



Clearpoint Elementary School

Governing Board Minutes of Meeting

Written by: Katherine Wiebe

Location: Clearpoint Elementary	Date: October 12 th , 2016	Time: 6:30 – 7:30
Attendees GB Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberto Sanchez • Allison Saunders • Audrey Lambert • Diana Grenier • Garry Saunders • Katherine Wiebe • Janine Von Bauer 	Attendees Parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miranda Tubbeh • Paul Stejskal • Rachel Wilson • Sazini Nzula • Suzanne Larkin • Tass Fyon • Wayne Clifford • Wilhelm Mang 	Absent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Agenda

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome 2. Election of Chair 3. Approval of the Agenda 4. Approval of the Last Minutes 5. Public Question Period 6. Correspondence | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Principal b. Teacher c. Daycare d. Home & School e. Commissioner f. Region Parent Rep | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Business Arising <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. IB Update 9. New Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Field Trips 10. Date of next Meeting 11. Adjourn |
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1. Welcome
 - i. Introduction of Garry Saunders new Community Rep
2. Election of Chair
 - a. Nomination for Alberto Sanchez from Diana Grenier and Suzanne Larkin
 - b. Nomination accepted by Alberto
 - c. Motion by Rach for Vote
 - i. All in favour of new Chair – Approved
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Diana Grenier and Sanzini Nzula
4. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Pizza Lunch is misspelled – to be corrected
 - b. Approved by Suzanne Larkin & Diana Grenier
5. Public Question Period
 - a. N/A
6. Correspondence
 - a. N/A

7. Reports

- a. Principal – Rachel Wilson
 - i. See Below
 - ii. Anti-Bullying/Anti violence Policy –
 - 1. Motion to approve by Allison Saunders, Second by Suzanne Larkin
 - 2. All Approved

- b. Teachers -
 - a. Grade 4 - Miranda Tubbeh
 - i. Healthy Living / Healthy minds – studying the body
 - ii. Skype Call
 - iii. Medical researcher discussing Diabetes

 - b. Cycle 1 – Janine Von Bauer
 - i. Looping with students
 - ii. Completing the first IB unit on Heroes

 - c. Kinder: Diana Grenier & Suzanne Larkin
 - i. Amazing entry
 - ii. There are four K classes and a strong team of teachers
 - iii. Three Student Teachers are half way through Stages and enjoying their time
 - iv. Finishing Unit on Schools and continuing the year round unit on seasons
 - v. Friday Oct 14th - Annual school bus safety presentation in the morning

 - d. Phys Ed – Bill Mang
 - i. Great Terry Fox Day
 - 1. Over 25 parents participated – awesome support
 - 2. The Director for Terry Fox QC was here and did some Q&A with the kids
 - 3. Roughly 10,900\$ was raised
 - ii. Lunch time handball starts in two week
 - iii. Football league ended last week
 - iv. Big thanks to Paul Stejskal for putting the Spark Bikes
 - 1. Bikes for all classrooms
 - v. Guy Walker & Jennifer Yates will be taking the students to the Cross Country Run – about 85 students for now – possibly over 100 may attend.

- c. Daycare – Tass Fayon
 - a. Three Ped Days to date
 - i. Sept 22 – Dynamix Team Building
 - ii. Sept 23 – Fun Friday
 - iii. Oct 7th – Halloween Theme Friday
 - b. Next Ped Day
 - i. Nov 1st – Dynamix Laser Tag
 - ii. Cost is 14\$ plus Ped day fee (10\$) – Total of 24\$/child
 - iii. Approved by all
 - c. Homework Period has been started. Roughly 20 – 40 minutes – 2 – 3 days a week
 - d. Computer Time (30 minute periods) has started

- d. Home & School –
 - a. Working on initiatives to raise funds for the ‘library space’
 - i. May have a contest for the students to come up with names for the space
 - ii. Need to keep in mind the history of the Library (Betty Sorensen)
 - b. Halloween Dance:
 - i. Family Fun Dance from 7pm – 9pm
 - ii. Only current Clearpoint students and parents
 - iii. Entrance fee of 3\$ per person –
 - c. Clearpointhands.ca – everything for Home & School!
 - d. Lunch Time Activities
 - i. Visit Clearpointhands.ca to view
 - ii. Registration starts tomorrow (Oct 17th) as of 7pm and payment need to be made the following day by cheque
 - iii. Cost of all the activities was reviewed and revamped to make it affordable for all students
- e. Commissioner - Wayne Clifford
 - a. Report has been circulated (below)
- f. Region Parents Rep - Allison Saunders
 - a. Report has been circulated (below)
 - b. Governing Board Training will be taking place on Thursday October 20th
 - i. Can attend live at the Board or via webcast – do not forget to sign up!
 - ii. <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/gbtraining/main.asp>

