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Governing Board Minutes – November 23rd, 2022

PRESENT:

Administration : Joseph Vitantonio, Grace Fanelli

Parents : Franco Mazzariello, Tony Aversano, Joe Biunno, Liliana Zarlenga, Sandra Greco, Daniela Marino

Parent Alternates : Alessandro Conciatori (Alex), Patricia Suriano, Giovanni Ficara

Teachers : Paul Karpontinis , Tania Licursi, Gabriel Latino, Catherine Clarabut

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine

Professionals : Casey Gagné

Students : Dante Zonin, Ariana Faucini

Regrets : Rosaliza Pe, Angela Antonacci, Clorinda Antonacci, Assunta Caruso, Marisa Papillo

1 Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

- Mr. Mazzariello welcomes everyone at 7:04 PM to start the meeting.
- Mr. Mazzariello announces:
 - Patricia Suriano is replacing Marisa Papillo and is therefore allowed voting rights.
 - Giovanni Ficara is replacing Tina Rubino as secretary allowed voting rights
 - Daniela Marino will be joining later the meeting a little later as a guest
- All in favor to have the meeting recorded to allow minutes to be generated with minimal note taking.
- Dante Zonin reads the Land Acknowledgment

2 Adoption of the Agenda

Moved to adopt the agenda by Paul Karpontinis, seconded by Tony Aversano. All in favor.

3 Adoption of the minutes from Oct 03rd, 2022 GB meeting

Frank Mazzariello asked if anyone had any comments following his transmittal of the minutes and supporting documents. No comments received. Joe Biunno acknowledged and thanked secretary Tina Rubino for having prepared the minutes.

Moved to adopt the minutes by Liliana Zarlenga, seconded by Tony Aversano. All in favor.

4 New Business

4.1.1 Sex. Ed Plan & Resolution (Approval Required):

- a. The Sex. Ed. Plan has been prepared to reflect this year's dates.
- b. The sex ed. Plan was developed by a group of teachers when the program was introduced and tweaked over the years to the more final version it is now.
- c. Every year, we must approve the sex. Ed. Plan for the year.
- d. A team of teachers worked on reviewing the plan this year, and minimal changes were applied.
- e. Resolution was presented, a typo (missing h in whereas in the second paragraph) was identified and corrected live by Joseph Vitantonio
- f. Motion to adopt the sex education plan was moved by Franco Mazzariello. All were in favor.
- g. Joseph Vitantonio confirmed that the resolution only requires one mover.
- h. **ACTION** : Name of mover is to be entered onto the resolution and then to be signed by the GB chairman (Franco Mazzariello) and by the Principal (Joseph Vitantonio)

4.1.2 Annual Report (Approval Required):

- a. The annual report this year was prepared and presented to reflect a comparison to 2019, which was the last time we had final exam prior to the pandemic.
- b. From the report, you can see that the overall trends in our statistics are increasing.
- c. The consultant from our board working on the statistical analysis was very happy to announce that **LBP was one of the only schools with a positive increase overall in results.**
- d. Resolution provided.
- e. Motion to adopt the annual report was moved by Tony Aversano and seconded by Dante Z. All were in favor.
- f. Franco Mazzariello noted that the resolution only requires one mover.
- g. **ACTION** : Name of mover is to be entered onto the resolution and then to be signed by the GB chairman (Franco Mazzariello) and by the Principale (Joseph Vitantonio)
- h. Joseph Vitantonio mentioned that this item is also linked to item 5.1.4.
- i. Franco Mazzariello acknowledged and thanked all the school teachers for all their great work.

4.1.3 Budgets (Approval Required):

- a. We have received our budgets.
- b. This budget being presented is a plan on how the school plans to spend the funds that have been decentralized.
- c. We have a total revenue of \$ 1 260 474.00 and a total expenditure of \$ 1 065 140.00
- d. Resolution provided.
- e. Motion to adopt the budget spending plan was moved by Liliana Zarlenga. All were in favor.

- f. **ACTION** : Name of mover is to be entered onto the resolution and then to be signed by the GB chairman (Franco Mazzariello) and by the Principal (Joseph Vitantonio)

4.1.4 Educational Project (**Information Item**):

- a. The school board is working on a new Success Plan for the board, which will then relate to our individual school educational projects.
- b. We have not yet received details on what the new plans will entail, but as soon as it is received, the plan is to sit with a team of teachers and staff to complete it.
- c. It will then be presented to GB.

