



PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

Governing Board 2022-2023 Meeting no. 5

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

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023

TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:00pm

PLACE: Virtual

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

5.1 Guest Speaker

10 min

- Ida Pisano advised Johnny Piazza will be speaking on behalf of Le Doral
- Johnny Piazza highlighted some changes upcoming for next school year:
 - Price increase by \$0.25 – total of \$6.75 which will be frozen for two school years barring any other type of unexpected event such as a pandemic
 - This is in effort to maintain the same quality of food that is being served today
 - No more reusable utensils as per the federal mandate
 - Vegetarian option is being introduced

- Connie Vitale asked if there is a possibility for different sizes as older kids are sometimes still hungry
 - Johnny Piazza advised that the logistics required to produce different sizes are not possible at this time given all the different options they already provide and still prepare it fresh in the morning

5.2 Additions to the Agenda 1 min.

- Ida Pisano proposed to add Family Fun night
- Tania Decobellis asked to add TCBY

5.3 Approval of the Agenda 1 min.

- Eric Maddalena moved to approve the agenda
- Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion

5.4 Approval of Minutes –February 16, 2023. 2 min.

- Sabrina Boukdjadja moved to approve the minutes from February 16, 2023
- Rosanne Loggia seconded the motion

5.5 **BUSINESS ARISING - February 16, 2023.** 2 min.

- Family Fun Night
 - Ida Pisano advised she met with PPO and has started the planning
 - Proposed date is June 1 (5pm-8pm) – June 2 is a PED day
 - Planning on having food, inflatable games included with the ticket
 - Snacks, coffee station would be available for purchase on top of the ticket price

NEW BUSINESS

5.6 Hot Meal Provider 2023-2024 15 min.

- Ida Pisano advised that this was discussed with PPO and they support keeping Le Doral
- Eric Maddalena asked if there has been any other feedback from parents on Le Doral
 - Ida Pisano advised feedback is generally positive and if ever there is an issue that the lunch monitors report, Le Doral is very responsive on rectifying it
- Eric Brosseau proposed that maybe we should let parents know now to start sensitizing them to bring their own utensils
 - Ida Pisano proposed that we align to the school year to avoid comparisons to other schools who are still providing the utensils

- Ida Pisano will also provide feedback to Johnny Piazza to add a disclaimer on the order form to remind parents to provide their own utensils
 - Eric Maddalena moved to keep Le Doral for next school year
 - Eric Brosseau seconded the motion
- 5.7 Summer Camp 23-24 5 min.

- Ida Pisano advised that they were approached to run the EnfantTastique summer camp program
- Three-week program – July 3 to 21
- Literacy & sports camp – literacy sessions in the morning are meant to have a different feel from school, more fun
- Camp is run by a teacher and young teachers are often part of the staff
- Cost is \$225/week + daycare fees + \$40 registration fee
- Camp would take place at PDC but that is on a rental basis through the school board – no other association
- Raquel Faustini moved to allow EnfantTastique to run at PDC
- Maria Corsi seconded the motion

5.8 Principal, Delegate and Chairperson Report 15 min.

- Principal's update - Ida Pisano
 - Science & STEAM fair March 21 judging; March 22 students of all classes will visit and parents are invited in the evening
 - Storytelling festival happened yesterday, and our two winners will represent PDC at Gerald McShane on March 30
 - Grade 2 went to Planetarium today and experienced learning outside of the school
 - Grade 4 school board English exams starting on April 11
 - Ministry exams for grade 5 and 6 coming in May and June
 - New doors were installed in the yard and some K classes and hallways upstairs were painted
 - "Welcome to Kindergarten" session happening on June 2
- Delegate's update - Maria Corsi
 - PC meeting March 2
 - Discussed the respect campaign launch by EMSB last September
 - Originally was going to be a year long campaign however they are thinking of extending it
 - PC published an open letter to the minister of education (<https://www.emsb.qc.ca/emsb/articles/an-open-letter-to-bernard-drainville>)

- Budget building process was completed – feedback provided in last GB meeting was shared
- School board seems to be moving away from “gambling” type fundraisers like bingo or raffles for which the PC disagrees
- School board also feels like schools are receiving more funding so they are question the need for the level of fundraising the schools are doing
- PC will be writing a letter expressing their disagreement with this new direction
- Chairperson’s Update – Tania Decobellis
 - Staff appreciation week went very well – big thanks to the PPO for all their efforts

5.9 Varia

- TCBY
 - Tania Decobellis spoke to a contact at East Hill and they have an ice cream fundraiser through the Maxi in RDP which seems like it may be more beneficial financially than our TCBY fundraiser
 - Ida Pisano advised we can look into this however TCBY is approved for this year but that we can gather more information as a potential different option for next year
 - Connie Vitale proposed that this could be an interesting option for Family Fun Night to test out how it would work
 - There was some discussion about having a “Home and School” instead of a PPO – this would need to be reviewed and proposed to parents at the general assembly at the beginning of the school year
- Adamo Di Lembo asked when we will be presented with a budget update again
 - Ida Pisano advised it will be presented in the April update

Date of next meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2023



Tania Decobellis
Chairperson