



*École Pierre Elliott Trudeau School*  
**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Virtually on Microsoft TEAMS**

**Meeting minutes taken by Georges Mitchell**

**Participants:**

- **Parents:** Georges Mitchell, Jonathan Stein, Kathleen De melo, Jasmin Legatos, Jan Barbieri, Christi Milsom, Patty Foschi
- **Teachers:** Laura Annie Bouffard, Natasha Benvenuto, Diana Bavas, Mary Carone
- **Other staff:** Tanya Alvares, Mara Filippone, Mary Nitti
- **Community reps:** Angelo Loffredi, Jonathan Marcanio

**Joined after roll call:** Daniel Tatone (parent) (approximately 19:20)

**1. Call to Order (Principal)**

- Meeting called to order by T. Alvares at 19:04
- Round table for all participants to introduce themselves

**2. Approval of Agenda**

- K. Dimello motions to Approve, LA Bouffard seconds. All in favour.

**3. Approval of Minutes (June 15, 2021)**

- Minutes from June 15, 2021 were not available to review
- D. Santelli (chair for previous year) will provide minutes for the next meeting
- Approval of minutes tabled for next meeting

**4. Review of GB Rules & Regulations**

- Review by T. Alvares of key items of the governing board manual. Document is available on Microsoft Teams GB Team
- Key items to note:
  - Be mindful of the roles and responsibilities of the board (approve, adopt, inform), which are detailed in the document
  - Members are expected to review agenda

- Members are expected to represent all parents and not personal issues pertaining to their own children
- We need to ensure respect is part of all interactions
- Important for efficient meeting interactions to limit time speaking, put up your hand if you would like to ask a question
- Question: What is quorum? A: Need to have a majority of parents (i.e. 4 out of 7)

## **5. Election of Executive**

5.1 Chairperson – D. Tatone elected by acclamation

5.2 Secretary – Rotating secretary, no permanent position

5.3 Treasurer – C. Milsom elected by acclamation

5.4 PPO Delegate – K. Dimello elected by acclamation

5.5 Confirmation of Parent Delegate – D. Tatone, K. Dimello is alternate. This was voted at AGM

5.6 Community Representatives:

- J. Marcanio is owner/operator of Metro Marcanio. Involved with sponsoring school events and organizing ‘*Club des petits déjeuners*’ (breakfast with teachers / students / parents) and ‘*Croque santé*’ promotion of nutritional education (cooking workshops, community gardens) – Elected by acclamation
- A. Loffredi has been involved with school in last 15 years. Has worked with the commissioner to get free supplies for the school. – Elected with 3 abstentions

## **6. Question Period**

- No parents present to ask questions
- T. Alvares will invite parents to participate in following meetings if they have questions

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

- No minutes from the last meeting – item tabled to next meeting

## **8. New Business**

## 8.1 Daycare Handbook

- Context: Daycare handbook comes from the board. Only a few things are changed (door, principal, etc.)
- Q: Should we put HopHop app in the daycare handbook? A: Since we are piloting, we will make a decision later.
- Q: Why did we choose HopHop app, since it is a paying app, when there are free alternatives? A: App was chosen by the school board.
- J. Logatos motions to Approve handbook as-is, seconded by LA Bouffard. All in favour.

## 8.2 PELO

- PELO are language classes, after school. Open to Grade 1 to 6.
- This year offering Italian and Portuguese.
- Previously Spanish was offered. This year it will not offered because of lack of a teacher.
- Free for students, school board is paying, but there needs to be a minimum amount of students.
- Motion to have PELO classes at PET: J. Barbieri motions, seconded by P. Foschi

## 8.3 Extra-Curricular Activities

- Point presented for information
- Extra-curricular were stopped last year because the pandemic.
- Starting with PELO, but will look at restarting later

## 8.4 PLCs

- Point presented for information
- Personal Learning Communities – there was extra time given on every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday or every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday after lunch doing extra activities free of charge.
- Activities are varied and rotated (note-taking skills, yoga, organization skills)
- Was stopped last year because of pandemic, but also have an issue around monitor costs.
- Every lunch hour is 5 minutes less which are brought over for 10 days to give 50 minutes
- Not planning to restart this year, but rather look to re-start in 2021-2022 school year

## 8.5 Halloween

- First PPO meeting is next week.
- J. Marcanio has volunteered to provide pumpkins and other supplies
- Will get back to us with details