4.1.5 Safe School Action Plan (**Approval Required**):

- a. This is a new plan template created by the board.
- b. A team of staff worked with Ms. Fanelli to take our older plan and work it into our new template to reflect the goals and strategies for a safe school environment.
- c. Ms. Fanelli was present to answer any questions after having reviewed the document. No questions were raised.
- d. Motion to adopt the plan was moved by Liliana Zarlenga and seconded by Tony Aversano. All were in favor and motion carried.

5 Reports:

5.1. Principal

5.1.1 School Trip Proposals (**Approval Required**):

- a. There have been delays in getting the trip information out for various reasons. EMSB was working out their expectations for trips to reflect some of the difficulties with travelling due to COVID.
- b. Tour operators having difficulties with their suppliers to be able to get back to us with quotes due to shortages in employees and bus drivers for example.
- c. The EMSB has created a protocol to allow the schools to travel, and the main stipulation is that all fees be collected by the tour operator, and that full-coverage insurance be included in the package, regardless of personal insurance coverages parents may have.
- d. The trips we are planning are the following:
 - i. Sec. 1 & 2- Toronto/ Niagara Falls
 - ii. Sec. 3-4-5- England
 - iii. Sec. 5- NYC
- e. The TO/Niagara Falls trip includes visits to the Cn Tower, Medieval Times show, Hockey Hall of Fame, Journey behind the Falls, Clifton Hills-See the itinerary attached.
 - i. April 27-April 29, 2023.
 - ii. Costs are as follows: \$840.00 for 30 students, \$740.00 for 40 students, \$695.00 for 50 students
- f. The England trip includes visits to London, Bristol, Birmingham and Cheshire.
 - i. April 6-April 16, 2023.
 - ii. Cost is \$4118.00
- g. The NYC Trip includes Manhattan sites, a Broadway show, Statue of Liberty, China Town, Little Italy, High Line, Chelsea Market
 - i. April 24- April 26, 2023.

- ii. Cost is \$1125.00 for 20 participants and \$905.00 for 40 participants
- h. Motion to adopt the trip planned was moved by Joe Biunno and seconded by Sandra Greco. All were in favor and motion carried.
- i. A trip to California was not considered nor presented as an option due to the very high cost.
- j. **Staff Council Motion** to support an additional administrator to attend the trip as an extra supervisor (a credit is charged to students to cover the cost of a supervisor for each 9 kids) - Paul K spoke to it.
- k. **The proposal that was made and adopted unanimously by staff was to have an additional supervisor added to each trip. Asking governing board** to adopt a motion to approve the request for one additional chaperone per trip at the expense of LBP governing board using fund 3. Motion was moved by Paul Karpontinis and seconded by Liliana Zarlenga. All were in favor.

5.1.2 Tutorials (**Information Item**):

- a. We currently have tutors in FSL, Math, History.
- b. History Tutor in one day a week, Math in 5 days, and FSL 2-3 days a week.
- c. Teachers recommending students who they feel need the boost to pass the course.
- d. MEQ tutoring is also taking place. This was an initiative the ministry began during COVID. These are virtual online tutoring with teachers.
- e. Small groups have been created and permission forms were sent home.

5.1.3 Breakfast of Excellence (**Information Item**):

- a. December 21, 2022 to honor the students who made the Honor Roll, and students who were nominated for Diligence
- b. Breakfast includes a choice of: eggs, bacon, potatoes, pancakes, croissant, fruits, juice or chocolate milk.

5.1.4 Holiday Lunch (**Information Item**):

- a. Students will be treated to a 5\$ Holiday lunch for the cost of \$1.00
- b. The menu includes turkey, stuffing, carrots & peas, a choice of water /juice and a dessert.

5.1.5 Secondary 5 Save the Dates (**information item**):

- a. Graduation Photos- February 2023 (dates to be finalized)- online bookings will take place throughout the month.
- b. Graduation Ceremony- June 26, 2023.
- c. Prom June 28, 2023.

