



*École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School*

**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 7:00PM**

**Virtually on Microsoft TEAMS**

**Minutes taken by Jan Barbieri**

**Participants**

**Present: (15)**

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

Teachers: Natasha Benvenuto, Laura Annie Bouffard, Maria Depalma, Patty Foschi, Mary Carone,

Other Staff: Tanya Alvares, Mara Filippone

Com. reps:

Other: Agostino Cannavino, commissioner

**Absent:** Jonathan Marciano, community rep. Angelo Loffredi,

**Changes:** Diana Bavas no longer on GB, Michael L'Atrella taking over?

**1. Call to Order**

1.1 The meeting was called to order by (Daniel Tatone) at (7:02pm).

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

2.1 Laura Annie motioned for the agenda to be adopted; seconded by George Mitchell; passed unanimously, no abstentions.

**3. Appointment of Secretary**

Jan Barbieri Self nominated as secretary. Acclaimed

**4. Approval of Minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2021**

**4.1** Minor revisions to minutes: name spellings and updates to missing/incomplete information.

**4.2** K. de Melo motioned to adopt minutes of Oct. 5 meeting, seconded by L.A. Bouffard, unanimously approved, no abstentions.

## **5. Business Arising from the Last Meeting**

**5.1 PELO enrollment status update:** T. Alvares presented a summary of the PELO program for 2021-22: Italian (41 students, 3 groups), Spanish (51 students, 4 groups), Portuguese, (2 groups).

**5.2 Status on PLCs (Professional Learning Communities, for teachers) update:** T. T. Alvares summarized the purpose of PLCs - does not cost any additional daycare fees but restarting the PLCs will require funds to pay for educational experts to come work with the children during the PLC time for teachers. Funds will be requested from PPO, and she may also be able to use funds from the ministry designated for retention of students. Approval of funding tabled.

## **6. Question Period**

**6.1** There were no questions.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Loss of Inner-city school status:**

7.1.1 Commissioner Cannavino expressed dissatisfaction with how the school board handled the redistribution of the PET classes to meet teacher-student ratios imposed by the school board due to of the loss of inner-city school status. He felt it was an error by the school board and Ministry. He expressed dissatisfaction that the school board waited until the last minute to inform PET of the need to increase class sizes, and he found out about the decision after the school did. Clarified how inner-city status is determined every five years (based on data such as household income levels, education level of mothers in the household, number of single parents, etc.) who reside in the postal code of the school.

- 7.1.2 D. Tatone further clarified how inner-city school status is determined for board members.
- 7.1.3 T. Alvares clarified that the inner-city status was lost in 2018-19 under the previous principal. She was informed that funding for field trips was cut; next cut would be for class sizes. The school board human resources department (HR) told her to wait until they told her to adjust class sizes. HR told to increase class sizes in October 2021. The deadline to adjust sizes is October 15. She stated that enrollment at the school is healthy.
- 7.1.4 J. Stein commented that he feels this demonstrates a communication problem between school board and school, expressed displeasure at how school board handled this issue.
- 7.1.5 L.A. Bouffard asked Commissioner Cannavino to help find a solution for the negative impact this has had on the school and teachers and asked him to express this concern to the board. Commissioner Cannavino said that these concerns should be addressed to the Ministry.
- 7.1.6 J. Legatos questioned if the French schools in the PET postal code had been similarly affected; D. Tatone said that there is a public list of school statuses, and we can look it up.

## **7.2 Alternative / Vegetarian Meal options from Hot Lunch Provider (J. Legatos)**

- 7.2.1 J. Legatos presented her concerns about the lack of vegetarian options available from the current catering service used at the school; also expressed concerns with the plastic waste (utensils). G. Mitchell supported the concern about plastic waste.
- 7.2.2 D. Tatone replied that he spoke with caterer who explained decisions for the menu offerings, based mainly on demand, cost, waste.
- 7.2.3 T. Alvares replied that parents can tell the caterer no water bottle or utensils in a note on their order form; board must approve catering services used at school; we will be approving the caterer in the spring.

## **7.3 Healthy Snacks – Lunch / Daycare (J. Legatos)**

- 7.3.1 D. Tatone tabled this subject to be addressed during the daycare report.

## **7.4 Greening of the Roof / Beehive Project (D. Tatone)**

- 7.4.1 D. Tatone motioned to start a research project or subcommittee to investigate the installation of a green roof and beehive on the school; seconded by Laura-Annie ; unanimously adopted, no abstentions.
- 7.4.2 J. Stein, L.A. Bouffard, and J. Legatos volunteered for the subcommittee.

