

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting
December 14th, 2020 -Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance

Present :

<p>Administrators Tony Pita Patty Tummillo Assunta Caruso Mark Della Posta</p> <p>LBP Staff Clorinda Antonacci Charles Préfontaine Angela Antonacci Paul Karpontinis Catherine Clarabut Sergio Greco Joseph Monachino Gennifer Girardello</p> <p>Community Representative Marysia Kasprzak</p>	<p>Parents Anna Tafuto Franco Mazzariello Joe Biunno Caterina Tamburrino (alternate replaced Liliana Zarlenga) Marisa Papillo Pierre Gosselin Tony Aversano Pina De Stefano</p> <p>Student Council Elisabetta Tilona Claudia Staniscia</p> <p>Commisionner Sophie De Vito</p>
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Absent:

Liliana Zarlenga	
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1.Welcome / Guidelines

2.Attendance / Voting Count

- Show of hands for “no” or “abstentions” when voting; not necessary to show a yes vote

3.Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Accept Agenda for December 14, 2020 Governing Board Meeting

1st Motion - Mr. Paul Karpontinis

2nd Motion – Mr. Sergio Greco

All in Favor

Motion carried

4.Approval of minutes of November 9, 2020

- Correction Spelling:

Ms. Elisabetta Tilona
Ms. Marisa Papillo

Motion: Accept minutes from November 9, 2020

1st Motion - Mr. Pierre Gosselin

2nd Motion – Mr. Sergio Greco

All in Favor

Motion carried

5.Question Period

None

6.Business Arising from Minutes

- *The number of school days will be reduced to 177 days from 180 days*

7.New Business

7.1 Approval of Additional Ped Day - May 3, 2021

- **Motion:** Accept May 3, 2021 as additional Ped Day
- 1st Motion - Mr. Sergio Greco
- 2nd Motion – Mr. Tony Aversano
- All in Favor
- Motion carried
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7.2 Parent Teacher Day # 2

The second parent/teacher meeting originally scheduled for February 25th, 2021 - would be to early and will not give parents/teachers a clear indication of a student's progress

- **Motion:** Move Parent/Teacher meeting to March 18, 2021 from February 25, 2021
- 1st Motion - Mr. Pierre Gosselin
- 2nd Motion – Ms. Gennifer Girardello
- All in Favor
- Motion carried

7.3 Subject Time Allocation 2021-2022

7.3.1. Mr. Sergio Greco will propose some changes and come back to governing board for approval

- **Motion:** To approve subject time allocation for 2021-2022
- 1st Motion - Ms. Caterina Tamburrino
- 2nd Motion – Ms. Marisa Papillo
- All in Favor
- Motion carried

7.3.2 Mathematics Flowchart

- **Motion:** To approve Mathematics Flowchart
- 1st Motion - Mr. Paul Karpontinis
- 2nd Motion – Ms. Clorinda Antonacci
- All in Favor
- Motion carried

7.5 Governing Board Budget Allocation

- **Motion:** To raise Governing Board fund to \$600 - balance coming from fund 3. The Governing Board fund will be allocated to the Grad Committee and split between the 2020 and 2021 graduating classes
- 1st Motion - Ms. Marisa Papillo
- 2nd Motion – Mr. Joseph Monachino
- All in Favor
- Motion carried

7.6 Graduation Ceremony Class of 2020

The graduation ceremony to be held in January 2021 was cancelled. A virtual ceremony to be held in February 2021. Graduation fees will be reimbursed as long as students don't have any outstanding balances with the school.

- **Motion:** To reimburse \$50 fees paid by the class of 2020 grad students as long as they have no outstanding balances with the school
- 1st Motion - Mr. Tony Aversano
- 2nd Motion – Mr. Sergio Greco
- All in Favor
- Motion carried

8.1 Reports

Zen Zone

A dedicated place in the school for personal reflection, students can get work done, exert their energy, to let out frustration or vent, grow in the experience and meditation

Soccer Players

Mr. Paul Karpontinis acknowledged the accomplishments of several soccer students

IP SIGNATURES

Ms. Angela Antonacci mentioned that the IP forms for signature were sent by email and that it went well

8.3 Student Council Report

(See appendix)

9. Varia

None

10. Second Question Period

None

11. Next Meeting

January 11, 2021 at 7pm (TBD – if it will be online or in person)

12. Adjournment

Motion: Motion to Adjourn Meeting

1st Motion – Mr. Paul Karpontinis

2nd Motion – Mr. Tony Aversano

Votes: All in favor

Motion carried

Appendix A Principal's Report

LBP Governing Board Principal's Report

Changes to the Calendar

As mentioned in the news, the ministry has adjusted the school calendar. One of these adjustments includes the addition of three pedagogical days. Two of those days were selected by the school board and approved by the council of commissioners. The third day must be selected by Lester B Pearson High School and approved at the December Governing Board meeting.