8. Business Arising

- a. IB Update
 - i. First IB Assembly – October 11th – Celebrating the Attitude of Cooperation but celebrating recipients of the Empathy Award.
 - ii. IB parents’ info. Session evening next Wednesday October 19th - One hour between 7 and 8 p.m.
 - iii. This is a Self-Study Year – reviewing procedures / standards and getting ready for our evaluation year
 - iv. Many teachers will need to be trained in preparation for next year – this is in the works

9. New Business

- a. Field Trips
 - v. Motion to Approve – Allison Saunders, Second by Tassie Fyon
 - vi. All Approved

Date	Activity	Grade	Cost	Comments
Oct-19-16	Peace Summit	Grade 6 2 students	No Cost	- Will carpool with Spiritual Animator - Will most likely be selected from the group of Peace Pals
Oct-19-16	Cross Country Meet	4, 5 & 6 ~ 80 – 100 students	12\$/student Registration & buses	- Rain day Oct 20/21 - Ratio is 1:7
Nov-23-16	Expo Rail (South Shore)	Grade 2	20\$/student Entrance fee & buses	- For the unit on Transportation

Mar-20-16	Toxicology Morning	Grade 6	No Cost	- Station 5 puts together activities to discuss the dangers of drugs/alcohol - Bussing cost covered by the school
Early Nov	Chief Topleaf	K's	5\$/student	- For the unite on hibernation / migration

- b. Bios to be updated for the Clearpoint website
- c. New members to complete bios – Audrey / Katherine
- d. We should consider taking a nice group photo at the December GB Meeting

10. Next Meeting –

- a. November 9th, 2016 – 6:30pm
- b. Meetings to be held in the Library

11. Adjournment –

- a. Motion to adjourn Allison Saunders, Second by Suzanne Larkin

Principal's Report October 2016

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Wilson



- Anti-Bullying and Anti-violence plan must be approved by GB.
- We are making a change to the School Code of Conduct. We will be adding: E-cigarettes/ vapour cigarettes are not permitted on school property.
- Clothing has just arrived. Will be sorted and distributed on Monday.
- Grad fund-raiser TCBY order forms are now available on-line on our website.
- Photo retakes will take place on October 25th.
- September 21st Terry Fox Run was beautiful and a huge success! Special thanks to Darcy's grandmother for the donation of the delicious apples as our post-run treat!
- All grade 5 and 6 students are now on one-to-one chrome books. This will facilitate with Exhibition and projects.
- Library-Space design committee has been formed. Meeting to come shortly.
- Mindfulness committee has been struck up at the staff level. We are working on some mindfulness activities to introduce to the entire school.
- Book Club for grade 6 students is starting soon with Pat Tramley leading it.
- We had a lockdown drill on September 28th and it was extremely well-executed.
- We practiced an evacuation drill on October 5th, relocating to Cedar Park United Church. The students were amazing! The staff at the church could not believe how quickly and well executed the procedure was. This is not a required exercise by the Board, but one we deemed important and necessary.
- Reading Week will take place during the week of October 24th-28th. We will be raising funds through our Read-a-thon to enhance our library space.
- We had our first official IB Assembly focusing on the attitude of Cooperation but celebrating recipients of the Empathy Award.
- I attended a Police Breakfast put on by station 5 highlighting the support that they offer to us. Our community officers, Constable Belluci and Constable Joubainville will be coming in to speak to our sixth grade classes on November 14th a.m.
- IB parents' info. Session evening next Wednesday October 19th. One hour blast between 7 and 8 p.m.

Commissioner's Report - October 2016

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Clifford (Commissioner – Ward 12)

Congratulations and best wishes to all those who've volunteered to serve on the Governing Board during 2016-2017. Any school is only as strong as the commitment of those people willing to go the extra yard to ensure its excellence. Thank you!

Bill 105: With the withdrawal of Bill 86 in June following opposition from almost everyone involved in public education in Quebec, Education Minister Sébastien Proulx has introduced this new more moderate legislation focused on granting parent commissioners the right to vote at meetings of the council of commissioners and allowing them to be appointed to the office of school board vice-chair. The bill also introduces measures to encourage the participation of school principals and centre directors in certain school board decisions concerning the allocation of board resources. Hearings have been held and it is anticipated that Bill 105 will be back in the National Assembly for consideration shortly.

