



École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD

Minutes for the Meeting on (February 13, 2024)
Online via Microsoft Teams

Attendance	Present (x)
Voting Members	
Sandra Gabriele, Parent	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, Teacher	x
Maxime Mallette-Champoux, Teacher	x
Dina Simec, Teacher	x
Carissa Valente, Teacher	x
Mara Filippone, Daycare staff	
Maria De Palma-Nitti, Support staff	
Non-Voting Members	
Tanya Alvares, Principal	x
Agostino Cannavino, Commissioner	x

1. Call to order - Sandra calls the meeting to order at 19h03

2. Adoption of Agenda - Darcy moves to adopt the agenda and Carissa seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

3. Approval of Minutes - Correction to the last minutes requested from D. Sima: Under “business arising” re data sharing from survey: revise “school administration” to read “school staff” since it is more than Ms. Alvares who receives information. It is the coordinator of the project, but also any teachers whose classes may be impacted or addressed in the survey.

Moved by Carissa; Seconded by Melinda and unanimously approved.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 - update on the school crossing. Tanya asked the city about the progress on the file but hasn't yet received a response. Darcy has spoken with the cross guard and has been told unofficially through this person the speed limit is on the verge of being changed to 30.

5. Question Period -

6. New Business

6.1 - Volunteer night - Tanya informs us that the school board is about to unveil a new format for volunteer night, but details haven't been offered yet. Mr. Cannavino wanted to let us know that he was displeased with the formerly used format and he was pushing for change previously.

7. Reports

1. Parent's Committee - Victoria reports that there was a great deal of discussion on the principal selection criteria at the last meeting, especially focused on lack of specific administration training for principals. She has forwarded other information of interest directly to tanya.
2. Commissioner's report - budget building process was discussed at the last meeting. He suggests that anybody's input is welcome on budget needs at the school. The school board is going to be developing guidelines around animal therapy soon as interest is mounting around this type of activity.
3. Treasurer's Report - Nothing to report at this time.
4. Principal's Report - Parents have asked about news on the bus strike. Tanya would like to remind us that these questions should be voiced directly to the school board. The budget building process - the governing board is reminded to review the documents sent out by Sandra and be ready to discuss at the next meeting. The educational project - we will be asked to look at this at our next meeting, and it will contain several updates. The school open house - turnout was lower than the year prior, however those parents that came were highly curious and asked lots of questions. Tanya reports that school registrations are going well, despite new

obstacles due to Quebec's language laws. Tanya will be working on some new tutoring programs that are going to be receiving funding in the near future. Lastly, the pedagogical day that is being moved to April 8 will be a full closure of the school, including day care. Sandra wonders why the Ped day was moved, Tanya hypothesizes that it may have been due to the Solar Eclipse. Tanya reassures parents that there has been some work put into de-icing the yard. Mark offers the idea of calling upon volunteers to help.

5. Teacher's Report - Nadia describes some of the upcoming activity involving the bee hives.

Vote needed for a Grade 2 outing - Biodome April 3, 2024

The entrance fees are covered. An amount is needed for approval for transportation from PPO funds. Christi motions to approve a budget of \$900.00 approximately and Evelyn seconds the motion. Unanimous approval.

Vote needed for a precycle outing - May 3, 2024 Intermiel. An all day trip centred on education about bees and honey. Cultural funds are paying for entrance and part of the bussing. PPO funds are requested to cover the remainder of the bussing fees. Dina motions to approve the use of the funds and Christi seconds. Unanimous approval.

Vote needed for a precycle outing - Funtropolis June 20, 2024. Parents are asked to pay \$22.00 for the entrance fee. PPO funds are going to be needed for transportation. Mark motions to approve the outing and \$1033.72 for the bussing, Max seconds. Unanimous approval.

Max would reminds us that they are leaving tomorrow for Classe neige and everybody is thankful that it was able to come together.

6. PPO - BoSapin brought in \$437.08, Scones brought in \$1368.00 for the Grad Committee. A bilingual flyer is going to be sent out for the st Patricks day dance, a possible first at the school. Preparations for staff appreciation week are taking place currently, but no details are going to be released prematurely. "We are wild about our staff" - Jungle Theme.

7. Grad Committee - the Open House coffee and bake sale brought in \$145.50. Work on the yearbook continues. Kids are going to be voting in March on the theme of their party.

8. Daycare - nobody was present to give the report.

8. Varia - Mark asks for some further information on the school board's budget pressures in order to give more context to the next meeting's discussion. Mr Cannavino elaborates on a few of the forces causing stress on the budget but notes that he will have more information after the next commission meeting.

9. Adjournment - Nadia motions to adjourn, Carissa seconds and the motion carries unanimously.