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CEDARCREST SCHOOL
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Date October 8, 2024

Attendees - Members:

Maria Argyriou, Lorraine Bélanger, Jessica Sabatini, Jayshree Sirmour, Georgia Stamatopoulos, Julie Buckland, Voula Papacostas, Raymond Ayas, Claudie Laplante, Khadija Shabbir, Rea Limperopoulos

Absentees – Members: None

Public in Attendance: None

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was held in person. The meeting started at 6:30pm

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Lunch fees
- Chess program

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt today's Agenda was put forth by Georgia Stamatopoulos, seconded by Raymond Ayas and carried by members in attendance.

4. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING DATE

Minutes were approved

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the June 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes was put forth by Jessica Sabatini, seconded by Georgia Stamatopolous and carried by members in attendance.

6. BUSINESS ISSUES

a. Election of Chairperson

- Khadija Shabbir nominated Jessica Sabatini for chairperson of Cedarcrest's governing board for the 2024-2025 school year. This was seconded by Jayshree Sirmour. Jessica Sabatini accepted the nomination.

Motion to approve Jessica Sabatini as chairperson was put forth by Khadija Shabbir, seconded by Jayshree Sirmour and carried by members in attendance.

b. Election of Secretary

- Khadija Shabbir and Jayshree Sirmour agreed to be co-secretaries for the duration of the 2024-2025 school year.

c. Election of Treasurer

- Raymond Ayas volunteered to serve as treasurer

d. Dates of GB Meetings

- The following dates were chosen for the governing board meetings for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - October 8, November 5, December 17, February 4 (virtual), March 18 (virtual), May 6 and June 10.

7. REPORTS

a. Principal's Report: Rea Limperopolous

- Enrollment at Cedarcrest is at 263 students, which is lower than it has been in previous years. Some possible reasons were discussed, such as the government tightening the English eligibility laws and construction at the school.
- Some suggestions to help bring up enrollment:
 - Increase the school's social media presence
 - Improve parent communication
 - A staff member suggested conducting a survey to gauge parent satisfaction
- The corn roast was carried out with success and the children had fun, in spite of the fact that the parents weren't invited due to the construction in the yard.
- A staff assistant was granted to schools without a vice principal. Ms Milonas, the grade 5 teacher, will serve as staff assistant at Cedarcrest.
- Extracurriculars are ongoing at Cedarcrest, with something taking place every day after school: Monday - chess and soccer, Tuesday - karate, Wednesday - Enfant & Compagnie, Thursday - choir, Friday - coding

b. Teacher's Report: Lorraine

- Educazoo will be coming November 26 for the K4 and K5 students
- The grade 6 classes went on their field trip on October 1st and everyone had a lot of fun

c. Commissioner's Report

- No report.

d. EMSB Parents Committee Report: Jessica Sabatini

- The first meeting of the year hasn't been held yet

e. Daycare Report: Georgia Stamatopoulos

- 130 students are enrolled in the daycare program and six classrooms are being used, three modular and three in the regular school building
- Daycare will be closed October 18

f. Home & School Report: Voula Papacostas

- The first meeting was a huge success with a large turnout
- Home and school will be doing their usual TCBY and pizza fundraisers
- Teachers were given a wishlist to purchase items they need for their classrooms
- Upcoming fundraisers include a bake sale and book fair

8. QUESTION PERIOD

- Some parents were confused over the monthly break down of lunch fees. It was explained that the amount for every month will be different, depending on the number of days in the month
- Question was raised whether or not we need to approve the chess teacher changing the amount he charges for his class. It's up to his discretion and the amount he's charging is in line with other extracurriculars.
- Question about the grade 5 teacher who is currently on leave. We currently have a substitute replacing her and are lucky that we have someone.

9. Next meeting

- Date of next meeting: November 5, 2024

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Minutes By: Khadija Shabbir

Signature: Chair, Jessica Sabatini