



École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School
GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA
May 10, 2022 @ 7:00PM
Virtually on Microsoft TEAMS

Minutes taken by Jan Barbieri

Participants

Present: (12 total / 9 voting members present/ 1 guest)

Parents: Daniel Tatone, Jan Barbieri, Christi Milsom, Jasmin Legatos, Kathleen de Melo, Jonathan Stein, Georges Mitchell

Teachers: Natasha Benvenuto, Michael L'Altrella, Laura Annie Bouffard*

Other Staff: Tanya Alvares, Maria Depalma

Com. reps:

Other: Commissioner Agostino Cannavino, Leo (from caterer Merenda, guest)

Absent: Mary Carone, Mara Filippone, Patty Foschi, Jonathan Marcanio

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by D. Tatone at 7:02 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

K. de Melo motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by M. Depalma, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 9-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes (April 12, 2022)

D. Tatone, motioned to approve minutes, **seconded by ?**, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 9-0-0

4. Business Arising from the Last Meeting

- 4.1 Presentation by Leo from Merenda catering service: He summarized Merenda's catering services for schools. Families can cancel or add a meal up until 7 am on the day the meal will be provided. Merenda offers sponsorship program of a year of free school lunches for 1-2 families in need at each school they service. Merenda has been an EMSB-approved caterer for 25 years. He emphasized their sanitary and food allergy controls. Six meal choices a day with one vegetarian option each day.

Meals made 24 hours in advance, delivered in thermal bags. Cost is \$6.00 regular (320 g), \$6.50 large portion (400 g); \$0.20 cents cheaper without a beverage. Green options: use recyclable cardboard plates and paper bags, whole school can opt-out of utensils and water bottles, but other green packaging not currently available because it is not cost-effective and would increase lunch cost.

4.2 Catering (Approval): GB discussed the caterers. Le Doral requires orders to be placed a week ahead of time; Merenda allows meals to be added/changed day of. Staff, parents, and kids report being generally happy with Le Doral. Le Doral used to offer a promotion to the school for a fun day or pasta night or a fundraiser. Catering approval tabled for next meeting.

4.3 Green Project: Beehive Update: Alveole visited school and found a good location for hive. Beehive will arrive at the end of May; one K teacher offer to decorate the beehive with their class.

4.4 COVID update: T. Alvares updated. School is still reporting staff cases. There are week-to-week fluctuations in case numbers at the school.

4.5 Photo Company (previously Life Touch) – Three Year Contract: Three-year approval tabled for next meeting.

5. Question Period

5.1 Steflyne Thorang - Adopting Cycliste Averti: Question from a parent – could PET offer an education program from Cyclist Averti on cycling safety at school? Staff and administration would have to approve the program because it involves several hours of curriculum. Could be of interest to the physical education department or as a workshop for students. More information is required. Follow up at June GB meeting.

6. New Business

6.1 Calendar - 2022-2023 (Approval): T. Alvares reviewed the 2022-23 Board and school calendar of pedagogical days (eight for the school, plus board-wide days) and breaks. Ped. days alternate between Monday and Friday, with one taking place on a Wednesday. School year 2022-23 will have three terms. C. Milson motioned to approve calendar, seconded by N. Benvenuto, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 9-0-0

7. Reports

7.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report: D. Tatone reported. Parent conference May 29, focus on mental health. May 14 demonstration on Bill 96.

7.2 Commissioner's Report: Commissioner Cannavino reported. Meetings have been changed from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. He would like PET to nominate some candidates for Student of the Month.

7.3 Treasurer's Report: C. Milsom reported. Final GB meeting update: meeting will be held in school gym, June 7, arrival between 6 and 6:30 pm; volunteers for set up to meet at 5:30 pm. C. Milsom motioned to authorize \$50 from GB fund for extra supplies for June 7 meeting if needed, seconded by K. de Melo, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 9-0-0

7.4 Principal's Report: T. Alvares reported. Staffing for 2022-23 is underway. Budget report will be presented at June GB meeting. School Board has granted PET: a second Seeds class (Jr. and Sr.), adding two behavior technicians and a teacher; and the construction of a wall in the maker space room to create two classrooms. Grade 6 Ministry exams (French, English, Math) are in May-June. Presentation by Junkyard Symphony scheduled at school for May 16.

7.5 Teacher's Report: M. L'Altrella reported. M. Altrella motioned to approve a Grade 4 end-of-year field trip to Ceramic Café, Wednesday June 1, 8:20 am - 11:10 at \$15 per student, requesting \$140 for public transportation from the PPO fund, seconded by C. Milsom, motion unanimously resolved.

7.6 PPO Report: K. de Melo reported. English book fair earned \$3,087 in credits for the school to buy books. Big Box fundraiser earned only \$495 in profit. Spring Basket Raffle has earned \$700 to date. Next fundraiser is Mabel's Labels.

7.7 Grad Committee: K. de Melo reported. Graduation trip will cost \$10,450; funding is still needed. Sweatshirts have been purchased. D. Tatone motions to \$600 of the GB \$1,000 balance to be given to the grad. committee, seconded by K. de Melo, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 9-0-0

7.8 Daycare/Lunch Report: Report tabled.

8. Varia: None.

9. Date of next meeting (June 7, 2022) – Potluck Shindig, gym

10. Adjournment

C. Milsom motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by N. Benvenuto, motion unanimously resolved. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Vote: 9-0-0

** L-A Bouffard arrived late to the meeting. Although all votes were unanimous, she is not included in the vote count figures (i.e., Vote: 9-0-0) because I am not sure at what point she joined the meeting.*

Motions passed after May 10 by email:

May 17, 2022

K. de Melo motioned for to approve a car-wash grade 6 graduation fundraiser on school grounds, seconded by J. Barbieri, motion unanimously resolved.

Vote: 9-0-0