

**Governing Board
Clearpoint Elementary School
Minutes from Meeting held on February 11th, 2015**

In Attendance: Laura Lewis, Rachel Wilson, Tassie Fyon, Louise Bolker-Sudia, , Bill Mang, Sandra Fisher Alberto Sanchez, Athanasios Tsiabouris, Andrew Di Lullo, Sylvia Papazian, Wayne Clifford, Eleanor Arless

Regrets: Diana Anber-Grenier, Cathy Sheppard, Mike Dell

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Louise Bolker-Sudia, seconded by Sylvia Papazian. (All in favour)

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Motion by Louise Bolker-Sudia, seconded by Sylvia Papazian. (All in favour)

Public Question Period: There were no questions from the public.

Correspondence: No Correspondence at this time.

REPORTS:

Principal: Rachel Wilson

- Feb. 10 was the Curiosity Assembly presented by the grade 4 classes. Amazing job!
- Feb. 19th – Grade 6 Exhibition – All GB members should have received an invitation. 3-6pm. Students of grades 3-5 will be visiting the Exhibition on Wednesday afternoon as dress rehearsal. The grade 6 students will be going around to the K-2 classes the day prior to present their Exhibitions.
- Feb. 21st – GIMAC 1-4 Guest speaker: Emily Silver, US silver medalist swimmer, is the keynote speaker, Jeff Waters Teaching basic self-defence principles, JRHS leadership students doing a workshop on trust/ice breakers, Sue Connery talking about safety on the Internet, Steve Wilson shooting daughters with parents, Anne Papyotti leading an intro to Zumba segment. Donations are coming in for raffle prizes and food.
- Feb. 23-27th is Carnival Week – Beach Bonanza email should be going out this weekend. The Button contest was launched.
- Save the Date? May 3rd is the second annual PEF Run – Family fun run 2km and 5km.
- Registrations are still coming in, transfer meeting is on Feb. 19th. Those accepted for transfers will find out in March.
- Re-registrations have gone home and should have been returned.

Field Trip/Fundraiser Approval:

Feb. 25th – Grade 5&6 ski day at Morin Heights. Max of 45 students. Cost will be between \$39-\$57/student. Return to school by 3:30pm.

March 18th-Grade 4 and 6 will bus to Lindsay Place in the morning for a Musical – “The Adams Family”. \$10/student. 123 people in total. Students will have a late lunch.

March 27th – Grade 1 students will head to the Children’s Museum in Laval. \$23/student. 1:6 ratio

March 12th – Jump rope for Heart – Great activity to focus on our community. There will be pledges. More info to come.

A proposal by 2 John Rennie students to offer tutoring to Clearpoint students was discussed. In the end, we will provide the parents with the information, but this will be done off school property.

Motion to approve all field trips and Fundraisers: All in favour.

Teachers: Bill Mang:

- Jungle Sport was a big success – 9th year having them come to our school. Family night was very popular and a discussion to have 2 nights next year was brought up. Cost and time were the main issues but would be looked into.

-32 Grade 5 students travelled to McGill University to participate in a wide variety of basketball drills and games. The students were divided into smaller groups and mixed with students from other schools. McGill University Physical Education students instructed the activities and their aim was to introduce the skills of the game for participants to experience fun and challenging drills and play in simple games.

-Outdoor skating at Clearpoint Park started this week.

-Lunch-time basketball is almost done.

Sandra Fisher:

-Attended a 2-day Leadership Conference with Rachel and Diana. Was very informative.

-Sandra will be taking her 4/5 class to Stewart Hall to visit the Art Gallery.

-Sandra received a \$200 grant through ESD to do some cooking lessons with her class.

Daycare: Tassie Fyon

2 Ped days since last GB meeting:

-January 19th the children did an art activity – made snowmen out of socks and stuffing.

-February 6th – Youth Stars Foundation was in for the day. From 9am-4pm they provided 3 activities – dance, karate and sports. Then students were divided into 3 groups and rotated through the 3 activities both in the morning and again in the afternoon. At the end of the day, the students all had a chance to perform their dance routines that they had learned.

