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English Montreal School Board

## **CEDARCREST SCHOOL Governing Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 6th, 2023**

### **Attendees - Members:**

Maria Argyriou, Lorraine Belanger, Karen Der, Marylène Favreau, April Luong, Andrew Mangal, Jessica Sabatini, Geneviève Shano, Jayshree Sirmour, Georgia Stamatopoulos, Stephanie Vezina-Tulli

**Absentees – Members:** Gianna Melillo

**Public in Attendance:** Sandra Callender

### **1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

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Welcomes and opening remarks for the first meeting with Mr. Andrew Mangal Cedarcrest's new principal. The meeting started at 6:35 PM.

### **2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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Members asked to add Safety issues with drop off and pick up (6f), Gr. 6 Volleyball trip (6g) and Budget revision (6h)

### **3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

### **4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM October 2, 2023**

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Minutes were amended to include a vote to approve Governing Board roles.

***Motion to approve the Governing Board roles was put forth by Marylène Favreau, seconded by Lorraine Belanger and carried by members in attendance.***

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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***Motion to approve the October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes was put forth by Karen Der, seconded by Jayshree Sirmour and carried by members in attendance. Stephanie Vezina-Tulli and Georgia Stamatopoulos abstained due to absence from the last meeting.***

## 6. BUSINESS ISSUES

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### a. New Student Dismissal System

Andrew Mangal presented the new system that will be implemented to document changes in student dismissals. Using the platform Microsoft Forms parents will be able to follow the steps provided to inform the school about a change in dismissal for their child. If a parent is unable to access the form, they can call the office who will complete it form them. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, parents will need to complete the form before 12pm (noon) when it will then close.

***Motion to accept the new dismissal reporting system was put forth by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli, seconded by April Luong and carried by members in attendance.***

### b. Schedule February and March meetings as virtual

The board had already set February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as a meeting date but agreed to change it from in-person to virtual. The board agreed to table scheduling the March 2024 meeting until a later date.

### c. Educational Project Consultation

Andre Mangal consulted with the Governing Board and present parents from the school community to gain their input for the school's educational project that needs to be redrafted by the end of the year. This document establishes the school's goals and objectives for the upcoming three years (2024-27).

### d. Grade 5 Field Trip

The Grade 5 teachers want to take their students on a tour of Montréal.

***Motion to approve the Grade 5 field trip was put forth by Geneviève Shano, seconded by Maria Argyriou and carried by members in attendance.***

### e. Uniforms

Jessica Sabatini presented the idea of adding a second colour of shirt into the school dress code. Based on feedback from the teachers and parents present the board decided to leave the dress code as it currently stands.

#### **f. Safety Issues with Pick-Up and Drop-Off**

Due to the current bus strike, there has been a significant increase in traffic outside of the school during pick-up and drop-off times. Andrew Mangal previously sent out an e-mail to parents outlining some new procedures however, many parents are not following them. Parents from Home and School have volunteered to be traffic monitors. The board discuss providing these parents with safety vests in order to ensure their visibility and safety.

***Motion to approve providing the Home and School traffic monitor volunteers with safety vests was put forth by Geneviève Shano, seconded by Karen Der and carried by members in attendance.***

#### **g. Grade 6 Trips**

Majority of parents responded in favour of the overnight grad trip. As previously discussed, the Grade 6 teachers proposed an overnight grad trip January 15-17, 2024. They are looking at two different locations, Boute-en-train and Chertsey, which are both \$175 per student. All food and activities are included in the price.

***Motion to approve the Grade 6 overnight trip was put forth by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli, seconded by Jayshree Sirmour and carried by members in attendance.***

The Grade 6 students have the opportunity to participate in a volleyball tournament. There will be no cost to the students or school.

***Motion to approve the Grade 6 volleyball trip was put forth by April Luong, seconded by Jayshree Sirmour and carried by members in attendance.***

#### **h. 2022-23 Budget Vote**

Andrew Mangal notes that the board previously approved for \$4000 to be taken from the school's fund 3 and requests that it be readjusted to reflect that \$1500 will be taken out of fund 5 instead.

***Motion to approve the Budget revision was put forth by ??, seconded by Karen Der and carried by members in attendance.***

### **7. REPORTS**

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#### **a. Principal's Report: Andrew Mangal**

- Big thank you to Home and School for all their hard work.
- Due to a potential strike the PED days on November 23 and 24 may need to be moved
- He asked that the school community be aware of the TikTok slapping challenge
- Reminded the community that we are not obligated to adhere to Bill 40
- Home and School can continue to do raffles as long as parents are present

**b. Teacher's Report: Stephanie Vezina-Tulli**

- Grade 5 and 6 activities addressed above.
- Presented the option of reaching out to the Point Claire Orchestra members to volunteer in the school

**c. Commissioner's Report**

- There was no Commissioner Report.

**d. EMSB Parents Committee Report: Jessica Sabatini**

- They reviewed the new reporting procedures put in place by Bill 9
  - EPCA and EMSB both have a comprehensive explanation of the process on their websites
- Discussed how Bill 96 has impacted certificates of eligibility.
  - The ministry responded by stating that once a certificate of eligibility is issued it can not be revoked however, once an individual reaches 18 they no longer issue them (even though they are required for CEGEPS) which is causing issues for people wanting to attend an English CEGEP if they can't apply for their certificate of eligibility prior.

**e. Daycare Report: Georgia Stamatopoulos**

- Apple picking event was successful with 60 students participating
- Fridays will be a base day care program
  - October 20 – December 15: Funky Feet
  - February 2 – April 5: Multi-Sport
  - April 12 – May 31: Multi-Sport

**f. Home & School Report: Karen Der**

- Halloween went well, thank you to Richard for all of his work on the haunted house
- Teacher wish lists are almost completed
- Have started looking to make purchases for the learning commons project
- They are going to purchase more lockers to complete the project
- November 17<sup>th</sup> dress down day - undetermined theme
- November 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a grad bake sale
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> bowling at Laurentian Lanes \$20/player for two games and shoe rental
- December 15<sup>th</sup> movie night, they will have the community vote for which movie to view when they RSVP
- December 20<sup>th</sup> the Grad committee will have a Krispy Kreme and pizza kit sale

## 8. QUESTION PERIOD

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- In response to a member query, Daycare responded that due to limited staff personnel, there is no in-school daycare supervision for students that opt out of Daycare field trips on Ped Days.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Minutes By: Jessica Sabatini

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Signature: Chair, Karen Der