



École secondaire LESTER B. PEARSON High School

11575 rue P.M. Favier, Montréal (Québec) H1G 6E5

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Governing Board Minutes - October 3rd, 2022

PRESENT:

Administration : Joseph Vitantonio, Grace Fanelli, Assunta Caruso

Parents : Franco Mazzariello, Tony Aversano, Joe Biunno, Liliana Zarlenga, Tina Rubino, Marisa Papillo, Sandra Greco, Daniela Marino,

Parent Alternates : Alessandro Conciatori, Patricia Suriano

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

Non-Teaching Staff: Charles Préfontaine

Professionals : Casey Gagné

Students : Dante Zonin, Ariana Faucini

Regrets : Rosaliza Pe, Angela Antonacci

• **Welcome & Land Acknowledgment**

• **Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Liliana Zarlenga, seconded by Joe Biunno. All in favor.

• **New Business**

a. Nominations for Chairperson, Treasurer & Secretary

- Chairperson: Tony Aversano nominated Franco Mazzariello to be chairperson. Nomination accepted by Franco, Seconded by Liliana Zarlenga. All in Favor.
- Vice- chairperson: Marisa Papillo nominated Tony Aversano as Vice-Chairperson. Nomination accepted by Tony, Seconded by Liliana Zarlenga All in favor.
- Treasurer: Mr. Karpontinis nominated Joe Biunno. Nomination accepted by Joe Biunno, Seconded by Sandra Greco, All in favor.
- Secretary: Joe Biunno nominated Tina Rubino. Seconded by Franco Mazzariello. Tina Rubino nominated Joe Biunno. Seconded by Marisa Papillo, Joe Biunno respectfully declined the nomination. Tina accepted the nomination. All in favor.

b. Annual Report 2021-2022





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The annual report will be prepared and submitted to the board by the end of the month. It will need GB's approval before submission.

c. Email vote

A motion was put forward to allow GB to vote electronically on pressings items that cannot wait for the next meeting. Moved by Tony Aversano. Seconded by Marissa. All in favor

d. Hybrid meeting model

A motion was put forward to continue with the online meeting model. Only 2 dates will be in-person (1 in December and 1 in June). Moved by Mr. Casey. Seconded by Marissa Papillo. All in favor.

- Suggested meeting days of the week are Monday and Wednesday evenings for which will alternate. Proposed meeting dates are set for:

Wednesday November 23rd, 2022

Monday December 19th, 2022 (in- person)

Wednesday January 25th, 2023 (Optional provisional date)

Monday February 20th, 2023

Wednesday March 22nd, 2023 (tentative date)

Monday April 17th, 2023

Wednesday May 24th, 2023

Monday June 12th, 2023 (in-person)

Moved by Joe Biunno. Seconded by Marissa Papillo. All in favor.

(It was mentioned that the first Thursdays of every month need to be avoided to allow delegate to assist the EMSBPC committee. It was also suggested that Tuesdays and Wednesdays should be avoided as well as these are dates the Commissioner Council hold their meetings.)

4 Reports:

i. Principal

- Student Population Update (**Information Item**):
 - a. We have 988 students registered as of September 30th at LBP (this number is about 30 students less than last year)
- Student Council Slate of Projects/Activities (**Approval Required**)
 - a. Mr. Karpontinis presented the yearly plan for approval.
 - b. Sandra Greco moved the motion to adopt the plan for student council and C. Antonacci seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.





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- Representation Fees from Fund 3 (**Approval Required**):
 - a. Request to allow 2\$ per students for representation fees for hosting guests in the school.
 - b. Amount would total \$1976.00.
 - c. Joe Biunno moved the motion for the student fees of 2\$ and Marissa Papillo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- Educational Day Trips (**Approval Required**):
 - a. Request permission from the GB to allow day trips to be approved by the principal for the school year, presented by teachers with an educational purpose to them.
 - b. These take place during the regular school day.
 - c. They would be brought to GB as information items only.
 - d. Sandra Greco moved the motion for the educational day trips and Liliana Zarlenga seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- Mini-day Schedule (**Approval Required**):
 - a. Feedback from students and staff is that the P1-R-P2-P3-P4 model is not conducive for the students. Too long of a stretch for the 3 periods back-to-back.
 - b. We are proposing to modify the schedule to allow for P1-P2-R-P3-P4.
 - c. New times would swap the Recess with Period 2.
 - d. Doesn't affect the student start and end time.
 - e. To be included in Parent Newsletters for upcoming mini-days.
 - f. C. Antonacci moved the motion for the revised mini-day schedule and Sandra Greco seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- Educational & Career Fair (**Approval Required**):
 - a. The annual Career Fair taking place on October 20th for our Sec. 5 students at Pius X.
 - b. Students will be bussed there and back. Leaving at 8:50 a.m. and returning for about 11:15 a.m.
 - c. Mr Karpontinis moved the motion for the kids to assist to the career fair and Marissa Papillo seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- CinÉcole Presentation: (**Information Item**):
 - a. Taking place at school for secondary 4 students on October 21, 2022
 - b. Quebec Produced movie presentation.
 - c. This year's title is Beans de Tracey Deer (fiction).
 - d. Director, Producer or Actors come to answer questions after the presentation.
 - e. No cost for students.

