



**PIERRE DE COUBERTIN**  
**Governing Board 2023 - 2024**  
**Meeting no. 3 - Minutes**

**DATE:** November 6, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 - 8:30  
**PLACE:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

<b>Parents:</b>		<b>Teachers:</b>	
Tania Decobellis	P	Michael Guerriero	P
Eric Brosseau	P	Rosanne Loggia	P
Adamo Di Lembo	P	Sophia Kalinin	P
Claudia Mastrocola	P	Sabrina Boukdjadja	P
Eric Maddalena	P	Connie Vitale	P
Iolanda Bertucci	P	Sara Luciano	P
Joseph Rainone	P	<b>Support Staff:</b>	
Joe Sousa	P	Cesidia De Crescentis	P
		<b>Daycare Representative:</b>	
		Elena Lato-Difranco	P
<b>Administration:</b>		<b>Community Representative</b>	
Ida Pisano, Principal	P	Maria Corsi	P
Lisa Triestino	P	<b>Commissioner Ward 8:</b>	
		Mario Pietrangelo	R

**3.1 Additions to the Agenda**

- Adamo Di Lembo proposed to add Budget/Data Committee to the Agenda, added to item 3.16
- Ida Pisano proposed to add Krispy Kreme Fundraiser to item 3.8 Fundraisers 23-24

**3.2 Approval of the Agenda**

- Motion to accept the agenda made by Connie Vitale
- Motion seconded by Joe Sousa

**3.3 Approval of Minutes:**

1. June 14, 2023
  - Motion to approve the June 14, 2023 minutes made by Connie Vitale

- Motion seconded by Sabrina Boukdjadja
- 2. October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
  - Claudia Mastrocola identified several typos to be adjusted in the minutes
  - Adamo Di Lembo suggested to add the discussion held related to maintenance and availability of supplies to be included in the minutes
  - Approval of October 3, 2023 minutes tabled pending corrections/additions and review
- 3. October 19, 2023
  - Motion to approve the October 19, 2023 minutes made by Eric Brosseau
  - Motion seconded by Roseanne Loggia

**BUSINESS ARISING** - June 14, October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

3.4 GB Internal Procedures 23-24

- Ida Pisano asked for comments on the Internal Procedures subsequent to the addition of point 9. Governing Board Communication
- No additional comments provided
- Motion to approve the revised Internal Procedures made by Eric Maddalena
- Motion seconded by Eric Brosseau
- Ida Pisano proposed that email voting should be limited to decisions which are time-sensitive and that a dollar cap should be implemented for budget items approved via email voting.
- Eric Maddalena agrees with the proposal and, as such, motion to approve the Revised Internal Procedures was withdrawn by Eric Maddalena.
- Eric Brosseau added that time-sensitive, budgetary items be directed to the chair initially
- Ida Pisano suggests a cap of \$500 with the submission of a detailed budget.
- Joseph Rainone suggests \$1,000 given most activities exceed the \$500 limit proposed. Ida Pisano agreed with a cap of \$1,000.
- Approval of revised GB Internal Procedures tabled pending revision for procedure 7. Email Voting.

3.5 Next Level Hockey

- Ida Pisano explained that Next Level Hockey will not provide PDC with a team for the current year, but will be only provide skills training and, as such, PDC will not engage Next Level Hockey (NLH)
- Adamo Di Lembo questioned decision to not engage NLH given that skills training would still be beneficial to junior hockey players at PDC
- Ida Pisano communicated that given the skills are done off school grounds, there is no hockey team, the visibility into the activity is limited
- Adamo Di Lembo still disagreed, and Ida Pisano confirmed that the

decision to not engage NLH was made at the EMSB level and communicated to PDC and any additional questions/complaints should be directed to the regional director

### 3.6 Chocolate Fundraiser

- Ida Pisano communicated to the GB that no additional information was provided from PPO regarding other suppliers for the chocolate fundraiser
- Tania Decobellis suggested to request samples from various suppliers
- Eric Brosseau questioned the timing of being able to change supplier given the timing and whether it is more practical to just change the box options
- Michael Guerriero asked about the margins and whether an option to customize the boxes is available
- Ida Pisano agreed to share the box options at the next GB meeting and a decision will be made at the next meeting

### 3.7 Halloween Expenditures

- A budget of \$1,000 was approved for the Halloween Haunted House
- Michael Guerriero expressed extreme gratitude for the efforts put into the Haunted House as the children and staff greatly appreciated the event

### 3.8 Fundraisers 23-24

- Adamo Di Lembo asked if a fundraiser can be done externally (off school premises) with the proceeds donated to PDC
- Ida Pisano clarified that if the fundraiser mentions PDC then the fundraiser would have to be organized in collaboration with the school
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
  - Motion to approve Krispy Kreme made by Joseph Rainone
  - Motion to second made by Tania Decobellis
  - Ida confirmed that pre-order would have to be made for 500 boxes and pick-up would be Dec 20
  - Tania Decobellis mentioned that this fundraiser may directly compete with graduation committee holiday Lafrenaie fundraiser
  - Sara Luciano mentioned that the Krispy Kreme boxes are also available at Costco
  - Tania Decobellis asked if GB was in agreement to remove Krispy Kreme fundraiser and ask PPO for additional fundraising options
  - GB members agreed

