

# PIERRE DE COUBERTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## GOVERNING BOARD 2022-23

Minutes of the Governing Board (GB) meeting of Pierre-de-Coubertin Elementary School held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:30pm.

**Attendance:**

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

X = Present

R = Regrets

**1.1 Additions to the Agenda**

- IP reviewed the process of requesting additions to the agenda
  - Additions should be raised to the Chairperson prior to the meeting to add to the agenda to allow for preparation
- ADL requested that "School Yard" be added to the agenda for this meeting

**1.2 Approval of the Agenda**

- MC moved to accept the agenda
- JS seconded the motion
- Unanimous agreement by the rest of the GB

**1.3 Election of the Chair**

- EB nominated TD for GB Chair
- TD accepted the nomination and there were no further nominations

- GB elected TD as Chair
- EM agreed to take the role of secretary and document meeting minutes

#### 1.4 Election of Treasurer

- GB elected EB as Treasurer

#### 1.5 PC Delegate x2

- GB elected MC as PC Delegate
- GB elected JR as PC Delegate Alternate

#### 1.6 Selection of dates of G.B. meetings

- GB agreed that next meeting would be held on November 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM
- GB agreed that meetings would be virtual by default via Microsoft Teams however we will still use in-person meetings as necessary
- Further meetings will be scheduled once the dates and times are known for other committee meetings which are not confirmed at this time

#### 1.7 GB Internal Procedures

- IP reviewed the GB Internal Procedures
- Clarified that four (4) parent members must be present in a GB meeting for quorum

#### 1.8 School Fieldtrips

- JM reviewed the school fieldtrips planned so far
- Highlighted field trips are from the “Répertoire culture-éducation” put together by the Minister of Education
- These outings are eligible for financial support from the Ministry – allocation for this school year is still TBD
- Costs reviewed for field trips did not include transportation
- MC asked if there are any concerns around the booking of transportation – JM confirmed all transportation has been booked but cost estimates have not yet been provided
- Cost for Spectacles/Ateliers Yannick Bergeron documented under grade 3 and grade 4 is the total cost for both grades
- Holocaust Museum outing cost was covered by the EMSB
- Cost for Bricks 4 Kidz documented under grade 5 and grade 6 are the costs for each grade
- Total fieldtrips cost is ~\$21,733, ~\$6,000 of which is from the “Répertoire culture-éducation” and eligible for financial support from the Ministry
- GMAA outings are paid from through the “École active” program

- MC moved to accept the content of the field trips as school budget is to be reviewed in a future meeting
- EB seconded the motion
- Unanimous agreement by the rest of the GB

#### 1.9 ECA

- Two vendors providing extra-curricular activities for the fall session were discussed
- ECA to start as of October 24, 2022
- Payment to be made directly to the vendor
  - Enfant & Compagnie (portion of proceeds to stay with PDC)
    - World Art Studio – All grade levels - \$104/8 sessions
    - Kidscience – Lower grade levels - \$104/8 sessions
    - Karate – Lower grade levels - \$100/8 sessions
  - Pure Skills
    - Basketball Program - Higher grade levels - \$101/8 sessions
- SB moved to accept these ECAs
- JS seconded the motion
- Unanimous agreement by the rest of the GB

#### 1.10 Day Care ECA & Fieldtrips

- MI presented fieldtrips planned for 2022 pedagogical days
- First fieldtrip on October 3, 2022 (Apple Picking) was a success with high participation (~65 students)
- MI to present more information regarding afterschool activities in our next meeting
- MC moved to accept the daycare fieldtrips planned for 2022
- SB seconded the motion
- Unanimous agreement by the rest of the GB

#### 1.11 Fundraiser – Reggio Café and socks

- Reggio Café offering PDC a box of 50 Nespresso compatible pods at a cost of \$15
- Boxes can be sold at a cost of \$20 for a net profit of \$5/box
- PDC will take orders and Reggio Café will fulfill – no need to purchase inventory
- CV moved to accept the Reggio Café fundraiser
- JS seconded the motion
- Unanimous agreement by the rest of the GB
  