News from the Aug. & Sept. meetings of the Council of Commissioners

2016-2017 Budget: The Council of Commissioners adopted a balanced 2016-2017 school board budget projecting revenues of \$287,784,519 and expenses of \$287,784,519 following receipt of the final budget rules from the Ministry in July. The budget does include some good news with a \$3 million increase in capital funding through the provincial government reinvestment in infrastructure (financed in part through a \$1 million cutback in technology grants).

GB Funding: Approval was given to the distribution of the 2016-2017 funds for Governing Board operational expenses at all schools according to a formula unchanged from last year based on the number of GB members and enrolment.

2017-2018 High School Transportation Zones: Council adopted revised 2017-2018 High School Transportation Zones before Open Houses are held as recommended by the Transportation Advisory Committee. For students attending BHS, this adds free busing next year for students residing in zone 53 on NDIP and Pincourt.

Parents' Committee: Council approved the recommended composition for the new Parents' Committee (replacing the former Central Parents' Committee) as follows: one representative from each school, elected each year at the meeting of the parents of the students who attend that school, held before September 30th and one representative of SNAC, designated by and from among the parents who are members of that committee.

Pearson Educational Foundation: PEF announced the 2nd annual LBPSB Alouette Family Day fundraiser – tickets to the Alouette Thanksgiving Day game (Oct. 10) are available for \$16 from PEF at:

<http://pef.lbpsb.qc.ca/alouettes.htm> **Administrative Appointments:** A number of additional administrative appointments were approved by Council mostly in the Adult Education/Careers sector but also including the creation of a new Vice-Principal position at Westwood Junior High School in St. Lazare to be filled by Dona Bianchi.

Capital Projects: Council approved the hiring of professionals for capital projects to be undertaken in the summer of 2017 including the Poirier Fontaine Architectural firm for a project to caulk windows on A&C wings and sandblast columns on A wing at BHS.

Student Ombudsman: With the resignation of the incumbent and pending consultation with the Parents' Committee, Caroline Lemay was designated by the Council of Commissioners as the new interim Student Ombudsman of the LBPSB, effective Oct. 1st. The Student Ombudsman's role is formally defined by section 220.2 of the Education Act and the LBPSB's By-Law 9, the Complaint Examination Procedure.

Interesting News from the Communications & Marketing Committee

School Website Updates: Close to 26 sites have been completed from a programming perspective and an additional 4 have been added since the beginning of the school year. Sites will be completed as schools submit the content necessary to launch a final product.

Launch of Fusion: The Fusion parent portal was launched for parents of Secondary 4 & 5 students at the end of the last school year. Parents had the ability to access Ministry marks and summer school marks. The launch was a great success and the vast majority of parents are hoping for more capabilities through the portal. Development is ongoing for report cards, schedules and absences being the next stage.

Digital Bus Passes: With the collaboration of Transportation Services, the Communications and Innovations department developed an online digital version of student bus passes sent via email to parents.

Parent/Teacher night - Online Appointments: The department is nearing completion of an online booking process for parents to select the dates and times available for Parent/Teacher interviews. The program has been developed so that all schools can benefit from the tool hoping that it can reduce the time teachers spend on manual scheduling of parents and that parents can choose a time that is suitable for their needs. The next regular meeting of the Council of Commissioners is scheduled for Monday, October 24th at 7:30 pm. As with all Council meetings, proceedings are webcast live at <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/home.asp>.

LBPSB Parents' Committee Report - October 2016

Respectfully submitted by Allison Saunders

This first meeting of the Regional Parents' Committees served as the Annual General Meeting for the Parent's committee and was held at the LBPSB (1925 Brookdale avenue) on September 29, 2016.

The meeting started with introductions and an ice breaker activity to encourage all parent reps to get to know each other.

The Conny Held award was then presented to Lorraine de Costa, for her outstanding service to the Lester B Pearson Central Parents' Committee. Lorraine served on many committees, governing boards, sub-committees. Lorraine's knowledge of the board, the Education Act among other things will be greatly missed.

