



PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

Governing Board 2022-2023 Meeting no. 6

If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please call the school secretary to report your absence or by email.

DATE: Thursday, April 20, 2023

TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

PLACE: PDC Staffroom

Parents:		Teachers:	
Tania Decobellis	X	Michelle Santilli	X
Eric Brosseau	X	Rosanne Loggia	X
Adamo Di Lembo	X	Nathalie Somma	X
Tania Conforti	X	Sabrina Boukdjadja	R
Eric Maddalena	X	Connie Vitale	X
Maria Corsi	X		
Joseph Rainone	X	Support Staff:	
Joe Sousa	R	Cesidia De Crescentis	X
		Maria Iacono	R
Administration:		Commissioner Ward 8:	
Ida Pisano, Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	R
Michael Guerriero, Interim Vice-Principal	X		

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- 6.1 Welcome 6.2
- Additions to the Agenda 1 min.
- Parents of 6th grade student attended to express a concern around the lack of a 6th grade outing
 - Wanted to address the concern and see if anything can be done to make the 6th grade trip happen
- 6.3 Approval of the Agenda 1 min.
- Additions to the agenda
 - Parent concern
 - PPO update
 - Sock Hop
 - Maria Corsi moved to approve the agenda
 - Nathalie Somma seconded the motion
- 6.4 Approval of Minutes –March 16, 2023. 2 min
- Eric Brosseau moved to approve the minutes
 - Joseph Rainone seconded the motion
- 6.5 **BUSINESS ARISING** - March 16, 2023. 2 min.

NEW BUSINESS

- 6.6 Budget 15 min
- Ida Pisano brought attention to the deficit on lunch supervision – has reduced this year but it’s being carried over from the pandemic – most schools are in the same situation on this item
 - Adamo Di Lembo asked about the funds that were allocated for chess that were not used
 - Ida Pisano advised it would be rolling over – will be trying once more to contact the chess instructor and bring him back for next year

- Ida Pisano said the chocolate fundraiser has gone well – still collecting but close to \$32K so far (we retain 45%)
- Fundraisers continue to finance bussing fees for field trips
- Ida Pisano confirmed that the funds raised (\$12K) for the playground is still part of the available funds as the cheque to the board has yet to be written
- Remaining expenses left for the school year to be paid from Fund 3 are a few fields trips and family fun day
- Ida Pisano will send out electronic version of the budget to the governing board for further review
- Maria Corsi moved to approve the budget
- Eric Maddalena seconded the motion

6.7 Le Doral Local Agreement 5 min

- Stipulation in the contract about what to do with the food if the school is closed – proposal is to donate the food
- Eric Maddalena asked what the alternative is
- Ida Pisano said give parents money back for the meal they didn't receive
- School has always done the donation without reimbursement
- Joseph Rainone moved to continue with the donation without reimbursement
- Eric Brosseau seconded the motion

6.8 Family Fun Night 10 min

- Face painting/ popcorn/cotton candy will be sold – school will retain half of the profit
- Inflatables were offered for free
- Food being donated from different merchants
- Parents may have to pay for:
 - Ice cream truck, coffee, dessert
- Alumni will be DJ
- Parents \$15/ Kids (4+) \$12 – proposed pricing
- New parents invited for free
- Joseph Rainone moved to approve Family Fun Night
- Maria Corsi seconded the motion

6.9 Bee Hive 5 min

- Bee hive is currently on top of the roof however it cannot be there anymore due worker safety issues

- Michael Guerriero advised that we need a radius of 10 feet around the hive for the bees to thrive and also for the safety of the children
- Michael Guerriero described the potential location in the garden
- Joseph Rainone asked what the benefits are
- Ida Pisano advised that we get the honey (has been used for fundraiser), we also get workshops as part of the package and it contributes towards pollination
- Tania Decobellis recommended that we consult EMSB to ensure proper safety

6.10 Playground update 10 min

- Landscape Architect came to survey the land and suggested not to remove the asphalt because it will end creating a more complicated project and higher budget ~150K
 - Will need city permit and civil engineer to ensure soil is draining properly
 - Will need to protect city tree roots that are coming into the yard
 - Will need to test the soil to ensure it's not contaminated
- Architect suggests to wait as the school yard including playground should be redone soon and this would be covered by the ministry
- Now we can reassess what we want to do in the playground as the architect has recommended not to proceed as planned
- Professional fees are ~16K which includes asphalt - so it will be less since we're not doing asphalt
- Jambette has quoted 29K + 5K (10% for contingency)
- Overall available funds are ~\$22K - Adamo Di Lembo and Joseph Rainone will look into getting a quote to replace the wood chips with rubber to see if we can now include this in the project

6.11 Garden 10 min

- PPO will be revamping the garden

6.12 Fun Day and Concert expenses 10 min

- Concert expenses - \$2,500 rental cost for the stage
 - Ida Pisano proposes to take it from Fund 3
 - Maria Corsi moved to accept the proposal
 - Joseph Rainone seconded the motion
- Fun Day - June 21

- Inflatables will be rented - will come back for approval once the quote is received
- Ida Pisano looking into ice cream as well for the kids

6.13 Principal, Delegate and Chairperson Report

- Nothing to report

6.14 Varia

- Sock Hop - Dance party for grades 4-6
 - Alumni will DJ for free, pizza/chips/water will be offered
 - Selling candy, ring pops etc.
 - \$10 per student
 - Maria Corsi moved to approve Sock Hop
 - Joseph Rainone seconded the motion
- 6th grade trip
 - In previous years, there were trips for 6th grade students prior to the pandemic
 - Parents raised the question to Tania Decobellis asking if there would be a trip and as it stands there is no trip organized
 - Parents wanted to have more of a discussion around this to understand why this is not happening and if there are any other options
 - Adamo Di Lembo asked why it's not happening
 - Ida Pisano advised teachers proposed the field trips and it is approved to GB at the beginning of the year
 - Field trips like Quebec City/Ottawa require a higher level of commitment from teachers beyond their obligations so Ida Pisano leaves it to the teachers to decide if they want to propose this
 - We did have an overnight trip in the past but it poses too many concerns/risks so it was not done again in the future after there was an incident one year
 - Ottawa day trips continued until the pandemic started
 - At the beginning of this year, the option was explored by the teachers and they were unable to make a commitment at that time
 - Michelle Santilli explained all the challenges that come along with the doing an overnight trip
 - Maria Corsi explained that the parents respect the commitment of the teachers and are not blaming them but as we return to normal, there was an expectation that the Ottawa trip would be back on and

this is why the parents were disappointed to see that this is not happening

- Maria Corsi also expressed that parents are always welcome to join a GB meeting and should not be seen taken as an intrusion.
- Ida Pisano concluded that she will send out a communication to the grade 6 parents to clarify the situation.
- Rosanne Loggia reiterated that the teachers are always open to hear concerns directly from parents

There were no further concerns and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Date of next meeting: May 23, 2023



Ida Pisano

Principal



Tania Decobellis

Chairperson