



PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

Governing Board 2021 - 2022 Meeting no. 3

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DATE: Tuesday, December 7, 2021
TIME: 7:00 pm
PLACE: Microsoft Teams

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- 3.1 Additions to the Agenda
- 3.2 Approval of the Agenda
- 3.3 Approval of Minutes - November 2nd.

BUSINESS ARISING: Minutes of November 2, 2021.

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NEW BUSINESS

- 3.5 Fundraisers 21-22 (Chocolate - Cookbook & Graduation)
- 3.6 Selection Criteria for the appointment of a Principal
- 3.7 Base Day Care outings - January - June 2022
- 3.8 Afterschool Hockey Program
- 3.9 Holiday Breakfast - December 20th
- 3.10 Uniform Supplier

- 3.11 Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)
- 3.12 Varia

Date of next meeting: January 11, 2022

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD 2021-22

Minutes of the meeting of the Governing Board (GB) of Pierre-de-Coubertin Elementary School held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, held virtually via MS Teams at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Eric Brosseau	X	Anna-Maria Abbate	X
Maria Corsi	X	Rosanne Loggia	R
Tania Decobellis	X	Tonia Nardi	X
Mary Lou Forgione	X	Michelle Santilli	X
Patrick Marcovecchio	R	Connie Vitale	X
Sylvia Martignetti	X	Cesidia DeCrescentis	X
Tania Romano	R	Maria Iacono	R
Mary Vasile	R		
Administration:		Commissioner Ward 8:	
Ida Pisano, Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	x
Jessica Monti, Vice-Principal	X		

X = Present

R = Regrets

3.1 Additions to the Agenda

Ms. Pisano added item 3.12 Budget.

3.2 Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Maria Corsi to accept the Agenda, seconded by Mary Lou Forgione, and it was unanimously resolved to accept the Agenda.

3.3 Approval of Minutes – November 2nd

The minutes of the meeting held on November 2nd, 2021 will be approved at the next GB meeting.

3.4 Business Arising

As the minutes from November 2nd, 2021, were not approved, there was no business arising from this meeting.

3.5 Fundraisers 21-22

The following fundraisers were brought forward by the PPO:

Chocolate: There are two options – Laura Secord or World’s Finest. Laura Secord chocolates are peanut free; there are 30 bars per box at a cost of \$3 per bar. Total cost for one box is \$90, profit to PDC is 50% of sales. World’s Finest is not as good as in the past; the cost and the profit are the same as Laura

Secord. World's Finest will take back the unsold chocolate. The chocolate drive would begin sometime in February.

It was moved by Eric Brosseau and seconded by Mary Lou Forgione, and unanimously resolved to approve Laura Secord as the supplier for the chocolate fundraiser.

Cookbook: The cost to produce a cookbook is \$18.15 per book, and includes 200 sheets, and would sell for \$40-\$45 each. Members felt that the selling price is too high. There is also a minimum order for printing and members questioned what would happen if the cookbooks don't sell. Members discussed less costly options, for example, recipes coming from the PDC children. However, it was questioned who would put the cookbook together and vet the recipes to ensure there are no infringements on copyright. It was also suggested that we create an app to store the recipes. It was decided to table this fundraiser for the time being.

The Grad Committee met last week. They are still looking into fundraisers. But the GB approved in principle for the Grad Committee to hold three fundraisers.

FundScrip: Maria Corsi provided some basic information about Fundscrip and will report on more information at the next meeting.

3.6 Selection Criteria for the appointment of a Principal

The Chair will send the selection criteria to members for comment via email.

3.7 Base Daycare Outings – January-June 2022

Ms. Pisano presented the planned daycare outings on Ms. Iacono's behalf. There was a discussion concerning the outing planned for January 24, 2022 at Mont Avila as members found it to be expensive. It was proposed to table this particular outing or change the activity. Ms. Pisano will send a request for approval of all other outings by email. It was moved by Tania Decobellis and seconded by Eric Brosseau, and unanimously resolved to approve all outings except for the outing planned for January 24, 2022 at Mont Avila, pending further information from Ms. Iacono.

3.8 After School Hockey Program

Some PDC parents approached Ms. Pisano about the potential to offer an after school hockey program through Next Level Hockey. Ms. Pisano contacted Mr. Michael Buonincontri to obtain more information. Next Level Hockey provides developmental coaching. The hockey program would not be done at school, but a specific time slot would be reserved for PDC students only at Arena Anjou, Friday nights at 7 pm. The program would accept 15-20 children at all playing levels and abilities. The children would train together. The program lasts 28 weeks and costs \$700 for the first child in a family and \$600 for a second child from the same family. It is unclear whether the children would compete in hockey games because at this time, only Honore Mercier school has signed up with Next Level Hockey.

A discussion was held about the hockey program. Several members found the program to be very expensive, which would limit participation to a small number of students whose families could afford it. Concerns were raised about liability for PDC, because PDC would be endorsing a program that is held off-site, with no oversight by PDC administration. It was felt that parents who are interested in the program could pursue this opportunity independently. It was also felt that because of the cost of the

program, it would not be accessible to all children. All children should be given an equal opportunity to participate in a sports program without cost being a barrier. Other sports were discussed, such as soccer and tennis. An extracurricular music program was also discussed.

It was moved by Eric Brosseau and seconded by Mary Lou Forgione, and unanimously resolved that PDC declines to offer the after school hockey program.

3.9 Holiday Breakfast – December 20th

The Holiday Breakfast will consist of a pancake, chicken sausage, hash brown, eggs, and chocolate milk. The breakfast will be distributed in individualized containers, and costs \$7 per breakfast. The children will be decorating ornaments in class. It was moved by Mary Lou Forgione, seconded by Tonia Nardi, and unanimously resolved to incur the costs to offer the holiday breakfast to the PDC children.

3.10 Uniform Supplier

An attempt was made to request information from Moxo, but no information was received. Some parents have expressed issues with the quality of the clothing provided by Modecole. The company has agreed to send another sample for the shorts so we may verify the quality. Prices have increased slightly. However, the Board is reviewing school uniform practices, because public schools cannot impose a uniform as long as the color code is respected.

It was moved by Tonia Nardi, seconded by Eric Brosseau, and unanimously resolved to maintain Modecole as PDC's uniform provider for a period of two years. The prices will be locked in for those two years.

3.11 Varia

Ms. Pisano informed the GB that several companies came to inspect the kindergarten playground to assess needed repairs for it to conform to standards. PDC applied for a beautification grant of \$50,000 and expects to find out in January whether the funds will be awarded. It is anticipated that the order will be placed in January and the work will be completed in Spring.

Ms. Pisano also presented an overview of Holiday Week at PDC, where celebrations and activities will be held daily. CTV will be present on December 8th to feature the Bead It project which will be part of the Spirit of Giving Campaign. Children will be making bracelets and proceeds from the sale of the bracelets will go towards the Children's Hospital. CTV will film the Bead It activity, and the music club/choir will provide musical entertainment.

Maria Corsi provided an update on EMSBPC activities. The last meeting was held on December 2nd. Mr. Russell Copeman from QESBA was an invited guest and he gave a presentation on Bill 96 and how it will affect the Anglophone community. Also, the annual Parent Conference will be held sometime in May. A big part of the meeting was held in camera to discuss a recent issue with the PC Executive.

The Chair wished everyone Happy Holidays.


3.12 Budget

Ms. Pisano provided an overview of the budget and amounts available in various funds and government measures. The budget was discussed and shared with the GB.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Ida Pisano, Principal



Tania Decobellis
Governing Board Chairperson