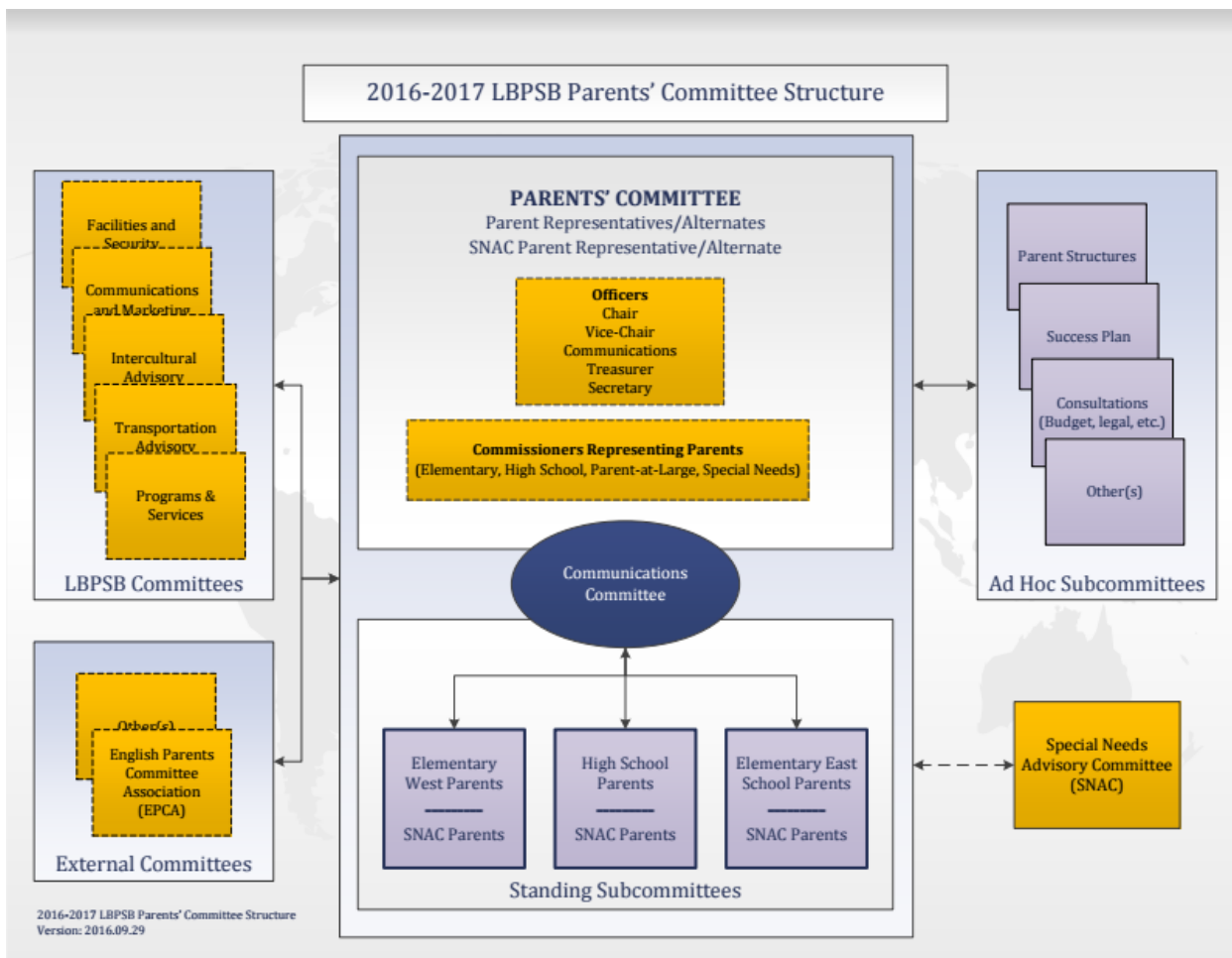
There was an explanation of roles/responsibilities for the members of the committee and the various sub-committees one can join or be elected to. Elections will be held Thursday, October 13, 2016. The following positions will be filled at this meeting:

- Parent Committee officers (open to parent representatives)
- Commissioners Representing Parents (Are elected from amongst parents of children who are (1) Special Needs, (1) Elementary, (1) High School and (1) at large)
- School Board Committees
- External Committee (open to Parent Representatives and Alternates)
 - English Parents' Committee Association (EPCA) (2 LBPSB Directors, 2-year, staggered terms)
- Ad Hoc Sub- committees (Any parent with interests may join)
- Standing Sub-committees (open to Parent Representatives and Alternates)

Elementary West Parents (18 schools)	High School Parents (12 schools)	Elementary East Parents (18 schools)
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* Subcommittee link with Communications committee

An explanation of changes to the LBPSB parent committee structure was presented and an explanation of the various committees, standing committees, etc. was explained in detail.



There was a discussion about the need for better Communications practices and what the 2015-2016 Parent Committee will be doing to ensure they continue the improvements made in the 2015-2016 year.

The methods used for communicating amongst the various audiences were discussed. These include the Parent 2 Parent newsletter, social media, the Parent Committee website, etc.

There was a reminder that place is available at the "Courage to Listen" workshop October 22nd or 23rd. Information is available on the board's website: <http://www.lbpsb.qc.ca/eng/concordia/concordiaworkshopV2.asp> or on the CPC Facebook page.