## **8. Reports**

### **8.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report**

- 8.1.1 D. Tatone summarized activities: follow-up on the stabbing outside of a Mile End EMSB school.
- Memory of Jannai- Mile End Student
  - Community response re Jannai- Mile End Student
  - Internal Rules
  - Equity committy
  - Parent Conference
  - Formation of governing boards
    - motion to request change of rules / bylaws on how AGA can be attended (Hybrid / virtual / in-person)
  - EPCA workshops on Paernt Governance

### **8.2 Commissioner's Report (A. Cannavino)**

- 8.2.1 A. Cannavino summarized activities: two positions filled (assistant DG, assistant regional director); November 10 meeting will see adoption of financial statements; despite a hard year economically, no sector will be affected.

### **8.3 Treasurer's Report (C. Milsom)**

- 8.3.1 C. Milson said there is nothing to report; funds are approximately \$1,000.

### **8.4 Principal's Report (T. Alvares)**

- 8.4.1 T. Alvares summarized upcoming activities: first communication card will be issued November 19, 2021 Parent-teacher interviews will occur November 25 in the evening, and Friday, Nov. 26 in day, virtually. There will be two terms this year; first term report card will be in January 2022. Staff are engaging in multidisciplinary team meetings (MDT meetings) to discuss educational gaps and students who require further support. Tutors have also been engaged to

help with the learning gaps caused by the pandemic and other issues. CO2 detectors have been installed in all classrooms. COVID measures continue to be applied. New consent forms for COVID rapid testing were sent out; rapid testing procedure explained to GB members. She also expressed dismay with the lack of use of the new drop-off driveway, and asked GB members for ideas on how to get parents to use it.

### **8.5 Teachers' Report**

- 8.5.1 M. Carone summarized Halloween activities at the school and thanked Marciano grocery store for donations; pumpkin contest received 180 votes.

### **8.6 PPO Report**

- 8.6.1 K. de Melo stated the PPO budget is \$19,741.
- 8.6.2 K. de Melo motioned to have a paid dress-down day (\$2) on Friday, November 25, seconded by P. Foschi; passed unanimously, no abstentions. Funds raised will be donated to a charity organization.
- 8.6.3 K. de Melo motioned to spend approximately \$1,500 on food for the Breakfast with Santa annual event to feed staff and students; seconded by P. Foschi, passed unanimously, no abstentions.
- 8.6.4 K. de Melo motioned to spend approximately \$1,200 total for an ornament for each student in the school, seconded by J. Barbieri and C. Milsom; passed, with one nay.
- 8.6.5 K. de Melo motioned to offer the Scholastic Virtual Bookfair, dates TBD (November 29 – December 12); seconded by L.A. Bouffard; passed unanimously
- 8.6.6 K. de Melo motioned to offer the Bosapin Christmas tree fundraiser for the **2022-23** school year; seconded by L.A. Bouffard, passed unanimously
- 8.6.7 K. de Melo discussed to continue the chocolate fundraiser; D. Tatone tabled it.
- 8.6.8 K. de Melo motioned to approve the scone fundraiser for February 2022; seconded by C. Milsom; passed unanimously, no abstentions.

### **8.7 Grad Committee**

- 8.7.1 T. Alvares summarized activities. The meeting with grade 6 parents will be on Nov. 30; committee needs 8-10 parents, only three have volunteered. Pandemic restrictions mean no overnight trips this year, but they are considering a day fieldtrip. They will be exploring fundraising.

## **8.8 Daycare/Lunch Report**

- 8.8.1 M. Filippone motioned to approve “Bricks for Kids” ped day activity \$12 (November 1, 2021) fee per student; seconded by K. de Melo; passed unanimously, no abstentions.
- 8.8.2 M. Filippone motioned to approve Jeunesse Musicale workshop for daycare ped day, \$12 fee per student; seconded by J. Barbieri, passed unanimously, no abstentions.
- 8.8.3 Healthy Sacks:** J. Legatos requested a menu of snacks to be distributed to parents; M. Filippone explained that she cannot plan snacks in this way because the inventory is always changing, and she has no control over what suppliers give. She must continually adapt to supply to prevent spoilage.

## **9. Varia**

- 9.1** Fourth-grade immunization will be postponed (possibly to the spring) due to the pandemic; early school start time cannot be changed because of bussing schedules – D. Tatone advises that this is a topic suited to the transportation committee at the school board.

## **10. Adjournment**

- 10.1** The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 pm on a motion by G. Mitchell.

## **11. Proposals and approvals conducted by email between November 9 and December 5, 2021**

- 11.1 PPO fundraisers:** K. de Melo proposed following fundraisers for the 2021-22 school year:

- 11.1.1** Fundschrift, Mabel labels, Big Box campaign, TCBY; M. Carone motioned for the fundraisers to be approved, seconded by J. Barbieri; 11 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions; motion passed unanimously.
- 11.1.2 Dress Down day on November 25th where funds collected would be sent to a Food Bank. Motion to approve by Jasmin Legatos, Seconded by Georges Mitchel; Results: 9 in favour, 0 agains , 0 Abstentions; motion carried unanimously