Tax receipts – Tassie is in the midst of preparing tax receipts for both Daycare and lunch – these will be handed out the last week of February.

Home & School: Marie-Flore Gignac-Dube

-The class parent program will be taken on by the teachers, not home & school.

-Melissa from H&S would like to finish painting the halls that she started. Bill asked if she could also paint a corner of the gym. Marie-Flore will ask the question.

-H&S is talking about a birthday book program for the library – parents can donate a book in their child's name to the library. A committee is being created – no urgency.

-Lunch activities – Christie is talking with the provider (there had been some issues). Refunds were given back to parents who booked in the fall.

-Staff appreciation is next week.

-Planning a new fundraiser to help purchase ipads: Tire d'Erable (Maple Taffy)

Commissioner: Wayne Clifford

At its December 15th, 2014 and January 26th, 2015 meetings, the Council of Commissioners:

- Decided to delay the adoption of a new policy governing Home Schooling to allow for further input from representatives of the home schooling community.
- Adopted the School Enrolment Criteria for 2015-2016 which are essentially unchanged from 2014-2015.
- Received the audited LBPSB Financial Statements for 2013-2014. These can be found on the board website at:
www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/finances/Lester%20B%20Pearson_2014.PDF
- Launched the 2015-2016 Budget Priorities Consultation.
- Authorized an increase of 3% in the price schedule for the 2015-2016 rental of school facilities. The objective is to break-even on this service to community groups and generally still leaves the LBPSB's rates lower than other offered by similar organizations (school boards, cegeps, municipalities).
- Approved a mandate for the board's new Communications and Innovation Committee which includes exploring the "appropriate use of technology and new innovative marketing and communication approaches" and making "recommendations... so that technology is used to its full potential to ensure effective, current and informative messaging".
- Received a report on school library services from the student commissioners indicating that LBPSB (especially high school) students would like greater access provided to digital books and also more space for individual study in the libraries.

The Questions and Answers concerning the LBPSB budget for the current school year have been published on the board website at:

www.lbpsb.qc.ca/content/finances/Budget_Questions_and_Answers_2014_2015.pdf

and in the December issue of the Pearson News at

www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/pearsonnews/pdf/Pearson-News-Volume-XVII-No-4.pdf

The Pearson Educational Foundation (PEF) announced that over \$40,000 in grants has already been allocated this year, with another \$20,000 approved in principle pending new funds to be received. The list of approved grants will be available on the PEF web site <http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca>.

The Quebec Minister of Education visited the LBPSB in January and indicated that, although none of the anticipated school board merger plans are expected to involve our board, major changes to the overall governance of school boards in the province could be expected to be announced in the near future.

The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm. and, as are all council meetings, will be webcast via the board website.

Region Parent Rep: Athanasios Tsiabouris

There were some issues that were unclear but will be clarified when Tom attends the next meeting.

-There was talk about Google entering the school – not everyone is on board.

-Transportation meeting discussed having an App built so parents could locate where their child's school bus is on the road in hopes to have them outside in the cold for a shorter amount of time.

Business Arising:

No update at this time.

New Business:

a) National Pink Shirt Day:

February 25th, the school will be encouraged to wear something Pink.

b) Budget Criteria:

Sylvie offered to write-up a survey for the parents - will try to find out what parents value.

She will look into having it done through "survey monkey" and will put a proposal with questions and send it to the GB members first to review.

c) Annual Report:

Went through the hand out "Annual Report 2013-2014" for Clearpoint Elementary – the report is on the School's Success Plan, Management and Educational Success Agreement, and Contribution to the School board's strategic Plan.

Went through another report based on data from 138 students at Clearpoint that completed the "Tell Them From Me" survey in 2014.

Date of Next meeting: March 11th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

The President, Laura Lewis, declared the meeting ended at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tassie Fyon

Daycare