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**CEDARCREST SCHOOL
 Governing Board Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, May 21st, 2024**

Attendees - Members:

Maria Argyriou, Lorraine Bélanger, Andrew Mangal, Karen Der, Marylène Favreau, April Luong, Jessica Sabatini, Khadija Shabbir, Jayshree Sirmour, Georgia Stamatopoulos, Stephanie Vezina-Tulli

Absentees – Members: None

Public in Attendance: Sandra Callender

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was held in person. The meeting started at 6:33 PM.
 Welcomed in Khadija as a substitute member to replace Genevieve.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Enfant Compangie 7:20

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt today's Agenda was put forth by Karen Der, seconded by Jessica Sabatini and carried by members in attendance.

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 23, 2024 MEETING

Minor typos were corrected. Minutes were approved as drafted.

Motion to approve the April 23 Meeting Minutes was put forth by Karen Der, seconded by Jayshree Sirmour and carried by members in attendance. Stephanie Vezina-Tulli abstained.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Chess - \$ 3,461.82 expenses and \$2,814.50 for his salary totalling \$6,276.32

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

a. Student Handbook

- Standardized to fit with the board's formatting and wording.
- Added the QR code for our early/changes in dismissal form
- By end of day Thursday (May 23) all typos need to be submitted

Motion to approve the Student Handbook was put forth by April Luong, seconded by Stephanie Venzina-Tulli and carried by members in attendance.

b. Sexuality Education Plan

- Will be replaced by the CCQ course next school year (last year that this will be approved)

Motion to approve the Sexuality Education Plan was put forth by Stephanie Venzina-Tulli, seconded by Lorraine Bélanger and carried by members in attendance.

c. Academic and Career Guidance Content

Motion to approve the ACGC Plan was put forth by Apri Luong, seconded by Karen Der and carried by members in attendance.

d. Field Trip

- Grade 6 overnight field trip
 - o 3 day, 2 nights sleep camp in January/February
 - o \$250 / student (this year \$200)
- Kindergarten and Grade 3 field trip
 - o June 12th to the Science Museum

Motion to approve the Grade 6 and K/3 field trips was put forth by April Luong, seconded by Stephanie Venzina-Tulli and carried by members in attendance.

e. Hot Lunch Supplier – Le Bistro Presentation

- Meals are \$6.75 and come with utensils
- Staff would be able to order as well
- Cedarcrest would be serviced out of the Lauren Hill Jr. campus
- More vegetarian options were discussed
- Parents can order up to 3 days before, but meal plans are open for the year.

- Parents can cancel up to 7am the day of and could be given a credit (same policy for snow days)
- All ordering done online
- Can't guarantee for allergies but they don't use any nut products
- They have a subsidised rate for students with food needs

Motion to approve the Le Bistro was put forth by Karen Der, seconded by April Luong and carried by members in attendance.

f. After School Program Presentations and Approval

- Choir (7pm) - Mr. Dimitri
 - Children are introduced to singing, dancing and acting
 - This year they are doing Hairspray
 - We are the only school that gets the service after school
 - 2 semester program for \$120 in order to make it accessible to students
 - Want to open it grade 2 next year
 - Want to do High School Musical next year
 - He will have the performance space booked prior to the program starting

Motion to approve the Choir program was put forth by Karen Der, seconded by Lorraine Bélanger and carried by members in attendance.

- Karate (7:45) – Annie & Angelo
 - Typically 1 instructor per 30 students
 - 27 classes in the school year (9 classes in each session = 3 sessions)
 - \$95/session and has been steady for multiple years
 - Once a student reaches green belts they are permitted to attend extra lessons
 - At the elementary level there is no physical contact

Motion to approve the Karate program was put forth by April Luong, seconded by Stephanie Vezina-Tulli and carried by members in attendance.

- Chess (8:15)
 - Two groups – junior during lunch and senior after school on Mondays
 - Possible to teach a mixed third class (26 students) on Monday afternoons from 3:35-4:35
 - Junior class 16 students and Senior 24 students
 - Runs from mid-September to June
 - Additionally forms teams to take to tournaments to compete on behalf of the school
 - Will organise Chess in the Park in the summer

- He would like to maintain the compensation arrangement that he worked under this year
- **Enfant Compagnie**
 - 1 monitor to 20 students (25 students would be split into 2 classes)
 - Run 3 sessions each year, fall, winter, and spring
 - Parents can register on paper or online
 - Everything is nut free but all food exceptionalities are accommodated
 - Discussed having more home fundamental classes offered in addition to babysitting courses

Motion to approve Enfant Compagnie was put forth by Jessica Sabatini, seconded by Lorraine Bélanger and carried by members in attendance.

g. Construction Update

- Everything has been running on time
 - The prefabs have should be built by tomorrow (May 22nd)
- So far there have not been any problems regarding the playground

h. School Safety Plan: Anti-Racism, Anti-Bullying Measures

- The school safety plan is available on the school website
- Discuss about having parent workshops in the fall to highlight the WITS programme and the anti-bullying policy

7. REPORTS

a. Principal's Report: Andrew Mangal

- Boxing with Vicky the kids had a blast
- PreK invite the parents in for ceramic café and had an amazing turnout
- Mental health magic show
- Mike Couzella – The kinesthetic classroom book - lead a PED for the teachers

b. Teacher's Report: Stephanie

- Orienteering 4, 5, 6 next week
- Thursday is track and field GMA
- Sportmobile 5, 6 (whole school)

c. Commissioner's Report