- Open House (**Approvals & Information**):
 - a. Our Open house is taking place October 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
 - b. We had visited our 5 feeder schools and 10 other schools in the neighboring areas to promote our school.
 - c. Placement exams taking place on October 22, 2022.
 - d. Request to help pay for the Open House from Fund 3- The last 2 years, a request for \$5000 was done. I am requesting \$6000 this year due to price increases and the first in-person event in 3 years.





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e. Tina Rubino moved the motion in favor for \$6000 for the open house and Tony Aversano seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.

- **Budget (Information Item):**

- a. Budgets are supposed to be approved at the next council meeting.
- b. More details to follow hopefully in November latest by December.

ii. Commissioner

The commissioner sends her regrets

iii. Chair/Regional Delegate's Report

- No meeting was yet held. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022.
- A report will be available at our next GB meeting in November.

iv. Secretary/Treasurer

- The GB receives 250\$ every year.
- Traditionally this money is given back to the students. (As a scholarship for example)
- Sandra Greco moved the motion in favor for the \$250 to be given as a scholarship to the graduating class and the teachers and graduation committee will decide on how to split it and Mr. Casey seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried

v. Student Council

The following items were reported on:

- Car Wash:
 - We held an August Car Wash at the Canadian Tire in St-Leonard, proceeds benefitted our leadership program.
- Student council leadership camp:
 - This summer, student council members were able to attend a leadership camp in order for all of us members to get to know each other.
 - We played leadership building games to build our communication skills, trust and teamwork.
 - Members enjoyed many activities such as boating, a campfire and bunking together.
- Secondary 1 orientation day:
 - We gave secondary one students a tour of the school as well as an organized lunch and snacks.
 - We also hosted a welcome presentation for new students and organized games that we learned from our leadership camp to allow the students to get to know one another.





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- Beginning of the year
 - LBP staff and administration organized a welcome back to school mini carnival.
 - Student council executive and general meetings here held in order to discuss our year of action, our thoughts and ideas, sign-ups for committees
- Open house:
 - Student council members organized and shot a virtual tour to promote our open house night.
 - Student council members visited elementary schools in order to promote LBP to grade 5 and 6 students to help encourage them to consider LBP as an option for their future high school.
- Peace Pillow:
 - Student council members worked with Mr. Monachino to collect signatures for International Day of Peace on a “Peace Pillow”
- Student co-op:
 - We sold SPC cards at the beginning of the year, we offer \$0.50 healthy and nutritious breakfast items in breakfast club as well as our new specialties for \$1. We also sell Pearson pride merchandise.
 - The Student Council Co-op is also responsible for the games in the plaza area which have been truly popular so far. Our refreshed games room and café have also been very popular during lunchtime.
- Orange shirt day:
 - On orange shirt day, students were encouraged to wear orange shirts in order to spread awareness and commemorate the indigenous kids that lost their lives in residential schools, all students observed a moment of silence.
 - Council members also helped Mr. Monachino to place information posters throughout the building.
 - We also sold council made cookies to students and the proceeds went to a charity benefiting indigenous communities.
- Mental Health Awareness
 - September was internationally known as suicide prevention month. In honour of such, Student Council sold suicide prevention pins last Wednesday and Thursday during lunch in the coop. Minimum donation was \$1, but students were encouraged to donate more to support Suicide Action Montreal.
- ECA Fair:
 - Student council members organized an ECA fair at lunch to promote the clubs our school has to offer, as well as to encourage students to participate in these extra-curricular activities.





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- Haunted house:
 - Council has decided a theme for this year's haunted house and has begun work on the haunted house.
- Provincial Election
 - Our own Student Council Member Liana Wallace who is our EMSAC rep co-moderated an EMSB town hall with politicians representing each political party who answered questions posed by students in a live event.
- Mock election:
 - We organized a mock election in order for students to see which political party favored their values. Results will be released tonight when the polls close.

*All the activities and events organized for the students such as dress down, the ECA fair and breakfast club are run through several student council committees with various captains and such.

*With the help of the school administration and our team in student council, students have been able to have a somewhat normal school year with different activities and many more to come.

vi. Teachers

- The common theme is that this year feels normal. Good start to the year.
- Google classroom remains available to support students by means of virtual assignments if needed.
- There is no live virtual classes available for students who miss class due to COVID. However, teachers are asked to keep their google class updated two or three times a week to allow students who are absent to stay up to date with their work.
- Carnival was planned by teachers to welcome back students. The carnival replaced forth period. Students were treated to food and games (hotdogs and inflatables).
- Teachers will be busy on progress reports and first report cards.
- Looking forward to a normal rest of the year.

vii. Sport-études Program

There was nothing to report.

viii. Guidance Initiatives

Nothing was submitted to report.





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5. Varia

• Graduation Hoodies

- Question by Franco Mazzariello on when students can order Graduation Hoodies & Spirit Wear: It was mentioned that orders for graduation hoodies normally take place in November or December.

• Bake sale for Terry Fox

- Ms. C. Antonacci requested to have the holiday bake sales for the terry fox approved by the committee.
- One will be in October for Halloween, followed by one in December for Christmas, One for easter in March or April and one last one in May and sometimes one for St-Patrick's and Valentine's Day.
- Sandra Greco moved to have the holiday bake sales approved for Terry fox. Ariana Faucini seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. Next Meeting: TBD

- The next meeting will be virtual online and will take place on Wednesday November 23rd, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

- Tony Aversano moved that the meeting be adjourned. C. Antonacci seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Principal

Chairperson

Franco Mazzariello (24 nov. 2022 13:23 EST)