5.1.6 January Supplementals (**information item**):

- a. We have exams taking place during the week of January 9, 2023.
- b. FLM students are writing the FSL Base exam for their credits, since the FLM credits do not count as the required credits.
- c. We have about 20 students writing the science, 2 students writing Math and 1 student writing History.
- d. Letters were sent home advising the families of these students.
- e. They need these credits for graduation.
- f. We also have about 10 students doing a special Art project for their missing Art credit for graduation.

g. Students will be coming in for exams only.

5.1.7 “Perspectives on Peer Conflict in Schools” Project-Concordia University (**information item**):

- a. Researchers from the Department of Education at Concordia University are collaborating with LBP this year on a project examining students’ and educators’ viewpoints on peer conflict in schools.
- b. The goal of the project is to learn how students and educators think conflict between students could best be prevented and addressed.
- c. The project involves students in Sec 1, 3, 5, and the Allongé program, as well as interested members of the educational staff. Those who participate will each take part in one interview and one focus group. The researchers will share a report of the findings with the aim of supporting the school in their mission of fostering an educational environment that fits students’ and educators’ needs.
- d. They are also happy to offer workshops or professional development activities related to the themes of the project including (but not limited to) restorative justice practices, conflict resolution, and socio-emotional skills (e.g., perspective-taking).

5.1.8 Online Parent Campaign (**information item**):

- a. In continuity to our Open House and recruiting campaign, we will be asking for parent volunteers to give a testimonial about their child at LBP.

5.2. Commissioner

- The commissioner was not present and sends her regrets and there was no report.
- Chair/Regional Delegate
- Franco Mazzariello shared the following update :
 - 2 meets were held to date,
 - The first meeting was held on October 20th 2022 whereby;
 - nominations for parent commissioners, and the executive committee were made.
 - Franco Mazzariello was elected to be treasurer for one last year for the MSB parents committee.
 - The 2nd meeting was held on Nov 3, 2022 whereby;
 - The succession plan to be submitted by January 2023 was presented. More details are to come soon
 - The school trips were presented
 - They are looking for volunteers to join the parents conference. This is a one-day workshop with different topics to be discussed. (Not sure yet if it will be a virtual or in person conference)
 - Next meeting is planned Dec 1, 2022 as a social.

5.3. Secretary/Treasurer

- Nothing new to report

5.4. Student Council

The following items were reported for the November report:

Breakfast club

- Council's breakfast club is open everyday before class selling nutritious breakfasts to students, as well as other goods. We were recipients of a bursary from breakfasts clubs Canada

Coop

- Coop is selling items to students at lunch. Our schedule has now changed to 3 days a week. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Students can buy school supplies, apparel, and snacks. From either our store or from the vending machine.

Green committees recycling

- Green committee had been meeting regularly once a cycle to sort out garbage and recycling in the plaza.

Addition of sanitary pads and tampon dispenser

- Student council has added a dispenser in the girls' washroom and our universal bathroom for sanitary pads and tampons for students who require their use.

Open house

- Student council ran tours, set up and cleaned up for our annual open house. We welcomed close to 500 families. Many people were intrigued by our many programs to offer from sport-etudes to allonge.

We scare hunger

- Council led our annual walk around the neighborhood to scare hunger. We collected many donations that week and have donated it to local charities. We collected a pallet of food items for our community charities.

Lunch hour activities

- In order to do something more to improve student's school experience, we have decided to run games every Wednesday. Lunch hour activities consisted of games like spot-it and touch relay. These activities were a great way for students to have fun during lunch time.

Decorating for Halloween

- Pearson students decorated the plaza with Halloween decorations, and we also judged doors that had been decorated for our annual door decorating contest

We held annual entrance exams

- Pearson students came in on Saturday to assist staff and possible students to write their entrance exams to our programs.

Halloween lunch activities

- The week of Halloween, the council ran at lunch activities for the students. We had pumpkin decorating, and we also decorated some cookies that were made by our council.

Haunted house

- Student council finished the construction of our haunted house and was able to open it up for our students on the 28th. It was open for 4 periods, students came with their teachers, some admin as well attended. The consensus was that it was great and about 500 students were able to enjoy it.

Decorating LBP for Remembrance Day.

- Council members decorated our school with decorations to commemorate the important day.

Poppy sales

- Council students sold poppies at lunch to staff and students. All proceeds benefit the Royal Canadian Legion.