- Friday, January 8 – Board Pedagogical Day
- Friday, February 5 - Board Pedagogical Day
- Monday, May 3 – LBP Pedagogical Day (To be approved by GB)

Distance Education

The ministry has issued a directive that high schools will move to distance education on December 17 and 18 as well as January 4 to January 8. All pedagogical days already scheduled are to be maintained despite the move to distance learning. Lester B Pearson already had a pedagogical day scheduled on Monday, January 4 and the EMSB added another pedagogical day on January 8th (see above). Over 130 laptops and iPads have been loaned to LBP families by the school. Two of those include internet connections

Regular in-person classes will resume on Monday, January 11, Day 5. At that time students will resume their attendance based on the Red Zone restrictions imposed earlier in the year.

Report Cards

As mentioned earlier in the year, Term 1 will end on December 18. Report cards will be published on Mozaik for students and parents on Monday, January 18, 2021. As you know, there are only two terms in 2020-2021, each with a value of 50%. The ministry has also announced that Secondary 4 and 5 uniform exams will only have a value of 20%. This is a big change from the 50% or 100% previously.

Zen Zone Opened at LBP

1. The Zen Zone is a dedicated room in the school where students can go to collect themselves or self regulate, giving them the opportunity to learn how to manage their emotions which is a valuable life skill. It is a safe place where students can go for personal reflection (i.e. vent, calm down, talk, do work), when having difficulty working or focusing in class. Special Ed Technicians are available every day to give our students emotional support and guide them to plan and make better decisions the next time.

The goal is to help de-escalate, prevent blow-ups, give them the opportunity for personal reflection and create positive learning experiences. Personal reflection time can improve understanding, transform perspectives and enables them to grow from their experiences. The Zen Zone can easily accommodate several students at a time, creating a more "acceptable" (less

punishing) environment. It is not a consequence but rather a place where they can plan, be proactive and prevent certain behaviours from reoccurring.

2. The room will also be a place to practice mindfulness/meditation. Mindfulness helps students with anxiety manage their stress more effectively and work through it more quickly. Research suggests that mindfulness programs can improve cognitive performance as well as resilience to stress.

3. The Zen Zone is a setting where students can move and exert some energy while working. Students feel empowered by having some degree of choice and control over their environment. Flexible seating allows students to choose where they can work and allows them to change their location and positions as needed. Some students need to move more than others do. Flexible seating allows them to wobble, rock, bounce, lean or stand which increases oxygen flow and keeps young minds more alert and focused.

LBP Christmas Baskets

LBP has a tradition of offering families Christmas baskets and gift cards. This year our school is once again supporting local charities under the leadership of Mr. Karpontinis, Ms Clarabut, and the Student Council. In addition, LBP families will receive a Christmas basket, new clothing, and gift certificates. We would like to thank our local merchants, the LBP staff, and the LBP parents for their generosity which included over \$1,500 in cash and \$1,400 in gift certificates. This initiative was led by our amazing staff including Titania Greco, Rachela Farella, Valery Ruscitti, Diana Cutrone, Maggie Cocco and Marissa Ruscitti.

A Remarkable LBP Staff!

I would like to ask the entire community to join me in thanking our dedicated staff for all their efforts this school year. They have worked tirelessly to provide our children with a safe and enjoyable learning environment. At times this has meant working long hours into the evening and weekends in order to adjust to a new ministry directive, learn a new skill needed for distance education, or complete a survey required for contact tracing due to a positive COVID-19 case. Thank you for everything you do. You make our community a better place to learn and live!

Welcome Additions to the LBP Staff

- Julia Faoro – Replaces M. Della Posta
- Okori Sanipe – Replaces R. Pe
- Rosa Falato - Additional Attendant
- Bianca LaPenna - Additional Attendant
- Daniel Poenaro – Replaces D. Stewart
- Carol Iannitelli – Replaces Diane Culliford

Finally, the entire staff wishes all our Lester B Pearson families a joyous and safe holiday season!

