e. Approval of Grad Photo Day – May 9

Boite Blanche will do a drop-in photo session with cap and gown, optional purchase. Motion to approve Grad Photo Day.

*Moved by Laurice and seconded by Lynn. Adopted unanimously.*

f. Approval of Home and School Community Book Fair and Bake Sale – May 15

This has been timed to coincide with Literacy Week. Each campus will have its own in the same format as the Fall one.



Motion to approve Book Fair and Bake Sale.

*Moved by Kathleen and seconded by Alex R. Adopted unanimously.*

g. Approval of B.A.S.E. Ped Day Outing – April 4 (Insectarium and Biodome)

This outing will cost \$16.50 plus the PED day fee of \$15.

Motion to approve PED Day outing.

*Moved by Felicia and seconded by Laurice. Adopted unanimously.*

h. Budget Building Process

Budget building process was explained, and this budget's priorities were presented by the principal.

It was suggested to change the word "playground" to "school yard" in Item 3.

No other comments or objections were raised.

The Governing Board is in agreement with the Budget Building document as presented and approves the submission of the recommendations.

*Moved by Laurice and seconded by Nick. Adopted unanimously.*

6. Question Period

No questions received.

7. Reports

a. Principal (Silvana Crigna)

Nothing to report.

b. Vice-Principal (Junior Campus – Jessica Doubt)

Besides the written report previously submitted, highlights included the planned visit to senior campus by Grade 4 students in April; Black History Month went well.

c. Vice-Principal (Senior Campus – Eugenia Carystios)

Besides the written report previously submitted, highlights included Willingdon debating teams as part of the enrichment program will be competing against Dunrae Gardens in finals; MP Anna Gainey visited senior campus; Grad preparations are underway; Legacy gift will include a service project; Thanks for Home and School for the pancake breakfast; Cycle 3 can register for an art project; Career Day planning for Cycle 3 is scheduled for April 17.

d. Home and School (Daniela Fietta)

Highlights in her report included looking forward to the second Book Fair; Community food drive is coming up; as well as the student film fest; and preparation for the Grand Finale event are underway.



e. Teachers/MTA (Kathleen Usher, Felicia Maccio, Nick Batzios, Lynn Grunberg)

Storytelling event is coming up; Exams start April 24 not the 28 because of the election that was just called; Parents will be advised by email.

Kindergarten: Teachers celebrated the 100 days of kindergarten and did special activities amongst the classrooms; Students were taken to see L'École du cirque in Verdun.

MTA report: There is a "battening down the hatches" as cuts are coming; grateful for supportive admin and parents.

Science: Students in science are working hard.

Music: Cycle 3 rehearsing for spring concert. It will take place on April 24 in the Royal Vale auditorium; More and more students share in decision-making process; Concert is student-centered.

Grade 1: Will go to the museum; Cycle 1 will have a music concert at the junior campus in gym.

f. B.A.S.E. Daycare (Nadine Thomas)

BASE is running smoothy, fully booked; Registration is coming up in April. Positive feedback from parents on Hop hop app.

g. Parent Advisory Committee (Alex Ruaux)

Nothing.

h. EMSB Parents' Committee Representative (Karyn Moffat)

A written report was submitted prior to the meeting.

i. School Commissioner (Sharon Nelson)

Terrebonne bike path was discussed. Sharon Nelson met with several people at different political levels; borough is open to feedback. A reminder was made that a document had already circulated; it would be shared now with Sharon. Three issues are being discussed for Willingdon: Safety of school buses on Terrebonne, during special outings: Safety is compromised with cyclists not stopping when bus stop signs go out and during snow removal. Also, parents not able to use temporary parking on Terrebonne in front of the school. The EMSB regional director is in talks with the borough.

j. Community Representatives (Nadine Collins)

Nadine Collins thanked everyone for the Black History Month storytelling, in continuation of promoting and inspiring love of literature. Would like to connect it with intergenerational activities. More was provided in her report.

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9. Adjournment

8:32 p.m.

*Motion to adjourn. Kathleen Usher.*

Principal's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Governing Board Chair's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*April 23, 2025*