



École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES
March 14, 2023 @ 7:00PM
Virtual via Teams

Minutes taken by Jan Barbieri

PRESENT: (15 total / 13 voting members present / 0 guests)

Voting members

Parents: Daniel Tatone, Jan Barbieri, Christi Milsom, Jasmin Legatos, Darcy Kiefer, Evelyn Tsang

Teachers: Mary Carone, Michael L'Altrella, Dina Simec, Leanna Verrillo, Carissa Valente

Other staff: Mara Filippone (daycare), Maria Depalma-Nitti (support)
(Support and daycare)

Non-voting members

Principal: Tanya Alvares

Com. reps: absent

Commissioner: Agostino Cannavino

Guests: none

ABSENT: Jonathan Marcanio (comm. Rep), Geoff Nairn

(Votes: # yays - # nays - # abstentions)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by D. Tatone at 7:03 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

J. Barbieri motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by M. L'Altrella, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 13-0-0 Unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes (February)

C. Milsom motions to table approval of minutes until next meeting, seconded by M. Carone, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 13-0-0 Unanimous

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 PET Rock Climbing wall

The wall has been installed. Administration looking into ways to cover up the wall when the stage will be used for other functions (e.g., Breakfast with Santa, dances, etc.).

5. **Question Period**

No correspondence.

6. **New Business**

6.1 Budget Building Process – Priorities

D. Tatone reviewed/explained last year's document. GB reviewed the priorities and discussed monitoring if any of our priorities are being addressed when budgets are allotted. Student needs (coded and uncoded, e.g., special needs, emotional support, learning support, etc.) are increasing. Last year's priorities are still relevant this year.

E. Tsang motioned to approve the **budget building** document from last year with #4 modified as "the school should be universally accessible to all students," seconded by M. L'Altrella, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 13-0-0 Unanimous

6.2 Volunteer Night

T. Alvares explained EMSB volunteer night is to honor school volunteers and updated the volunteer list (# of years volunteered) for parents on GB.

7. **Reports**

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report

D. Tatone reported. Parent learning week is coming up, with a workshop on May 28. All sessions will be recorded. Registration is upcoming. The committee was also updated on how the EMSB is fighting Bill 96.

7.2 Commissioner's Report

A. Cannavino reported. Student recognition awards are coming up in June. Schools can nominate grade 5 students. He brought up the issue of conflicting spring break dates between the school boards – this was due to one service centre that could not agree on a date. This issue will be taken into consideration when planning next year's break.

7.3 Treasurer's Report

C. Milsom shared the GB budget document. Current balance is \$898.36. She invited GB members to suggest ideas for our last meeting and reported back on some options.

7.4 Principal's Report

T. Alvares reported. Parent-teacher interviews went well. Door replacement has been completed. Thanks to PPO for the staff appreciation week. Upcoming: St. Patrick's Day, enrollment reports/registration, reading week.

7.5 Teacher's Report

M. L'Altrella requested approval for grade 4 outing to Château Ramezay. L. Verrillo discussed I Love to Read Week March 27-31, daily fun activities to get the students reading more. M. Carone shared the staff's thanks for appreciation week. M. L'Altrella motioned to approve a grade 4 outing for 50 students to Château Ramezay, Wednesday, June 14, entry and bussing funded by The **Culture and Schools budget**, seconded by C. Valente, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 13-0-0 Unanimous

7.6 PPO Report

D. Kiefer reported. Bagels, scones, and Valentine's Day dance fundraisers finished before spring break. Dance was a great success, \$800 profit in concessions. Scones fundraiser profits were \$1328.00 and paid for grad. sweatshirts. Reusable plates for future Breakfast with Santa events have been purchased. Upcoming activities include the Pizza Kit fundraiser, St-Patrick's Day dress down day and activities (all students will receive a donated shamrock sticker from PPO). May 1-15 is the Spring Basket raffle fundraiser (tickets are 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10. English virtual book fair will take place April 19-26, and the in-school book fair will happen between April 12-26, date to be confirmed. PPO will be possibly purchasing stage lights for the school to save on future rental costs for events. Discussing a free end-of-year movie night at school for students and families. Admission will be free, and concessions will be sold to raise funds. Tentative date: June 16. To be determined: maximum capacity in the school and north yard, accessibility, date, possibility of hiring food trucks with a portion of the proceeds going to school, and purchase of a movie screen. Looking ahead to next year, PPO is hoping to plan fundraisers for the year in advance, for more efficient approval and rollout.

7.7 Grad Committee

T. Alvares reported. Scone fundraiser paid for the grad sweatshirts. They are looking to hold another car wash fundraiser in April or May. The graduation event theme is the ocean. Looking into hiring a DJ for the event. They hope to get students in all grades involved in decorating for the graduation event.

7.8 Green Committee Report

E. Tsang and T. Alvares reported. JFK high school students are building flower boxes for PET for April-May. Exploring uses for remaining playground funds. Will invite Shannon to attend GB meeting and present what green activities she has been doing in the school.

7.9 Daycare/Lunch Report (5 minutes)

M. Filippone reported. She shared daycare staff's thanks for the staff appreciation week. Daycare will be planting the flower boxes with the students this spring.

Daycare has recently installed a new video monitor of the school yard, which has been extremely helpful to see the yard and parents during pick up. Daycare is launching an initiative to get the students moving more during daycare (e.g., exercises between sitting projects such as homework) T. Alvares will schedule the two possible school catering services come and present to GB.

8. Varia

None.

9. Date of Next Meeting

April 4

10. Adjournment

M. Carone motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by C. Milsom, motion unanimously resolved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Vote: 13-0-0 Unanimous