

PIERRE DE COUBERTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOVERNING BOARD 2022-23

Minutes of the Governing Board (GB) meeting of Pierre-de-Coubertin Elementary School held on November 10th, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Attendance:

Parents:		Teachers:	
Tania Decobellis	X	Michelle Santilli	R
Eric Brosseau	X	Rosanne Loggia	R
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	Support Staff:	
Joe Sousa	X	Cesidia De Crescentis	X
		Maria Iacono	X
Administration:		Commissioner Ward 8:	
Ida Pisano, Principal	X	Mario Pietrangelo	R
Jessica Monti, Vice-Principal	X		

X = Present
R = Regrets

2.1 Additions to the Agenda

- No additions to the agenda

2.2 Approval of the Agenda

- MC moved to approve the agenda
- EB seconded the motion

2.3 Approval of Minutes – October 5th meeting

- SB moved to approve the minutes
- ADL seconded the motion

Approval of minutes - September 12 meeting (with 21-22 members)

- MC proposed that minutes to be amended to indicate that there were two vacancies and that GB rules allowed for election of two new members for one year terms
- TD moved to accept this amendment
- EB seconded the motion
- IP to add back to agenda for review next meeting

BUSINESS ARISING - October 5th meeting

2.4 Selection of dates of G.B. meetings

- It was agreed that the timing of the meeting will be confirmed the week of the meeting
 - The meetings will take place at either 6:30pm or 7:00pm
- It was agreed that meetings for the rest of the year will take place on the following dates:
 - December 14, 2022 (in person)
 - January 19, 2023
 - February 16, 2023
 - March 16, 2023
 - April 20, 2023
 - May 18, 2023
 - June 14, 2023

NEW BUSINESS

2.5 Fundraisers 22-23

- IP advised that graduation party for Grade 6 typically costs \$10K
- Two fundraisers proposed to cover this
 - Gratte O Thon & Lafrenai
- IP presented other options for general fundraising for the school
 - JR presented Super Recycler
 - Board agreed to table for future meeting – could align to Earth Day/spring cleaning
 - MC moved to approve Chocolate Laura Secord
 - EB seconded the motion
 - MC moved to approve TCBY
 - MI seconded the motion
 - MC moved to approve Dress Down Days
 - SB seconded the motion
 - JR moved to approve Vincent Pizza
 - ADL seconded the motion

2.6 Arbre de Joie / Socks in a box

- Arbre de Joie
 - Program to purchase Christmas gifts for nearby impoverished school
 - Parents can choose how many students to sponsor and buy a gift for them
 - Parents will be advised of gender and age group of students
 - Budget is approximately \$10-15 per gift
- Socks in a box
 - Sock collection on behalf of the Old Brewery Mission
 - Socks are one of the most needed items for the Old Brewery Mission
 - Class who sells the most can get a prize like a pizza party
- JR moved to accept both charitable activities for the Holiday period
 - EB seconded the motion

2.7 Educational Project Annual Report – resolution.

- IP presented the PDC Annual Report for 2021-2022
- IP highlighted great improvement in Mathematical Reasoning Component in 2022 compared to 2019 and English Language Arts results which were still strong
- EM asked for explanation on Cycle 3 and why there was a gap in results between 2019 and 2022
 - IP clarified cycle 3 is grades 5 & 6 and there was no end of cycle exams held during 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic
- IP also highlighted student survey results which exceeded the Canadian norm for both “Positive teacher-student relations” and “Expectations for success”
 - EB asked how we can publicize these results to promote the school in a positive light
 - IP advised main goal is to confirm that the staff/school is on track with its educational project
 - IP advised she is open to discussing strategies on how to promote this outside of the meeting
- JS moved and GB resolved that the report be communicated to all stakeholders

2.8 Kindergarten Playground

- IP updated that \$2.2K is already collected with another \$2K promised
 - Two other local merchants also promised to donate and IP will be following up
- IP updated that \$15K is needed to cover school’s portion of the project as board will be covering \$50K
- There is another grant that has potential through Phys Ed teachers which is to be reviewed further by IP
- IP updated as well that we cannot reapply for a second grant to cover the cost of replacing playground mulch with another material which was raised in the Oct 5 meeting by JR
 - IP clarified that a PIP surface would cost an additional 35-40K for just the playground area

- JS will be reviewing the process with TD Bank
- EM will look into options with HSBC Bank
- EB will reach out to a contact at National Bank
- IP thanked everyone for their initiative but clarified that we all need to be on board as a GB before officially submitting anything to ensure consistency
- IP also presented the application to the Minister of Education that allowed us to obtain the grant for \$50K
- IP will circulate a Google Doc to collect personal information from the GB members for the purposes of fundraising applications

2.9 Day care Rules and regulation booklet 22-23

- MI presented the Daycare Handbook – mostly standard information from the EMSB
- EB moved to approve the booklet for circulation with parents
 - EM seconded the motion

2.10 Community Representative

- IP was approached by Cono Fusco to be a community rep
- IP clarified that the community rep is not a voting member and should not be a parent or future parent in the school
- CF is a potential parent based on his email to IP
- MC does not agree that CF would be an appropriate community rep given that he is a potential parent
 - EB expressed his agreement
- EM asked if CF has a link to the community
 - IP clarified that CF advised he has been involved in the community through sporting events and other fundraising activity
 - JM advised that CF is the owner of Moxo Media and who's child will be in Grade 6
- A vote was conducted and no members were in favor of having CF as a community rep

2.11 Charitable Fundraiser

- Children in Grade 5 are working on a cookbook in English/French/Italian
- Cookbook will be sold with proceeds donated to the Montreal Neuro Institute
- Institute will also present to the children around head safety

2.12 Information (Principal, Chair, Delegate)

- IP advised 173 boxes of coffee were sold as part of the coffee fundraiser
- TD advised EMSB asked for support from the GB in their legal battle against Bill 21 and Bill 96

- TD will write up a resolution for discussion during the December meeting
- EB suggested that more information be shared to the board to ensure everyone understands the implications of Bills 21, 40 and 96
 - MC will speak at the next meeting on these bills
- MC will provide an update from the PC at the next meeting

2.13 Varia

- NIL

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



Ida Pisano
Principal



Tania Decobellis
Governing Board Chairperson