Appendix B Student Report

Student Council

Governing Board #3

- **Report of EMSAC Motion**
 - An issue that has been discussed at EMSAC -> need to coordinate evaluations as students are feeling overwhelmed with online / in-person learning during COVID-19.
 - EMSAC recommends that the education on systemic racism be implemented into the curriculum of high schools
 - EMSAC recommends being more inclusive in learning situations ex: Using Racialized, Names, Literature by minority authors, Learning materials (Skin Palette crayons, inclusive toys, children's stories.)
- **CPR Certification**
 - 35 council members & Mr. K Certified on nov 27.
- **Spirit of Giving competition :**
 - Council members stayed after school daily for 2 weeks collecting, counting and boxing.
 - The final numbers are in from the Spirit of Giving competition:
 - Sec 1 – 411 donations - 58\$ (353 Points),
 - Sec 2 – 221 donations - 18\$ (203 Points),
 - Sec 3 – 335 donations - 15\$ (320 Points),
 - Sec 4 – 169 donations - 8\$ (161 Points)
 - Sec 5 – 430 donations - 60\$ (370 Points)
 - We would like to thank everyone who brought in food & hygiene donations, they have brightened up Christmas for many less fortunate Montrealer's this holiday season by giving the gift of health and nourishment.
 - These donations will support church pantry programs and local food banks. (Beaulieu Blondin, St-Brendan's parish, St Gabriel's parish.)
 - The Secondary 5 class has won the right to come to school out of uniform on December 15 & 16.
 - Between the money collected and the food and hygiene items, we were able to donate approximately 2000 items.

- Although the competition was over, we collected over 75 items today that we were able to add to our donation above.
- **Our PJ day**
 - Event raised 1551\$
 - We donated it as follows:
 - Beaulieu Blondin 200\$
 - St- Brendan's \$551
 - SPCA \$200
 - Centre D'Amitié Autochtone de Montréal Inc \$200
 - Moisson Montréal \$200
 - Welcome Hall Mission \$200
- **Grad wear**
 - T-shirts and long sleeves came in today, we are still waiting to receive the hoodies.
 - Student council start preparing orders
- **Canvas Painting project**
 - Project to boost morale and involve as many students as possible, while maintaining safe protocols.
 - Canvas is made with fingerprints of students and teachers into a rainbow, and will be mounted on a wall in the new year.
- **Breakfast club**
 - Still open in the morning 7h35 to 8h10
 - We just won a grant of 1000\$ from Maxi/Provigo to improve some of our options
 - We will also investigate using some of our revenue to purchase a dishwasher to help us sanitize our utensils in the future (This year we are only selling pre-packaged options and disposable utensils.)
- **Coop**
 - Open every Wednesday during lunch time, we recently re-ordered missing spirit wear sizes that will be available for sale in January.
- **Christmas Themed week & Daily contests**
 - Dec 14- Ugly sweaters
 - Dec 15- Holiday hats
 - Dec 16- Christmas socks and accessory

- We have been asking daily poll questions on our Instagram stories to get our online community in the holiday spirit.
- **Vow of silence**
 - On the 20th of November
 - Members had a choice to collect loose change from their families, or just make a silent statement to educate those around us.
 - 120\$ Proceeds went to UNICEF Canada
- **Decorated for Christmas**
 - Student council decorated for Christmas.
 - We have a door decorating contest going on between teachers and their classroom doors.
 - The competition will be judged virtually at the end of this week.
- **Commemorating Polytechnique Shooting**
 - Dec 6 the council member doing the PA commemorating the Polytechnique shooting and asked the school to take a moment of silence for the victims.
- **Online digital concert / coffee house**
 - In order to celebrate the holidays while at a distance, we are holding a virtual Christmas Concert, thanks to an idea Ms Antonacci spoke to us about at our last general meeting.
 - Looking for staff and students who want to participate
 - Hand in videos before December 21st
 - December 24st we will hold a live stream
- **Vending Machine in Girls Washroom**
 - At the last council meeting issue of Period Poverty came up, council would like to do something to make products more accessible.
 - The school already provides emergency use supplies in a few key areas.
 - We will be investigating to operate free vending machines in the main girl's washroom. But first we will have to explore what the needs are and if this is something we can afford to offer our students -> Possibility of discussing with MNA next time we meet to see what the government is doing -> Scotland and British Columbia providing products

for free via public institutions, it would be nice for the Quebec government to provide its schools with the funds necessary to support our students as well.

- **Annual Canvas**
 - Council members are working on our own annual canvas, every year we put up something that represents something special for that year's council. Etc...