



## PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

### Governing Board 2023 - 2024 Meeting no. 1

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

**DATE:** October 3, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 - 8:30  
**PLACE:** PDC School

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

- Ida Pisano requests to add "Explorateur"
- Adamo Di Lembo asked to add "Maintenance"
- Eric Maddalena suggests to rotate secretary duties
  - Claudia Mastrocola and Iolanda Bertucci agree to rotate

#### 1.2 Approval of the Agenda

- Joseph Rainone moved to approve the agenda
- Sabrina Boukdjadja seconded the motion

- 1.3 Approval of minutes from June 14, 2023
- Ida Pisano received them today, will circulate and send approval for next month's meeting

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.4 Election of Chair
- Eric Maddalena nominated Tania Decobellis
    - Tania Decobellis accepted the nomination
- 1.5 Election of Treasurer
- Joseph Rainone nominated Eric Brosseau
    - Eric Brosseau accepted the nomination
- 1.6 PC Delegate x2
- Adamo Di Lembo nominated Joseph Rainone
    - Joseph Rainone accepted the nomination
  - Joe Sousa nominated Iolanda Bertucci as alternate
    - Iolanda Bertucci accepted the nomination
- 1.7 Community Rep
- Ida Pisano advised that Maria Corsi would like to join the GB as community rep
  - Ida Pisano advised community rep sits on the board without voting privilege
  - The GB held a vote and the majority agreed to accept Maria Corsi as community rep
- 1.8 Selection of dates of G.B. meetings
- The following dates were selected for the GB meetings:
    - November 6, 2023
    - December 14, 2023
    - January 15, 2024
    - February 19, 2024
    - March 18, 2024
    - April 18, 2024
    - May 13, 2024
    - June 13, 2024

## 1.9 GB Internal Procedures

- Ida Pisano reviewed the internal procedures for the GB and highlighted the following
  - Four parents are required for quorum
  - Items that members wish to have added to the agenda should be raised prior to the meeting to both the chairperson and the principal
- Joseph Rainone moved to add to the internal procedures that any and all communications within the GB should be sent to all members in full transparency
  - Joe Sousa seconded the motion
  - Ida Pisano will update the internal procedures and provide the new draft by the next GB meeting
- Joseph Rainone proposed to add GB meeting dates to the monthly calendar in order to increase visibility for parents who may want to attend
  - Ida Pisano will have them added starting November
- Ida Pisano advised that we will finalize the procedures during the next meeting

## 1.10 School Fieldtrips

- Ida Pisano presented the field trip plan for the 2023/2024 school year
- Tania Decobellis clarified that there will be no sleep away trip for Grade 6 this school year - the ski trip is a three-day trip but there is no sleep over component
- Sara Luciano moved to approve the fieldtrips
  - Connie Vitale seconded the motion

## 1.11 Day Care ECA & Fieldtrips

- Ida Pisano circulated the field trip plan for daycare for 2023 (2024 plan pending for future meeting)
- Claudia Mastrocola moved to approve the Day Care fieldtrips
  - Eric Brosseau seconded the motion

## 1.12 Fundraiser

- Ida Pisano met with PPO to review fundraiser options
  - It was agreed with PPO to keep the chocolate fundraiser that we did last year.
- PPO also proposed to add the following activities:
  - Big box of cards
  - Sweet Treats (Les Delices Lafrenaie) as an alternative to TCBY
    - Eric Maddalena raised that these types of fundraisers may lead to some students feeling left out if their parents do not or cannot participate
    - Connie Vitale mentioned that in her experience, this is rarely case - maybe only with the younger students
  - Krispy Kreme
  - Dress down days
  - Pizza boxes
- Joseph Rainone proposed that we move ahead with the Big Box of Cards
  - Adamo Di Lembo seconded the motion
- Adamo Di Lembo proposed that we move ahead with Sweet Treats
  - Joseph Rainone seconded the motion
- **Adamo Di Lembo passed a motion to approve Dress Down Days and Joseph Rainone 2nd**

### 1.13 Extra curricular activities

- Lisa Triestino presented the activities planned for the fall session
- Eric Maddalena moved to approve the activities planned
  - Eric Brosseau seconded the motion
- Ida Pisano advised about the “Next Level” hockey program
  - Focus is shifting to more of a developmental program
    - Option 1 - PDC and Honoré Mercier together - both schools would have to agree - \$225 + tax - 15 sessions - Martin Brodeur
    - Option 2 - PDC alone \$450 + tax - Glace de l’est
  - Ida Pisano will get more info and send email to GB for decision

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

- Ida Pisano provided her update
  - Until December, the school board is paying for a marketing media consultant who will be in the school on Wednesdays

- PPO planning to put together a haunted house for Halloween – if approval for funding is required, Ida Pisano will circulate an email to the GB
- PDC was supposed to have a Documentation Tech starting on September 25, 2023 however the individual resigned
  - The library remains closed until a resource is found
- PDC is missing a 50% evening caretaker – the day caretaker will work an extra four hours two nights a week for the time being to fill the gap
- Ida Pisano also clarified that there are no shortages in every day materials (toilet paper, hand towels, light bulbs etc.) and that staff is being encouraged to be vigilant in the usage of these materials in order to control costs

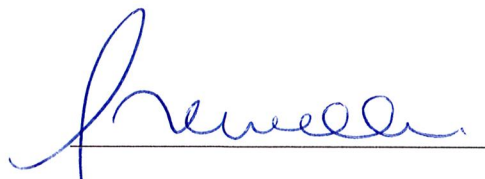
#### 1.15 Varia

- Uniform
  - Eric Maddalena raised that the dress code policy suggests that the gym clothes and cardigan must be purchased from the provider however at the Parent Information Night it was suggested that there was more flexibility as long as the color code was respected
  - Ida Pisano advised that this policy can be reviewed again in the spring when the GB reviews the agenda contents to ensure it is clear for the next school year
- Explorateurs
  - Ida Pisano spoke about this monthly French magazine program for students which will be used as part of the curriculum
  - 1 edition per month – Oct to Feb - \$21/student for grades 5&6
  - This will be an additional to the school fees parents were asked to pay
  - Adamo Di Lembo moved to go ahead with Explorateurs
    - Connie Vitale seconded the motion

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned @ 8:49 pm.



Ida Pisano, Principal



Tania Decobellis, Chairperson