



École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School  
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes for the Meeting on October 3, 2023 at 19h  
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Present (x)</b>
<b>Voting Members</b>	
Sandra Gabriele	x
Christi Milsom, Parent	x
Evelyn Tsang, Parent	x
Geoffrey Nairn, Parent	x
Darcy Kiefer, Parent	x
Mark Carras, Parent	x
Victoria Grosko, Parent	x
Nadia Di Mattia, Teacher	x
Melinda Franceschini, Teach	x
Maxime Mallette-Champoux	x
Dina Simec	x
Carissa Valente	x
Mara Filippone, Daycare staff	x
Maria De Palma-Nitti, Support staff	x
<b>Non-Voting Members</b>	
Tanya Alvares, Principal	x
Agostino Cannavino, Commissioner	absent

**1. Call to order** at 19h01

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

19h02 Christi motioned to adopt the Agenda, seconded by Evelyn. Motion unanimous.

### **3. Approval of Minutes**

3.1 19h03 motion to approve June 13, 2023 minutes including an amendment done by email on June 22 (referring to cost difference on school supplies) motioned by Geoff and seconded by Mary.

universally adopted by those that were present at the June 13 meeting

3.2 19h10 motion to approve minutes from annual general assembly Sept 14, motioned by Evelyn and second by Darcy, unanimously adopted.

3.3 19h14 motion to approve minutes from sept 14, 2023 motioned by Mark and seconded by Dina

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

4.1 Please especially take note of pages 9 and 10 of the GB handbook for some critical information.

4.2 Sandra proposes that we change this to “The green committee at this time is Shannon”

Shannon is here to provide details on where the school is at concerning the environmentally focused projects. She mentioned additional hydroponic growing towers, tulip planting on the chabot side of the school, landscape cleanup in collaboration with JFK high school, and upcoming compost education, in addition to many other smaller projects in the school.

Shannon would like to propose a “tulip fundraiser” wherein grade 5 and 6 students would create promotional material and operate sales for tulip bulbs sold by the box. Profits for the fundraiser, potentially up to \$1300.00 would be used to finance further “green” projects around the school.

19h38 motion to approve a tulip bulb fundraiser to benefit the green committee in the week of Tuesday October 10, 11, 12 to be run by daycare and daycare students from 14h35 to 17h30. Motioned by Darcy and seconded by Christi, motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Question Period**

5.1 Pedestrian Safety and crosswalks- 19h40 to 20h10 - A very in-depth discussion was started by Geoff on the subject of the crosswalk located at Belanger and Cartier. Principally, he noted the various reasons why the intersection should be considered dangerous and worthy of our attention. Many governing board members voiced their concerns as well and many ideas were proposed, including most notably the value in presenting an organized front of concerned citizens to the city council in order to increase awareness and attract an intervention by city planners. Tanya agreed to bring the issue up with the commissioner as well as sending out an email to parents to begin the process.

## **6. New Business**

6.1 Approval of PELO classes - Darcy motions to approve the classes and Mark seconded. Unanimous approval.

## **7. Reports**

7.1 Parents Committee. Victoria is the representative and we await her report on next weeks' parent's committee meeting at the next governing board meeting.

7.2 - Commissioners Report - absent

7.3 Treasurers Report - \$898.36 remains in the account from last year. \$1148.36 is the new balance after adding this years \$250.00 allocation.

7.4 Principals Report - report by Tanya. 2 fire drills have been completed and 2 more remain. 324 students were counted in the school on attestation day, which is slightly less than last year. First month has gone by fast. Photo Day is coming up. Terry Fox Run brought in \$714.

7.5 Teachers' Report - Melinda provides comments on the "meet the teacher" night, looking forward to many interesting activities this fall. Optimism abounds. Carissa echos that the fun day was a great success. She asks for funding for a student that is not able to attend the Arbraska activity for financial reasons. The motion to use Governing Board funds to cover the cost for this one student for \$25.75 is Motioned by Mark. Seconded by Nadia. The motion is carried unanimously. Nadia continues the teachers' report by relating the fact that milk is now being made available to students if they so desire. Hoop Dancer for Grades 4 – 6 for Orange T-shirt Day organized by the Spiritual Animator.

7.6 PPO Report - Darcy informs us that PPO hasn't yet met this year, but that the efforts advanced last year were a great success and the plans for the fundraisers and activities coming this school year are to be the source of great optimism and excitement.

The following dress down days were proposed: 5 paid days and 5 unpaid days. Sept. 30 (Orange T-shirt Day), Halloween Oct 31, Nov. 23 (\$2), Dec. 14 (Breakfast with Santa) \*\*\*\* tentative, Jan. 23 (\$2), Feb. 14 (red), Mar. 15 (green), Apr. 17 (\$2), May 14<sup>th</sup> (Denim Day \$2), June 12 (\$2)

Christi moved the motion to approve and Mark seconded. The motion was approved.

7.9 Daycare Report - Mara informs us that there are 2 PED day activities coming up. October 13 - Ostrich farms - \$20.00 fee to parents  
IMAX - November 24, \$25.00 fee to parents

Dina motions to approve the 2 motions and Carissa seconds. Unanimous approval.

## **8. Proposed Governing Board 2023-2024 meeting dates**

Having corrected the February date to Feb 13, the dates listed in the agenda were agreed upon:

- 8.1 November 7, 2023 (virtual)
- 8.2 December 5, 2023 (in-person for holiday)
- 8.3 January 16, 2024 (virtual)
- 8.4 February 13, 2024 (virtual)
- 8.5 March 12, 2024 (virtual)
- 8.6 April 9, 2024 (virtual)
- 8.7 May 7, 2024 (virtual)
- 8.8 June 11, 2024 (in-person)

**9. Varia** - Mark requests clarity on the approach to solving the crosswalk problem. Tanya answers that she will start with an email. Evelyn asks if we have a community rep, and Tanya answers that any potential rep should be present at the next meeting in order to be voted in.

## **10. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn is moved by Evelyn and Nadia seconds. Unanimously approved. Adjournment at 20h40.