Reading of Flanders field

- The co-presidents of student council read in Flanders fields and a commemoration of Canada's fallen soldiers on November 11 at 11 am. the reading is done annually to the whole school via the intercom.

November 19 dance

- This Friday we had our first dance of the year. Approximately 300 kids had attended mainly Pearson students but some outside guests., first since covid. It was a neon and 2000s music themed event. Hired A local dj and many students are looking forward to the next one, if decided upon. We sold concessions from the student coop.

J'identifie j'agis

- Council has surveyed the area around LBP to look for issues or possible improvements. This was done with an organization. We had our first two meetings and now we are going to form an action plan to try to rectify issues in the area.

Headstrong summit

- Headstrong is an initiative of the Mental Health Commission of Canada that empowers high school students to become leaders for mental wellness through positive social action delivered in three 70-minute modules delivered within a one-week timeframe.

Grad hoodies

- Grad hoodies were sold to the secondary 5's at lunch in the plaza on November 4th and 7th. We ended up selling a combo to practically every student in sec 5.

Planning coffee house

- Student council has been planning our first coffee house, where students can come and express their creative sides. The coffee house will be held on the 9th of December.

Vow of silence

- The vow of silence was held on November 21st right after the United Nations Universal Children's day. Many Student Council members took a vow of silence that day to speak up for all the children who don't have the same rights we all enjoy.

Holiday food drive

- Students are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items or hygiene items that will be collected in their ethics or pop class. These items will then be donated to local charities.

Helping with special Olympics

- The special Olympics was a day where student council members, RAK Squad and Phys Ed Students got to animate activities for children with special needs. The children that participated in the activities ranged from elementary students to high school students.

CPR

- Members of the Student Council will have the opportunity to get CPR certified on November 25.

Next week decorating for Christmas

- Next Monday student council will be meeting after school to decorate the plaza for Christmas

Safe Spaces

- Improving student safe spaces, student council has been using some of its proceeds to fund improvements around the school, we have added additional games room features, we have ordered new benches for the plaza and we are in discussion of what we can do to improve the Café.

Live different panel

- Next week we will be having a live speech to our students, as well some of the student council members will also be included on the panel and speaking. Our meeting for this will be held tomorrow.

Jersey Day

- Students are encouraged to wear a soccer jersey tomorrow in honor of the world cup although students are required to wear their LBP pants.

Pj day

- Pj day will be held on December 1st and is a great way to end off the week.

Parent teacher interviews

- The student council will be hosting our first parent teacher interview. Student council members will be present to facilitate the event as well as guide the parents around.

5.5. Teachers

Paul Karpontinis reported :

- First in-person parents' night planned on Nov 24th, 2022
- The GMAA teams have had a lot of success. Try outs in progress for futsal over the next two weeks. Outdoor soccer and basketball teams have had successful season.

5.6. Sport Études Program

- Nothing new to report

5.7. Guidance Initiatives

- Nothing new to report

6 Varia

- Giovanni Ficara asked if information about when to register for Post graduate studies has been shared with students.
 - Joseph Vitantonio answered that the registration deadline is sometime in March 2023. Mr. Plescia the guidance council will do classroom visits in January to help students through the application process. There will also be information packages distributed to students in the new year after examination period.
- Nothing more was added

7 Public Question Period

- No questions for our two guests

8 Next Meeting: Monday December 19th, 2022 (in- person)

- The next meeting is planned as a social in-person one on Dec 19th.
- One option being considered is to have food catered at school cafe
- Meeting will start sometime around 6:00/ 6:30 PM. More information to come.
- Motion to adopt a social meeting to be paid from fund 3 was moved by Joe Biunno and seconded by Liliana Zarlenga. All were in favor and motion carried.
- Joseph Vitantonio will finalize meal accomodations.
- Members were asked to let advise Joseph Vitantonio of any allergies or food intolerances.

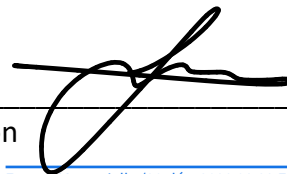
9 Adjournment

- Paul Karpontinis moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Aversano seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.



Principal



Chairperson

Franco Mazzariello (20 déc. 2022 08:33 EST)