

"We are parents who work together to make informed decisions, representing the membership to ensure the longevity of the Waterloo Co-operative Preschool and to enhance every child's potential for learning and fun.

We communicate with a united voice, and the spirit of openness to be a positive influence with unwavering commitment and confidence to delegate."

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Date: Tuesday April 13, 2021

Call to order: 7pm

**Attendance:** Leanne Wells, Jana Strittmatter, Yasheeb Mohammed, Steph Higgins, Laura Hatton, Carolyn Hay, Leo Kyle, Erin Legary, Patty Fallis-Robbins, Tracey Marques, and Melissa

Lehmann Regrets: N/A

## **Aims of meeting/Discussion Points:**

- 1. Discuss closing preschool or staying open
  - Board and staff discussed benefits and risks
  - Most directors felt conflicted
  - Teachers support staying open
  - Tracey suggested closing for two weeks and reopening May 1
  - Board was in favour of this idea, keeping an eye on Region's numbers as we near May 1st in case we need to postpone further.
- 2. Financial impact of closing. Would we refund members?
  - Decision to offer refund for 50% of April tuition if members request, with wording in our email to suggest we would also accept the 50% as a charitable donation with tax receipt if the family chooses.
- 3. Vote on decision
  - Steph Higgins motions to close the preschool until May 1st with plans to reassess opening closer to that date.
  - Laura Hatton seconds
  - Motion approved unanimously
- Next steps:
  - Communication to membership with closure + refund + charitable donation -Carolyn
  - Communicate to church Yasheeb
  - Website Carolyn
  - Facebook site Jana
  - Pre-registration Carolyn/Laura to send out via email.. Families to fill out electronic version or scan and send back and pay pre-registration fee by etransfer.

• Registration packages - Carolyn/Laura to send out via email as we did last year - families to mail or drop off at Melissa Lehmann's address, also like last year.

Date of next meeting: Monday April 19, 2021

End of meeting: 7:56pm