### 3.9 Air Conditioner

- Ida Pisano explained that she reached out to Mario Cardin (Materials Resource) and Kosta Spyridakos to inquire about air conditioners and obtained the same response as in 2017, MEQ has no measures planned related to ACs and the cost is likely between \$350,000 - \$400,000

- Tania Decobellis questioned how other school boards are able to accomplish the installation of ACs
- Ida will go back and request if the installation of wall units is a potential option
- Maria Corsi suggested inquiring about the age of the heating system, as if due for replacement there may be an opportunity to replace with a combined heating and cooling system
- Ida Pisano will get informed on the age of the system and when a replacement is expected if heating/cooling is an option
- Adamo Di Lembo also requested to obtain clarification on if the school raised a certain amount whether the board would be willing to contribute the rest and Ida Pisano agreed to bring this question to the Regional Director
- Ida Pisano suggested the GB, as a collective, write a letter via the GB Chair to Mr. Cardin about the concerns/needs for the implementation of ACs at PDC
- Michael Guerriero asked about whether window units are an option
- Ida Pisano explained that given those units are not energy efficient, do not ventilate, they go against the environmental policy of the Board and are not a viable option

### 3.10 Fund 3 (June 14)

- Ida Pisano explained that the fundraising funds in Fund 3 amount to \$26,653 and amount includes approximately \$10,000 related to fundraising specifically for the Pre-K yard
- Ida Pisano mentioned that these funds may have to be used towards the purchase of desks in future years given that MAO budget is very minimal
- Joseph Rainone asked if, as EMSB delegate, he could request at the Board why the MAO budget is so low, Ida Pisano agree
- Adamo Di Lembo asked when the budget would be presented, and Ida Pisano confirmed that it would be at the next GB meeting
- Claudia Mastrocola asked how many desks need to be replaced and Ida confirmed that at the moment there are no plans or needs but may have to in near future
- Tania Decobellis asked if there is a time limit on \$10,000 of funds for the play yard within which the funds would have to be used or otherwise lost, Joseph Rainone confirmed those funds were raised by PDC and there is no time limit

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 3.11 Arbre de Joie

- Ida Pisano explained the Arbre de Joie - ask PDC parents to donate gifts to children of less fortunate schools and asked if the GB agreed to proceed

- with the Arbre for the current year
- Motion approves made by Eric Maddalena
- Motion seconded by Joseph Rainone

### 3.12 Holiday Breakfast

- Ida Pisano explained that options for breakfast which result in less food wasted from prior years are being explored; one option being Le Doral which will offer pancakes at \$4/student and PPO is looking at other options

### 3.13 GB Training Session – November 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Ida Pisano will share link from EMSB for anyone who wishes to attend the training session

### 3.14 Water Fountain Filters

- Ida Pisano explained that all fountains and the staff room faucet are equipped with water filters since 2021 and the filters are changed twice a year, the filters are specific for lead, chlorine and parts exceeding 500 microns
- Joseph Rainone questioned why the fountains are not refrigerated
- Ida Pisano explained that at the time the fountains were changed that it was suggested not to refrigerate as only a limited amount of water at a time could be refrigerated and given the amount of children in the school it would not be efficient
- Ida Pisano confirmed that the water was tested and Joseph Rainone requested that the results be shared with the GB, Ida Pisano agreed to share at next meeting

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

#### Principle Report

- Ida Pisano explained that surveys will be sent out shortly to gather information on a non-anonymous basis that will be collected and used in to move forward the educational project
- Ida Pisano presented the results of beginning of the year events/fundraisers as follows:
  - \$3,995.40 was spent on the colored powder for the September Color Run event
  - Profits from the September Movie night amounted to \$550.46
  - The Big Box Fundraiser raised \$7,062 (642 boxes sold @ \$11 profit/box)
- Ida Pisano expressed that the Open House was a great success and that the

- PDC received great feedback from many of the parents that attended
- Ida Pisano explained that a potential strike may impact the Parent/Teacher dates, at the moment they will proceed as normal but if the strike occurs these days will need to be rescheduled
  - Ida Pisano announced that \$17,000 was received for the Teacher Release and now the administration will be looking at how many teachers can be released from supervision duty
  - Ida Pisano also announced that daycare fees have increased to \$9.20/day and \$12/day for pedagogical days

#### Chair

- Tania Decobellis expressed gratitude to Rosalia Caruso and Adamo Di Lembo for their generous contributions to the Halloween Haunted House

#### EMSB Delegate

- Joseph Rainone explained the following items from two EMSB meetings:
  - The EMSB issued a revision to their letter regarding the conflict in the Middle East following complaints from parents
  - Bill 9, the new complaints process is now in effect and shared that information can be found on the EMSB website
  - The certificate of eligibility is at risk of being lost once a child enters into the French School Board
  - GB Operating budget can be applied for marketing expenses

#### 3.16 Data Committee

- Adamo Di Lembo proposed a data committee to gather information relating to proceeds, expenses, etc for all events which would help allow PPO and GB to better organize, for planning purposes and to make better decisions
- Ida Pisano confirmed that this type of sub-committee could be beneficial for planning event purposed
- Adamo Di Lembo volunteered to help set-up and organize this committee in collaboration with Ida Pisano and support staff

**Date for next meeting: December 14, 2023. There was no further business to discuss, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.**



Ida Pisano  
Principal



Tania Decobellis  
Chairperson