- Pedro Sport sells socks and offering PDC 30% of the proceeds
- Socks can be sold online through their website
- TC recommended that the socks are much more attractive in person and we should set up a table at parent/teacher night to which there was unanimous agreement from the GB

- JR moved to accept the Pedro Sport fundraiser
- TC seconded the motion
- Unanimous agreement by the rest of the GB

#### 1.12 Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)


- IP updated the GB on the following:
  - Principal's Summer Reading Club
    - IP advised that 26 students joined the Principal's Summer Reading Club
    - IP was expecting participation to be around 125 students and was planning to provide a \$10 Indigo gift card for 10 students drawn at random
    - Given the low number of students, IP provided a \$10 Indigo gift card to all 26 students
  - Halloween 2022
    - Will be celebrated on October 31, 2022
    - Carnival activities will take place in different classrooms
    - Students will go from class to class to participate in the different activities
    - Halloween Idol event will also take place
  - Tutors
    - Two tutors (one English and one French) are being hired and will be starting the week of October 10, 2022
    - These tutors will go into classrooms and act as teacher's aide/support resource as required
    - Salary for these tutors comes from a specific measure – to be discussed further with IP presents the budget to the GB
  - School Concert
    - Aiming to be held in the spring
  - Chess Activity (Grades 1-6)
    - Past instructor (Mr. Nicolas) who was well liked by staff and students requires time off for personal reasons
    - IP has advised Mr. Nicolas that we will hold on the activity for now as we would like to have this instructor back
    - If we go back to Association Échecs et Maths for another instructor, we will not be able to hire back Mr. Nicolas for two years
  - Youth Fusion (Grade 6)
    - Video game programming activity and competition
    - This runs from October to May and is part of the curriculum
    - EMSB used to pay for this program but no longer does
    - PDC has had a great experience with this program so has retained it as part of the curriculum
    - Science fair type gala held at the end of the year for both students and parents to see the output of this program
  - Spanish Heritage Program (Grade 6)
    - On-going

- JM updated the GB on the following:
  - “Connexion Cartier” Program
    - Program for grade 1 in collaboration with a French language school
    - Intention is to provide our students with a “real” opportunity outside the classroom to speak French with other students
    - Will happen at a neutral facility such as the Saint-Leonard Library
    - Partner school is “École Gabrielle-Roy” (grades 4 & 5)
- TD reiterated process to add items to the agenda for future meetings and also mentioned that the purpose of the GB is for parents to collaborate with the staff of the school for the best possible outcomes and to also recognize their expertise in school-related matters
- MC advised the next PC meeting is being held on October 20, 2022
  - Meeting is a General Assembly where Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, etc. will be elected
  - MC will provide an update at the next GB meeting

#### 1.13 Varia

- ADL raised the subject of making improvements to our school yards (both Kindergarten and main yard)
- IP advised that a government grant was applied for last year to renovate the kindergarten yard
  - The grant was approved for \$50K – project estimate is \$70K so fundraising of \$20K will be required
- JR raised that the current wood chip mulch is not very attractive and we should consider other options when we move forward with the project
- IP will revert to the board once she has more details to share on the project
- ADL proposed that we should look at the main yard as well
- IP advised that typically grades 4-6 rotate having lunch at the Parc Coubertin which could reduce the need to add structures to the main yard and limit open space. Intention is to maximize the amount of open space so that the maximum number of children can be active at the same time
- IP proposed that the next time we discuss yard improvements, the Physical Education teachers should be invited as the yard often acts as an extension of the gym so they would have valuable input to share with the GB
- Water draining has been an issue in the past however Ville de Montreal has corrected the water draining from the park to the school yard so the situation is now acceptable

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
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**Ida Pisano**  
 Principal

  
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**Tania Decobellis**  
 Governing Board Chairperson