## 8.6 Outings and activities (approvals)

- **Mad Science (Grade 6):**
  - Proposed by LA Bouffard for the two grade 6 classes.
  - Mad Science has invited us to participate in a pilot project (Kids Carbon) at no cost
  - This involves 2 visits, with a challenge between the two visits
    - 1. Education on climate change.
    - 2. Conclusion on results
  - D. Tatone motions to Approve. K. Dimello seconds. All in favour
- **Context for outings** - Have lost funding status for inner city school. It used to cover bussing for outings. So now trying to use PPO funds to cover bus transportation for outings, but try to spread the funds amongst the student body by ensuring several grades are able to participate
- **Intermiel (Pre-K / K) :**
  - Proposed by M. Carone for Pre-K and K
  - Visit to Intermiel to learn about a bee farm
  - Trip for June 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Cost is \$19 / child
  - P. Foschi motioned to approve, J. Logatos seconded to have activity. All in favour
  - M Carone motioned to approve, P Foschi seconded to have PPO funds pay for bus. All in favour
- **Bouge de là (Pre-K / K):**
  - Proposed by M. Carone for Pre-K and K
  - Date: May 27, 2022
  - Music and dance.
  - Cost for workshop is approximately \$1000 + taxes. Funding is paid for the 'sortie culturelle' envelope

- M. Carone motioned to approve, C. Milsom seconded to have activity. All in favour
- **Build a bear (Pre-K / K) :**
  - Proposed by M. Carone for Pre-K and K
  - Build a bear on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Children build a stuffed toy and then have an assignment to document at home
  - Cost is \$27.67 / child. No cost to governing board and parents. Budget used is an envelope.
  - M Carone motioned to adopt, K. Dimello seconded. All in favour
- **Chateau Ramsay (Grade 4):**
  - Proposed by M. Carone for Grade 4 on 15<sup>th</sup> February
  - Bus is \$396
  - Entrance cost is \$279 / based on enrollment at beginning of year.
  - Motion to allow for students to go to Chateau Ramzay and for PPO to pay.
  - M. Carone motioned to adopt, J. Logatos seconded. D. Tatone abstained.
- **Cosmodome (Grade 2):**
  - Proposed by M. Carone for February X
  - Bus is \$342
  - Entrance is \$559 / based on enrollment at beginning of year.
  - Question regarding educational trips and ability to use funds to subsidize. T. Alvares will look into the various envelopes and report back
  - Motion to allow for students to go to Cosmodome and for PPO to pay for bus
  - P. Foschi motioned to adopt, LA Bouffard seconded. All in favour
- **Ecomuseum (Grade 1):**
  - Proposed by M. Carone for May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Bus is \$356
  - Entrance is \$500 / based on enrollment at beginning of year.
  - Motion to allow for students to go to Ecomuseum and for PPO to pay for bus
  - M. Carone motioned to adopt, LA Bouffard seconded. All in favour
- D. Tatone suggests an indigenous archeological site

- G. Mitchell suggests looking at public transport for trips when possible and appropriate to control transportation costs

Some Fees covered by Cultural Fund

## 9. Reports

9.1 EMSB Parent's Committee Report First AGA will be later, nothing to report

9.2 Treasurer's Report :

- Nothing to report

9.3 Principal's Report :

- 338 students currently enrolled
- 3 of which are in the virtual school (vs. 8-9 last year). Attendance is based on medical exemptions
- Kids are getting used to Covid protocols. Each child a lanyard to hold their mask. Hand sanitization is integrated by all
- Rapid testing is being deployed. 4 staff members have volunteered to help. More details will follow.
- Looking to get music and pet therapy. All the children loved petting the animals at cabane at sucre last year. Music therapy will be given to seeds groups, starting this week.
- Beautification project is complete. One yard is a bit tighter than the other, but there is now rotation. Looking to get a ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Lots of questions about the debarcadère. You cannot park there, but simply drop kids off. There will be a staff member assigned to help monitor.

9.4 Teacher's Report

- P. Foschi: For Arbraska, cheaper buses were found versus what was presented at the AGM. Grade 2, 5, 6 went today.
- Thinking of doing intramurals activities (dance and soccer)
- Terry Fox is usually a big activity (without covid). The activity will be done in 30 minutes. Hoping that parents can contribute for cancer research. Motion discussed to hold the Terry Fox activity – date TBD, but in October. No vote necessary, as this was passed in the last meeting at the AGM

#### 9.5 PPO Report

- Nothing to report

#### 9.6 Daycare/Lunch Report

- 167 regular students
- 43 sporadic students
- Q: Can anyone attend daycare on ped days A: Can only take regular students
- Q: Regarding PED-Day responses, due to recent mix-ups. A: Can only do a hard copy, unfortunately. This has been validated with the school board.
- Questions around broader digitization efforts. Parents would like to have more things online for ease of use, but questions around school board capabilities and legal liability.

#### **10. Dates of GB Meetings**

- Tues, Nov 9
- Tues. Dec. 7
- Tues. Jan. 11
- Tues. Feb. 1
- Tues. March 15
- Tues. April 12
- Tues. May 10
- Tues. June 7

#### **11. Varia**

- No items noted

#### **12. Adjournment**

- C. Milsom motioned to adjourn at 21:34, P. Foschi seconded. All in favour